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HEAD OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (GRADE A5),
TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

Closing date for applications: 18 July 1994

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Duties

Under the supervision of the Head of the Territorial Development Service, the post-holder will:

1. Advise on policies and strategies for addressing the mix of economic, social and environmental problems concentrated in rural areas.

2. Develop and conduct the OECD’s work programme on rural development and promote its integration with other related activities in the Territorial Development work programme.
3. Co-ordinate input to the programme from co-operating Directorates as well as substantive and financial contributions from outside partners.

4. Supervise and contribute to the drafting of reports on Rural Development Policies.

5. Ensure appropriate co-operation with national and international bodies active in the field of rural policy-making.

6. Supervise a team of professional and support staff (currently numbering 6), as well as consultants, assigned to the Programme.

7. Provide secretariat support to the relevant bodies of the Organisation involved in rural development questions.

Principal qualifications

1. Advanced university degree in a discipline directly relevant to the economic, social and environmental orientations of the Organisation’s rural development programme. Training in economics at university level is highly desirable as is specialist knowledge of rural and regional development questions. Ability to deal with policy questions on a multi-disciplinary basis.

2. Senior level work experience specifically involving rural or regional issues, with some international experience being desirable.

3. Proven managerial ability, including, e.g. managing staff, directing work of experts, supervising preparation of technical reports. Experience with heading interdisciplinary bodies or co-ordinating inter-agency committees or task groups, and capacity to stimulate team working methods are essential.

4. A high level of drafting and analytical skills, including the ability to think creatively and conceptually, and to formulate and present policy recommendations to senior government officials.

5. Excellent drafting and speaking ability in either French or English, and knowledge of the other language.