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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;
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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.

### 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.



# DG ESTAT of the European Commission

Selection reference: ESTAT/COM/2024/1009

Domain: Economics, Finance and Statistics

Where: Unit ESTAT.C.1 - "National accounts methodology; Standards and indicators", Luxembourg

**Staff category and Function Group**: Temporary agent 2b - Assistant

**Grade:** AST 1-3

**Publication deadline**: 21/05/2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

## **WE ARE**

Eurostat, one of the Directorates-General of the European Commission, is the statistical office of the European Union. Eurostat's mission is to provide high quality statistics and data on Europe. Eurostat co-ordinates statistical activities at Union level and more particularly inside the Commission.

Unit C1 – National Accounts Methodology, Standards Indicators team's mission is to support macroeconomic policies with indicators, covering the current economic situation as portrayed by principal European economic indicators (PEEIs) and the macro prudential risk analysis as monitored in the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure (MIP) of the European Commission, an integral part of the European Semester. The team provides high quality statistical services and ensures the development and implementation of dissemination activities for macroeconomic indicators and related statistics, as well as monitoring their quality. The team is responsible for the European Statistical Monitor, a monthly flagship product of Eurostat, and Eurostatistics, a monthly publication on the current macroeconomic situation.

#### **WE PROPOSE**

An interesting and rewarding job with dissemination and methodological activities in an area of key political importance. As a member of the team, you will have a variety of responsibilities as well as a lot of contacts with internal and external stakeholders, including external contractors. The team is actively involved in methodological activities to which he/she could contribute.

The tasks are mainly related to:

- Managing the production process for the Eurostatistics publication, in cooperation with an external contractor
- Verifying and updating of the Business and Consumer Surveys data (produced by DG ECFIN and re-published by Eurostat)
- Participating in the management of the PEEIs vintages database
- Several activities linked to quality monitoring, such as improving data availability, checking data



gaps, and cross-checking of data on the Eurostat website between production domains in order to ensure data consistency

- Maintenance/improvement of the Euroindicators dedicated section of Eurostat's website, including metadata files
- Management of the relevant part of Eurostat's database
- Analysis and assessment of data
- Managing of the Euroindicators functional mailbox
- Updating of the Business Cycle Clock Statistics Explained article, on the basis of input supplied by a contractor

#### **WE LOOK FOR**

Ideally, the candidate should fulfil the majority of the following:

- a. be familiar with the use of indicators in policy making in the macroeconomic area
- b. have some statistical background and a good understanding of/or some experience with time series and data analysis
- c. be familiar with the concepts underlying the quality monitoring of indicators
- d. have some experience in running applications on Oracle databases, possibly with MDT and SAS software
- e. having some knowledge of, or wishing to learn, R software
- f. be a dynamic, motivated and well-organised team player with a strong sense of responsibility and service orientation as well as excellent analytical, drafting and communication skills.
- h. be used to working with and keeping deadlines; demonstrate a high ability to deliver results.

Experience with Eurostat's dissemination environment (data tree, Statistics Explained) would be an advantage.

The position requires very good knowledge of English as the main working language. Good knowledge of further languages would be considered as an advantage.



### **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 this document by the publication deadline to <a href="ESTAT-HR-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu">ESTAT-HR-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu</a> indicating the selection reference ESTAT/COM/2024/1009 and your name in the subject.

No applications will be accepted after the publication deadline.



# 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.

#### **Oualifications:**

In order to be recruited in this position, you must have at least either a level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma, <u>or</u> 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:

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 have a thorough knowledge (minimum level C1) of one of the 24 official languages of the EU<sup>1</sup>

• 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.

<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).



# 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 applicants<sup>2</sup>.

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 a second official language.

### 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 checkup, carried out by the Commission.

### Type of contract and working conditions

The place of employment will be in **Luxembourg**.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 <u>Commission Decision C(2013)8970</u> laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

The duration of the **1**<sup>st</sup> **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 <u>Commission Decision C(2013)9049</u> 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 <u>Working conditions and</u> benefits of EU Careers.

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