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| **Main responsibilities** | • Contribution to the quantitative investigation of upward convergence in the European Union with particular focus on the trends related to the area of living conditions.  
• Contribution to the quantitative investigation of inequalities at regional level and of their development across time in the areas of employment, working and living conditions and socio-economic factors.  
• Assistance in the literature review on developments of convergence and inequalities at regional level in the European Union.  
• Assistance in drafting of Eurofound report/policy brief on convergence at regional level.  
• Other research related activities. |
| **Desired Academic background** | University degree required and Master’s degree desired in social science, economy, social policy, or related field with strong quantitative background. |
| **Desired Skills** | • Very good numerical skills, ability to analyse and interpret data;  
• Very good IT skills - particularly in Word, Excel and Outlook;  
• Very good use of statistical software such as STATA and/or R.  
• Attention to detail;  
• Discretion and confidentiality;  
• Good language ability; fluent in English and another EU language. |
| **Expected learning outcomes** | • Familiarity with the work of the EU Institutions and EU Agencies;  
• Appreciation of EU comparative research;  
• Knowledge of issues in EU Social Policy;  
• Developing quantitative research and its application for policy analysis.  
• Better understanding of how to connect research to policy. |