HEAD OF DIVISION (GRADE A5), CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE DIVISION, ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Closing date for applications: 26 May 1993

Duties:

Within the framework of the programme of work of the Centre for Co-operation with Economies in Transition and under the direct supervision of the Branch Director and Deputy-Director concerned, the post-holder will be required:

1. To organise and direct the staff and the work of the Central and Eastern Europe Division in carrying out those elements of the work programme of the CCEET that are assigned to the Division.
2. In this context, to take charge of the Division’s work in relation to the following elements:

   a) Development of a capacity within the Division to monitor both macro economic developments and the process of structural transformation in Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs) and the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union.

   b) Analysis of systemic reform issues in a policy-relevant cross-country setting, bringing to these issues insights from reform experiences in other countries and from an understanding of how institutional arrangements influence economic performance, as well as from general macro-economic and micro-economic theory.

   c) Preparation of in-depth studies of economic reforms and performance in a number of individual countries.

   d) Preparation of analytical work or briefing material that is needed by the Centre in the context of its annual programme of activities.

3. To plan, supervise, and provide quality control for papers and documents on these issues for presentation to various Committees of the Organisation as well as for conferences and seminars organised through the Centre.

4. To maintain extensive co-operation and joint working relationships with the Centre, with other OECD Directorates where related work on Central and Eastern Europe is being carried out, and with other international institutions including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the UN Economic Commission for Europe and the Bank for European Reconstruction and Development to ensure the maximum possible complementarity of work efforts. To develop and maintain appropriate contacts with relevant officials and analysts in the transition economies as well as with experts in universities and research institutes.

Principal qualifications:

1. Advanced degree in economics.

2. Proven ability to manage and supervise a team of economists. Ability to lead Committee and Working Group discussions and to work with senior staff and representatives from Delegations.
3. Extensive experience in applied analysis in both macro- and micro-economics. Knowledge of both similarities and differences in basic institutional arrangements across countries (in such areas as monetary and financial arrangements, labour market functioning, and fiscal systems) would be highly desirable.

4. Experience in analysing issues of economic policy at a senior level of responsibility, acquired, preferably, in a national administration, central bank or an international organisation. Specific experience with problems of economic reform to improve market functioning would be an advantage.

5. Likewise, specific knowledge and experience with the economies of one or more of the CEECs and the NIS, and knowledge of relevant languages, would be advantageous.

6. Knowledge of both official languages of the Organisation (English and French) and demonstrated ability to draft both technical and policy-oriented papers in at least one of them.