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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:

- <u>temporary agents</u> are recruited to fill vacant positions for a set amount of time or to perform highly specialised tasks.
- <u>contract agents</u> 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.





# in DG REGIO of the European Commission

Job title: External Audit Assistant - Romania

**Domain:** Audit

Where: Unit REGIO.EMPL.DAC.6 - "DAC VI", Brussels

Function Group: FG III Contract Type: 3b

**Express your interest until**: 05.04.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

#### **WE ARE**

The Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion (hereafter DAC, standing for 'Direction d'Audit de la Cohésion), was set up on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 by merging the audit capacity of the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) and the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO).

The DAC main mission is to contribute to the declaration of assurance of the two Directors-General (Authorising Officers by Delegation of DG REGIO and DG EMPL) i.e.

- that they have reasonable assurance that the resources assigned under their responsibility have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management, and
- that the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.

The DAC unit (DAC6), to which the successful candidate chosen will be assigned, is an operational audit unit of approx. 20 staff. It is divided into two audit sectors and enjoys a dynamic and stimulating working environment as well as a strong team spirit. The unit is notably in charge of auditing the Cohesion policy funds (ERDF, CF, ESF, FEAD) in the Member States of France, Luxemburg, and Romania. The unit is also responsible for the audit coordination of the Interreg programmes and of simplification measures such as Simplified cost options (SCO) and Financing not link to Costs (FNLC).

#### **WE PROPOSE**

We propose a post to a motivated audit assistant.

#### The work will consist in:

- a) ensuring that required management and control systems for the implementation of the cohesion policy programs mainly in Romania are set up and functioning correctly (through desk review, remote and on-the-spot business trips);
- b) assessing the work of the audit authority, including annual control reports, annual accounts and national audit reports;

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- c) support the geographical desks in both DG REGIO and DG EMPL in charge of Romania and of Interreg programmes with the relevant audit expertise, assist other auditor(s); and
- d) accompany other auditors in Member States he/she is not principally in charge of.

The successful candidate will be required to carry out 2-4 one-week audit business trips per year. The job is inspiring and gives the possibility to develop yourself thanks to the possibilities of working on different Member States and also on different audit topics (systems assessment, public procurement, State aid, financial instruments, etc.).

#### **WE LOOK FOR**

We look for an assistant auditor who is motivated to work in a dynamic environment with his/her team colleagues.

The job requires strong analytical skills, common sense and ability to work both independently and as part of an audit team. A sense of responsibility and initiative as well as a constructive service-oriented approach and strong team spirit are also looked for.

Previous experience of audit work with EU funds, Interreg, knowledge of Cohesion policy or experience in relation to project management, public procurement, state aid or fraud prevention and detection gained inside or outside the Commission services are assets for this post.

Good communication skills and good drafting abilities in English. Knowledge of the Romanian language and/or Interreg specificities can be an asset.

#### **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:

- If you are not registered yet in the open EPSO database, please do so at the following address: <u>CAST Permanent</u>. 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 and/or: indicating the call for interest reference EC-2024-REGIO-368723 in the subject

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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 <u>EPSO CAST</u> 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:

- ullet have a thorough knowledge (minimum level C1) of one of the 24 official languages of the  $EU^1$
- 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.
- 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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).



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.

## 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 checkup 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**<u>Conditions of Employment of Other Servants</u>, 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  $\underline{\text{Commission Decision}}$   $\underline{\text{C(2017)6760}}$  laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

The duration of the first **contract will be of one 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 <u>Commission Decision C(2017)6760</u> on policies for the engagement and use of contract agents.

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the level Function Group III, should register their profile at this address.



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 <u>Working conditions and benefits of EU Careers</u>.

For information related to Data Protection, please see the Specific <u>Privacy Statement</u> 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.