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Job description
Junior Economist, Junior Professional Officer, Grade PAL4
Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities
Economic Analysis, Data and Statistics Division

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation comprised of 38 member countries, that works to build better policies for better lives. Our mission is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. Together with governments, policy makers and citizens, we work on establishing evidence-based international standards, and finding solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges. From improving economic performance and creating jobs to fostering strong education and fighting international tax evasion, we provide a unique forum and knowledge hub for data and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on public policies and international standard-setting.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) helps local and national governments unleash the potential of entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), promote inclusive and sustainable regions and cities, boost local job creation, and implement sound tourism policies. It includes the Secretariat serving the Regional Policy Development Committee (RDPC) and its three Working Parties on Urban Policy, Rural Policy and Territorial Indicators and the Expert Group on Multi-level Governance, the Committee on SMEs and Entrepreneurship (CSMEE), the Tourism Committee and its Working Party on Tourism Statistics, and the Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Directing Committee.

Within the CFE, the Economic Analysis, Data and Statistics Division (EDS) is leading the data development and analytical projects on local and regional economic, social trends and regional disparities. EDS is looking for a motivated Junior Economist to join the team to bring the Japanese perspective to an exciting project to analyse the determinants and impact of cost-of-living differences on economic performance and well-being in regions within OECD countries. This position offers the opportunity to conduct impactful research and contribute to understanding regional price dynamics and their connections to economic indicators and quality of life measures at the regional level.

Main Responsibilities

The chosen candidate will contribute to analysis of regional economies reflecting on the Japanese experience compared to that of other OECD countries. Standards of living and well-being can vary widely for the residents of different regions in a country. They will assist in the analysis of regional dynamics in prices and cost of living, including comparisons of regional trends and patterns of the Japanese regions with the regions of other OECD countries and their relationship with well-being and economic performance.

Data analysis
• Analyse regional price level indices to assess cost of living variations across regions, highlighting the impact of these differentials on living standards and quality of life outcomes across regions.
• Use descriptive and advance analytical methods to investigate determinants of regional price differences, in combination with other economic indicators and quality of life metrics at regional and local levels.

• Report writing
• Assist in drafting research reports, briefings notes, and other communications, aimed at technical and non-technical audiences, to outline findings and present actionable insights.

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- Dissemination of results and visibility activities.
- Contribute to the dissemination of results through presentations, data visualization or other formats.
- Contribute to visibility activities for the project by preparing communication with stakeholders, including the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and other OECD committees.

Ideal Candidate Profile

Academic Background
- An advanced university degree in Economics or other related disciplines with strong quantitative foundation, e.g. Economic Geography, Statistics, etc.

Professional Background
- A minimum of two years of relevant experience in data analysis or policy analysis, ideally related to regional (subnational) economies.

Skills
- Strong communication skills, both written and oral.
- Proficiency in statistical software packages, with a preference for R or Python, is considered an asset.
- Proficiency in GIS software or data visualisation software packages is considered an asset.

Languages
- Fluency in one of the two OECD official languages (English and French) and a knowledge of, or a willingness to learn, the other.
- Knowledge of other languages would be an asset.

Core Competencies
- OECD staff are expected to demonstrate behaviours aligned to six core competencies which will be assessed as part of this hiring processes: Vision and Strategy (Level 1); Enable People (Level 1); Ethics and Integrity (Level 1); Collaboration and Horizontality (Level 2); Achieve Results (Level1); Innovate and Embrace Change (Level 2).
- There are three possible levels for each competency. The level for each competency is determined according to the specific needs of each job role and its associated grade.
- To learn more about the definitions for each competency for levels 1-3, please refer to OECD Core Competencies.

Contract Duration
- One-year fixed term appointment, with the possibility of renewal.

What the OECD offers
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