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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).

**F Finance and Contracts Assistant**

**in DG REFORM - European Commission**

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**Job title:** Finance and Contracts Assistant

**Domain:** Finance

**Where**: Unit A1., Budget and Finance, 003: Financial and contractual management – Technical support,

Brussels

**Function Group**: FG III

**Contract Type**: 3b

**Express your interest until**: 06.05.2024 - 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

**WE ARE**

# The mission of DG REFORM is to provide and coordinate technical support to Member States for the preparation and implementation of structural reforms.

# DG REFORM manages the Technical Support Instrument (TSI). The TSI is the European Commission’s key tool for supporting Member States in designing and implementing growth-enhancing and inclusive reforms. The TSI has a dedicated budget and a legal framework for the provision of technical support to Member States.

The vacancy is in the Budget and Finance unit (REFORM.A.1 sector 003), which has responsibility for the budgetary and financial management of the DG and provides support to the DG on contractual and procedural matters, particularly in relation to the TSI. The Sector has mainly two teams, one for dealing with the financial management of public procurement procedures and contracts, the other one for the management of the financial operations of grants and indirect management agreements.

**WE PROPOSE**

We propose a CA Group III position in charge of providing support for an effective administrative and financial management of the files submitted to the Unit. This means assisting the operational units in the implementation of the activities of the DG, mainly through procurement and grant management.

The candidate will provide high quality contribution to the operational units of the DG, by reviewing their draft projects on financial and contractual documents, both on paper and through the relevant IT tools, in the different policy areas of intervention to ensure good quality and consistency of these documents.

The candidate also will act as financial assistant for the transactions managed by the unit and will be requested to carry out quality controls on Terms of Reference and technical specifications of projects submitted to our unit for initiation and verification.
The job holder will be part of the sector, Financial and Contractual management – Technical Support, in charge of contractual implementation and (s)he will report to the Head of Sector. In this context the jobholder will have frequent contacts with operational units (both within and outside REFORM).

**WE LOOK FOR**

We are looking for a reliable, well-organised and dynamic colleague with a high sense of responsibility, excellent planning and organisational skills and strong service orientation. The colleague should also be pragmatic with an ability to prioritise work appropriately.
 The successful candidate will have:

- Solid financial / procedural background, in particular, experience in financial and budgetary rules and procedures relating to grants and procurements procedures;

- Previous experience in financial field, internal control, contract/grant management .

- Proactive approach and a strong sense of initiative;

- Good knowledge of English, both oral and written.

- Knowledge of French language is desirable.

The ideal candidate is a committed and enthusiastic colleague with a good sense of initiative, service-minded and ready to work in a dynamic environment. The successful candidate ideally has the following skills: **-** High level of customer-orientation; **-** Strong analytical and problem solving skills including the ability deal with large amount of information in a limited time; **-** Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with co-workers in an international work environment; **-** High degree of commitment and flexibility;

**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 REFORM-A1@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC/2024/REFORM/334932 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)