VACANCY NOTICE FOR TEMPORARY AGENT SELECTION

Job title	**Case Handler Officer - Infringements**
Reference	**ENV/COM/2026/2022**
Application deadline	01.12.2026 – 12.00 (Brussels time)
Directorate-General	Environment
Unit	ENV E.2 - Environmental Compliance-Implementation
Place of assignment	Brussels
Grade range	AD 5/7
Domain	Law
Contract type	Temporary Agent 2b

About us ("We are")
ENV E.2 is a very friendly team of around 26 people, responsible for 13 Member States: BE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LU, MT, NL, PL, PT, SE. One key role of the unit is the monitoring and enforcement of the transposition and implementation of EU environmental law in those Member States, including through infringement proceedings. As part of this legal work, we also provide legal advice on the interpretation and implementation of EU environmental law, and we coordinate several intra-DG task forces dealing with horizontal legal issues. The other key role of the unit is mainstreaming environmental priorities across the EU Semester process and EU funds/investments. In addition, the unit coordinates the Environmental Implementation Review (EIR) within the DG.
About the role ("We propose")
We offer an opportunity to work at the heart of the implementation and enforcement of EU environmental law, as a case-handler dealing with infringement and complaint cases concerning Poland. The jobholder will monitor the transposition and application of EU environmental law in Poland, provide legal advice to DG ENV policy units on potential infringements, and propose infringement cases on his/her own initiative. He/she will manage infringement cases from the initial assessment stage to the final resolution (including, potentially, supporting the Legal Service in court).

This is an intellectually challenging position entailing a significant degree of responsibility and autonomy. It can involve working on cases that attract significant political and media attention.
The job entails regular contacts with the DG's hierarchy, Cabinet, the Commission's Legal Service and Member States' authorities, as well as occasional trips to Poland and to the Court of Justice of the European Union.
In addition to country-specific work, the jobholder will have opportunities to contribute to broader policy and legal work across the DG, for example by addressing the implementation of particular directives or regulations across several Member States.
The position provides an excellent opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge of all main sectors of EU environmental law, to gain broad practical experience with implementation and infringement proceedings, and to improve environmental outcomes on the ground.

Qualifications, experience and skills ("We look for")

We are looking for a motivated lawyer with a strong interest in EU environmental enforcement. Knowledge of EU environmental law and complaint/infringement procedures is not necessary, but would be an asset.
The successful candidate would have a solid legal background, as well as excellent drafting and negotiation skills. The ability to grasp, summarise and explain complex legal and factual matters is essential. We look for a colleague who has a problem-solving attitude, a good sense of initiative and the ability to work both independently and as a member of a team. Knowledge of Polish administrative law would be an asset.
Excellent knowledge of Polish and English is required.

How to express your interest?

You should send your documents in a single pdf in the following order:
1. your CV 2. Completed application form.
Please send these documents by the publication deadline to ENV-E02@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference ENV/COM/2026/2022 in the subject.

No applications will be accepted after the publication deadline.

Eligibility

For eligibility please consult this page with all the information needed.