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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.

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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;
- 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](#).



SECRETARY TO THE DIRECTOR

Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs

Selection reference: HOME/COM/2024/396

Domain*: Internal Security

Where: HOME.D – Internal Security, Brussels

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b – Secretary/Clerk

Grade: AST/SC 1

Publication deadline: 27.03.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

The mission of Directorate D is to contribute to the Union's objective of providing a high level of security for European citizens and thus to the Area of justice, freedom, and security. The Directorate defines the internal security component on the basis of the Security Union Strategy 2020-2025, focusing on building capabilities and capacities to secure a future-proof security environment and setting out a whole-of-society approach to security that can effectively respond to a rapidly changing threat landscape in a coordinated manner.

To this effect, Directorate D is in charge of formulating and implementing relevant policies in the area of security, from best practices to legislation, in the fight against terrorism and radicalisation, cybercrime, organised crime and promotes law enforcement cooperation at European level (incl. through Europol and Cepol) and defines the rules for access to information for law enforcement purposes. Our actions in these areas include stricter rules against illicit trafficking of firearms and on trafficking in human beings, as well as revision of legislation on combating child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and child pornography.

The Directorate is also responsible for the development of anti-drugs policies across the Commission (incl. through the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)) and preventing and detecting hybrid threats and increasing the resilience of our critical infrastructure, to promoting cybersecurity and fostering research and innovation.

WE PROPOSE

We propose a position as secretary to the Director in a highly visible and interesting policy area. He/she will provide secretarial and logistical support such as attribution, registration and follow-up of mail and deadlines, diary management, organising missions and meetings, ensuring quality of files, as well as preparation of files for meetings and receiving visitors for the Director and booking meeting rooms. He/she will deal with document management with the relevant IT tools (attribution, deadlines, follow-up, archiving) as well as managing the Directorate's functional mailbox. He/she will also give guidance to the secretariats of the units in the Directorate. The Directorate has



approximately 100 staff and operates in a politically sensitive environment.

WE LOOK FOR

The ideal candidate

- should be motivated, pro-active, flexible and able to organise the work independently with a strong sense of responsibility.
- should be able to adjust to multiple tasks even under tight deadlines.
- will work closely with the assistant of the Director.
- A positive attitude, good communication skills, excellent interpersonal relations and sound judgement are also essential.
- His/her good knowledge of standard Commission IT tools and applications would be an asset.
- Very good knowledge of English is required. Knowledge of French would be an asset.



HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?

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 **home-dir-d@ec.europa.eu** indicating the selection reference **HOME/COM/2024/396** 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 temporary 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 post;
- Produce the appropriate character references as to suitability for the performance of the duties.

Qualifications:

In order to be recruited in this position, you must have at least either a level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma, or 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. Furthermore, before recruitment, you will be required to provide the documents that corroborate the eligibility criteria (diplomas, certificates and other supporting documents).

Languages:

- have a thorough knowledge (minimum level C1) of one of the 24 official languages of the EU¹
- AND a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2) of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

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).



➤ **What about the selection steps?**

The post was published internally within the Commission, inter-institutionally, and brought to the attention of competition laureates.

In accordance with Article 29 of the Staff Regulations, applications from Commission officials, officials from other Institutions, and laureates of competitions have priority. Only in the case that no suitable candidate can be found from the afore-mentioned categories this vacancy notice is published and is open to other applicants².

The selection panel will choose a limited number of candidates for interview, based on the CV and motivation letter that they submitted. Due to the large volume of applications, we may receive, **only candidates selected for the next step of the selection phase 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 French.

2. Recruitment

The candidate selected for recruitment will be requested to supply documentary evidence in support of the statements made in their application.

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**

In case the successful candidate is an external candidate, s/he will be engaged as a **temporary agent under Article 2(b) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), in function group AST/SC.**

² Officials from the Commission or other Institutions are invited to use the standard channels (Sysper or inter-institutional vacancy portal).



The recruitment grade, as well as the step in that grade, will be defined on the basis of the duration of the candidates' previous appropriate professional experience, in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2013\)8970](#) laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

The duration of the **1st contract will be of 1 to 3 years**. The contract might then be extended only once for a maximum of 2 years and in the interest of service. 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\(2013\)9049](#) on policies for the engagement and use of temporary 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.

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.