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* 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;
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* A competitive financial package, including comprehensive sickness, accident and pension schemes;
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* We are also proud to be an equal opportunity employer and promote diversity and inclusion.

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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**](https://epso.europa.eu/en/selection-procedure/how-apply) are recruited to fill vacant positions for a set amount of time or to perform highly specialised tasks.
* [**contract agents**](https://epso.europa.eu/en/selection-procedure/how-apply) 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](https://epso.europa.eu/en/eu-careers/staff-categories#tab-0).

**Finance and Contracts Assistant**

**in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion - European Commission**

**Job title:** Finance and Contracts Assistant

**Domain:** Economics, finance and statistics

**Where**: Unit EMPL G5 – “Better Regulation”, Brussels

**Function Group**: FG III

**Contract Type:** 3b

**Express your interest until**: 17.04.2024 - 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

**WE ARE**

# Unit EMPL G5 is a horizontal unit which coordinates and supports the evaluation and impact assessment of DG EMPL policies and programmes. The unit also supports the monitoring and reporting of the programmes’ performance.

# EMPL G5 works in close relation with all DG EMPL policy units and has a cross-cutting contribution to all DG EMPL policies and priorities. It coordinates the networks of Managing Authorities dealing with monitoring and evaluation and aims at building the capacity of the DG and Member States in the fields under its responsibilities. It also supports the effective communication and promotion of the results of the DG EMPL policies and programs.

# Overall, the unit plays an important role by providing policy-evidence and helping to shape DG EMPL policies. It contributes to the performance orientation of the DG.

# To deliver on its activities, EMPL G5 manages an important framework contract with private providers for carrying out studies supporting evaluation, impact assessment or monitoring in the field of employment, social affairs, labour mobility and skills. It also manages several administrative arrangements with other Commission services.

**WE PROPOSE**

# We propose the position of financial and contracts assistant, in a team of 17 dynamic and enthusiastic colleagues. The unit offers a friendly and stimulating working environment, contributing to the key priorities of the DG.

# The new colleague will support the colleagues of the unit by:

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# - managing the DG EMPL Multiple Frameworks Contracts (MFC) for the Provision of services related to the implementation of Better Regulation Guidelines;

# - managing all preparatory administrative and financial procedures for the successful introduction of the future MFC, which will replace the current MFC in 2025;

# - preparing and following up amendments to contracts and administrative arrangements, reviewing specifications submitted by contracting services, preparing approval notes for the specifications;

# - ensuring the overall coordination and contacts with contractors;

# - contributing to the follow up of the consumption of the commitments and payment credits of the Unit

- supervising financial programming and budgetary execution for the Unit

The new colleague will be in frequent contact with colleagues from within and outside of the unit, at technical and management levels.

**WE LOOK FOR**

# We look for a dynamic and motivated candidate with:

# • at least 3 years’ experience of managing personally tenders and contracts (mandatory);

# • a pro-active attitude towards problem resolution; excellent networking and client-orientation skills;

# • eye for detail and analytical capacities;

# • strong sense of responsibility and the capacity to work autonomously, whilst at the same time being a good team player;

# • very good knowledge of English, written and spoken, is essential.

# • Previous experience with the Commission’s financial procedures and tools (ABAC, RDIS, etc.) is an asset, but we also welcome applicants who are committed and interested in acquiring this expertise.

**HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?**

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](https://eu-careers.europa.eu/en/job-opportunities/open-for-application). 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 EMPL-G5-UNIT@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC/2024/EMPL/117735 in the subject.

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

# ANNEX

# *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](https://eu-careers.europa.eu/en/job-opportunities/open-for-application) data base.

## Qualifications:

1. Have a level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma OR
2. 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[[1]](#footnote-1)
* AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)[[2]](#footnote-2) of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

# What about the selection steps?

The selecting unit chooses from the EPSO database[[3]](#footnote-3) 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 English and possibly in a second official language.

# *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(b) of the** [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01962R0031-20140501)**, in function group FG III.** General information on Contract Agents can be found at this [link](https://epso.europa.eu/en/eu-careers/staff-categories#tab-Contract%20staff).

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](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2017)6760&lang=en) laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

The duration of thefirst**contract will be of 1 year.** Subject to the interest of the service, the contract can be extended to a maximum duration of 6 years.

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](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2017)6760&lang=en) on policies for the engagement and use of contract agents.

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.

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| 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](https://epso.europa.eu/en/eu-careers/benefits#tab-Work/Life%20Balance). |

For information related to Data Protection, please see the Specific [Privacy Statement](https://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register/detail/DPR-EC-02054.3) 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.

1. 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the level Function Group III, should register their profile at this [address](https://epso.europa.eu/en/job-opportunities/open-for-application). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)