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Commission staff are a diverse group of people, who are motivated to help make Europe – and the world – a better place. They come from the 27 Member States of the European Union. Different nationalities, languages and cultures make the Commission a vibrant and inclusive working place.

### **WE OFFER ATTRACTIVE WORKING CONDITIONS AND MUCH MORE:**

- Interesting and challenging positions with plenty of opportunities for training and acquiring new skills and competencies over your whole career;
- Opportunities to try several areas of work throughout your career;
- Flexible working conditions and the possibility of teleworking – we care about your work-life balance;
- A competitive financial package, including comprehensive sickness, accident and pension schemes;
- Multilingual schools for your kids;
- We are also proud to be an equal opportunity employer and promote diversity and inclusion.

### **We recruit from a wide range of backgrounds:**

We are not only recruiting political scientists and lawyers but also looking for all kinds of profiles, including natural scientists, linguists and economists, as well as drivers and engineers.

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## STAFF RECRUITED ON CONTRACTS

In addition to permanent officials, the European Commission often recruits non-permanent staff. There are two categories of non-permanent staff:

- **temporary agents** are recruited to fill vacant positions for a set amount of time or to perform highly specialised tasks.
- **contract agents** may provide additional capacity in specialised fields where an insufficient number of officials is available or carry out a number of administrative or manual tasks. They are generally recruited for fixed-term contracts (maximum 6 years in any EU Institution), but in some cases they can be offered contracts for an indefinite duration (in offices, agencies, delegations or representations).

For more information on different [staff categories](#).



# Project Assistant – Salaries and Individual Rights in PMO of the European Commission

**Job title:** Project Assistant - Team Leader - Individual Rights

**Domain:** Human Resources

**Where:** Unit PMO.1 – Individual Rights and Salaries- Brussels

**Function Group:** FG III

**Contract Type:** 3a

**Express your interest until:** 20.03.2024- 12.00 (Brussels time)

## WE ARE

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### PMO.1.001:

The mission of the PMO (Paymaster Office or Office for the administration and payment of individual entitlements) is to provide a high-quality and user-friendly service to beneficiaries by promptly and accurately managing, determining and paying individual rights and expenses (e.g. salaries, pensions, sickness insurance reimbursements and mission expenses).

PMO.1 is responsible for:

- determining and managing the individual financial rights of around 45.000 people when they first start working for an EU institution or body, and whenever a life or other event changes those rights;
- calculating and paying salaries and allowances for approximately 50.000 people per month;
- addressing queries and complaints from staff about their salaries and their rights

The Unit works in teams, each of which is responsible for different processes falling under the Unit's responsibility (e.g. Payment of Salaries, Establishing Rights on entry into services, Family Allowances, Dependent Child Allowances, Allowances received from other sources, Helpdesk). Each team is led by a Team Leader under the supervision of a Head of Sector. There are about 110 staff members split across four Sectors. The Unit aims to provide high quality and in-time services to staff, the Commission, other EU Institutions, Agencies and bodies in a transparent and customer-oriented way, so that Institutions and their staff can get on with their work.

## WE PROPOSE

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We propose a Contract Agent FG III position as **Administrative Assistant - Individual Rights**.

We propose a transversal job where you will be working across teams, being able to lead projects on the one hand, but also to handle transactions in peak periods. You will become familiar with the

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area of individual rights you will provide assistance to Head of Sector and Team Leaders in analysis of procedures and their reengineering in line with the Unit Management Plan, act as AIPN (Appointing Authority) for the field of assignment. While administratively attached to one rights sector (Rights I), you might be requested to be at disposal of other sectors (Rights II and III) depending on service needs. Working under the supervision of the Head of Sector, the Assistant will:

- Act as Appointing Authority for the area of Family and Education allowances including PPA (Allowances paid elsewhere).
- Lead specific projects/tasks in the individual entitlements sectors (audit, complaints' answers, PPA automatic indexation, school transportation fees, IT improvement ...)
- Coordinate project teams, assign tasks, monitor progress, provide reporting.
- Process SYSPER declarations made by staff working in the Commission and other EU institutions and bodies which have delegated this activity to the PMO.
- Identify, design, and help implement improvements to existing processes, procedures and practices to improve their efficiency and effectiveness, to simplify them and to take advantage of technological improvements.
- Manage difficult/complex cases and provide guidance and support to other colleagues.

## **WE LOOK FOR**

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This publication aims to fill 2 positions. The candidate will have to work across sectors. The job involves time-bound missions in different teams and functional reporting lines. We are looking for motivated colleagues with good analytical skills and an eye for detail, client service skills, able to maintain confidentiality and respect for the privacy of the clients. The successful candidate will have the following skills/qualities:

- At least one year's practical experience in the area of establishment of rights/benefits in budget, finance, contracts and accounting would be an advantage.
- Knowledge of Staff Regulations and individual entitlements would be an advantage.
- Experience to work by project and/or on different projects/fields at the same time.
- Ability to conceptualise problem, identify and implement solutions in a creative way.
- Ability to understand and to be understood + drafting skills and organisation.
- Great attention to detail/accuracy and good analytical capability.
- Ability to work autonomously and propose pragmatic solutions in confidentiality and empathy and resilience way.
- Ability, potential and interest to lead a team (and all his responsibilities).
- Comfortable with handling tight deadlines as well as a monthly workload peak.
- Prior experience using SYSPER Rights back-office would also be an advantage.

Please note that the PMO places great importance to customer service. The main working languages used in the unit are French and English. Good ability to communicate clearly and in a structured way both orally and in writing in English and French is required.



## HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?

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With a view to guaranteeing equal access to all, the Commission recruits from an open database of spontaneous applications. The present call for interests aims at helping the recruiters to identify potentially interested candidates within this database.

In practice, to express your interest, please follow the subsequent two steps:

1. If you are not registered yet in the open EPSO database, please do so at the following address: [CAST Permanent](#). Please select under selection procedures for contract agent the CAST permanent profile that best suits your education and experience.
2. You should send your documents in a single pdf in the following order:
  1. your CV
  2. motivation letter
  3. duly filled in application form.Please send these documents by the publication deadline to [PMO-PUBLICATIONS-AC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:PMO-PUBLICATIONS-AC@ec.europa.eu) indicating the call for interest reference **EC/2024/PMO/440042** in the subject.

**No applications will be accepted after the publication deadline.**



## ANNEX

### 1. Selection

#### ➤ Am I eligible to apply?

#### **You must meet the following eligibility criteria when you validate your application:**

Our rules provide that you can only be recruited as a contract agent at the European Commission if you:

#### General criteria:

- Are a citizen of a Member State of the EU and enjoy full rights as a citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by applicable laws concerning military service;
- Are physically fit to perform the duties linked to the position;
- Produce the appropriate character references as to suitability for the performance of the duties.
- Have passed an EPSO CAST in the relevant Function Group for this position. At the stage of the application, it is sufficient to be registered in the [EPSO CAST](#) data base.

#### Qualifications:

- (a) Have a level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma OR
- (b) a level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education, and appropriate professional experience of at least three years.

Only qualifications issued or recognised as equivalent by EU Member State authorities (e.g. by the Ministry of Education) will be accepted.

#### Languages:

- have a thorough knowledge (minimum level C1) of one of the 24 official languages of the EU<sup>1</sup>
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)<sup>2</sup> of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

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<sup>1</sup> The official languages of the European Union are: BG (Bulgarian), CS (Czech), DA (Danish), DE (German), EL (Greek), EN (English), ES (Spanish), ET (Estonian), FI (Finnish), FR (French), GA (Irish), HR (Croatian), HU (Hungarian), IT (Italian), LT (Lithuanian), LV (Latvian), MT (Maltese), NL (Dutch), PL (Polish), PT (Portuguese), RO (Romanian), SK (Slovak), SL (Slovenian), SV (Swedish).

<sup>2</sup> For details on language levels, please see the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>).



### ➤ **What about the selection steps?**

The selecting unit chooses from the EPSO database<sup>3</sup> candidates with the appropriate profile and invites them to an interview. For the interview a selection panel is set-up to assess the best candidates. Due to the large volume of applications that we may receive only candidates selected for the interview will be notified.

For operational reasons and in order to complete the selection procedure as quickly as possible in the interest of the candidates and of the institution, the selection procedure will be carried out in French and English.

## **2. Recruitment**

The candidate selected for recruitment will be requested to provide documentary evidence in support of the statements made in the database and, where relevant, the call for interest.

The successful candidate will be required to undergo a mandatory pre-recruitment medical check-up carried out by the Commission.

### ➤ **Type of contract and working conditions**

The place of employment will be in **Brussels**.

The successful candidate will be engaged as a **contract agent under Article 3(a) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), in function group FG III**. General information on Contract Agents can be found at this link.

The grade or proposed grade range, as well as the step in that grade, will be defined on the basis of the candidates' previous professional experience, in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2017\)6760](#) laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

For contract agents under Article 3(a) the first contract will be 1 year. The contract might be extended in the interest of the service. If a second extension of the contract is in the interest of the service, the contract will be for an indefinite duration.

The duration of the extension will be defined according to the General Implementation Rules in force at that moment, in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2017\)6760](#) on policies for the engagement and use of contract agents.

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<sup>3</sup> Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the level Function Group II, should register their profile at this [address](#).



All new staff have to successfully complete a 9-month probationary period.

The pay of staff members consists of a basic salary supplemented with specific allowances, including, where applicable, expatriation and family allowances. The provisions guiding the calculation of these allowances can be consulted in the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants. As a member of staff of the European institutions, your pay is subject to a tax raised by those institutions.

The European Commission applies a policy of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in accordance with Article 1d of the Staff Regulations.

Should you need further information on working conditions, please refer to [Working conditions and benefits of EU Careers](#).

For information related to Data Protection, please see the Specific [Privacy Statement](#) under “7. Information to data subjects on their rights”, to find your rights and how to exercise them in addition to the privacy statement, which summarises the processing of your data.