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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;
- 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](#).



Legal Expert

DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission

Selection reference: GROW/COM/2024/919

Domain: LAW

Where: Unit C2 – “Public Procurement”, Brussels

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b/2d - Administrator

Grade: AD 5 - 7

Publication deadline: 28.05.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

We are the Unit which is the knowledge hub in the Commission for public procurement policies. As public procurement accounts for around 14 % of the EU’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), improving procurement practices in the Member States will have a big impact on the sustainable and resilient transformation of our economy. Unit GROW.C2 works on an interesting and varied range of files related to public procurement as a tool to leverage EU policies. It is organised in three connected teams working on strategic procurement, level playing field and resilience, and on maintaining a legal framework fit for purpose.

WE PROPOSE

We propose an interesting and varied job at the crossroads of law and policy, in the team responsible for maintaining and developing the legal framework. The main work stream of the team is the development of a legal framework helping Member States and contracting authorities to use public spending as a leverage to achieve strategic policy objectives, especially in the green and digital transition, and to manage the challenges related to the acquisition of works, services and goods. Together with the other team members, you will devise strategies to improve the implementation of the public procurement legal framework, addressing difficulties in its application and ensuring effective public procurement practices in Member States. In addition, you will provide advice to other services and Member States on general questions about the EU legal framework. The work includes regular contacts with Member States representatives, informally and formally through the Government Expert Group on Public Procurement, for which the team is responsible. As part of the legal framework team, you will work constantly with the other services of DG GROW and the Commission to ensure their policy actions are compatible with the legal framework.



WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a legal expert with an excellent knowledge of the Internal market and the EU public procurement legal framework. Good knowledge of the general EU regulatory framework and a very good political overview of the current challenges for public procurement policy are an advantage. Previous experience in legal analysis and excellent drafting skills are required. Tasks also require interpersonal skills, and the ability to work independently and under time pressure. The candidate should have at least 2 years full-time of appropriate professional experience, an excellent command of English and a good command of French. Good knowledge of other EU languages is an asset.

More specifically, the main tasks will be involve

- Develop public procurement policies and strategies to improve the implementation of the public procurement legal framework;
- Provide legal analysis, advice and assistance to Member States, public buyers and other services and stakeholders in interpreting/applying the EU public procurement legal framework;
- Assess national public procurement systems and policies;
- Engage with relevant stakeholders to contribute to the promotion of strategic objectives;
- Manage the Government Expert Group on Public Procurement, and coordination of the Commission participation in the Council Working parties;
- Maintain relations with other EU institutions.



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 grow-c2@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference GROW/COM/2024/919 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 a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma.

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 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 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)/2(d) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), in function group AD.**

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.

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



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.