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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](#).



Programme Assistant

in DG REGIO of the European Commission

Job title: Programme Assistant – EU Policies

Domain: European Public Administration in the areas of cohesion and environment/climate policies

Where: Unit REGIO.G.1 – “Smart and sustainable growth”, Brussels

Function Group: FG III

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 17.05.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

We are the Unit for Smart and Sustainable Growth in DG Regional and Urban Policy. We are responsible for ensuring consistency and coherence in the programming and implementation of cohesion policy programmes across Member States and in line with EU policies in the areas of the Smart and Sustainable Growth. We achieve this through a combination of analytical work, technical assistance and support to geographical units. We represent DG REGIO in the interactions of the DG with other Commission services, EU institutions, international organisations and external stakeholders in these thematic areas. The unit is composed of two teams: sustainable growth, and smart growth and connectivity.

We are looking for someone to work with us on environment, energy and climate issues. One of the specific tasks will be to work with another colleague to manage the Cohesion for Transitions community of practice, which supports Member States to implement cohesion policy projects in these areas.

WE PROPOSE

Unit G1 of DG Regional and Urban Policy is seeking to hire a programme assistant.

The position will consist of an interesting and challenging position in a dynamic and highly stimulating environment. The overall task of the programme assistant will be to support the delivery of European Green Deal objectives on the ground with cohesion policy support, working within the sustainable team in Unit G.1. The role of the programme assistant will be:

- to carry out analytical work and coordinate support to the geographical Units in relation to the contribution of cohesion policy to the European Green Deal priorities, in particular but not limited to environmental priorities (circular economy, water, biodiversity...) and climate (climate change



mitigation and adaptation). This also includes ensuring that the right framework is in place to enable cohesion policy support in the programmes (enabling conditions).

- to work with another colleague to manage the Cohesion for Transitions community of practice, which supports Member States to implement cohesion policy projects in the areas of environment, energy and climate.

- to liaise with the most relevant Directorates General (ENV, ECHO, CLIMA) on Sustainable Growth issues.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a dynamic and highly motivated colleague with relevant experience in sustainable growth issues and a strong commitment to cohesion policy and to delivering the EU's Green Deal objectives on the ground.

The ideal profile for the job is someone with strong analytical and conceptual capacity, a very good knowledge of sustainable growth and regional development. Strong communication capacities, good organisational skills, proven networking abilities and excellent drafting and presentation skills, especially in English, are essential. Experience in climate and/or environmental policy is 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:

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 REGIO-G1-HEAD-OF-UNIT@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC-2024-REGIO-365972 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 EU¹
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)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 database³ candidates with the appropriate profile and invites them to an interview. For the interview a selection panel is set-up to assess the best

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).

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

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



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 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](#), 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.

The duration of the first **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](#) 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.

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.



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