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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](#).



# Policy Analyst – Science for Policy

## DG JRC of the European Commission

**Selection reference:** JRC/COM/2024/1553

**Domain:** Scientific Research and Advice

**Where:** Unit JRC.S.2 - Science for Democracy and Evidence-Informed Policy Making Unit, Brussels

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

**Grade:** AD 5-7

**Publication deadline:** 11.07.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

### WE ARE

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The Joint Research Centre provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies to positively impact society.

The JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). Further information is available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/>

The current vacancy is in the Directorate for Innovation in Science and Policymaking. Its mission is to help EU policies to innovate, stay relevant and be responsive to citizens needs by connecting, synthesising and integrating in the processes that underpin evidence-informed policymaking forward-looking knowledge, science and methods from within the JRC and beyond combined with new ways the Commission engages with citizens. The Directorate helps to put the Commission in a position to adapt to the increasing complexity of the challenges the EU faces through developing systemic views, being the sense-maker of knowledge and the connector of hubs of scientific excellence at the science/policy interface. Through enabling the application of democratic principles such as openness, transparency, citizens engagement and the use of science in policymaking, the Directorate helps to reinforce trust in EU governance and decision-making.

Specifically the vacancy is in the "Science for Democracy and Evidence-Informed Policy Making" Unit (S2); its mission is to promote evidence-informed, collaborative policymaking and participatory and deliberative democracy in the Commission and the EU; to promote policy impact, knowledge synthesis, collaboration and citizen engagement within the JRC; through research, innovation, guidance, consultancy advice, training, capacity building and institutional development on collaboration, policymaking and democratic processes inside JRC and Commission and within the EU.

### WE PROPOSE

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The jobholder will lead the JRCs Enlightenment 2.0 research programme, ensuring that the best available science of how we think, discuss and decide on political issues, including societal polarisation is understood and applied within the Commission, notably to its public administration



reform, democracy, political advertising, platform regulation, public communication and related disinformation policies and practices.

Main tasks will include:

- Leading the JRC Enlightenment 2.0 research programme, maximising outreach and impact of existing work and identifying and addressing new knowledge gaps.
- Maintaining multi-disciplinary teams, communities and networks of leading academic experts in the field.
- Building strong professional relationships so that their expertise can be made available to the Commission and establishing JRC as leading knowledge broker in the field. In particular maximising impact of ongoing research, including public communication, contributing to European Democracy Action Plan, Defence of Democracy actions and translating the science into daily operational policy communications advice, insights, guidance and actions for the Commission.
- Delivering oral and written briefings, ad hoc reports, opinions, contributions and advice to other DGs, including at senior management level, based on the best available science,

## **WE LOOK FOR**

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We are looking for candidates with a professional experience as researcher for at least 5 years in science or public communication field OR in science for policy field or behavioural sciences, including excellent knowledge of the research and experts in either field.

Professional experience of at least 3 years in delivering scientific support and advice to policymakers and achieving policy impact is also required.

Proven experience of coordinating and synthesising science from multiple disciplines relevant to the science for policy or science/public communication field is essential.

Experience and Publications in the field of political science, political psychology or behavioural sciences is essential.

Good interpersonal skills and attitude in working in an international environment is an advantage.

Experience in working in international organisations or acquired in more than one country is desirable.

The profile is completed by the following general skills :

- Team playing mind-set, reliability, sense of responsibility and service culture.
- Helping to form and sustain a cross-functional multi-DG team
- Analytical thinking and sound judgement capacity coupled with a spirit of initiative.

Excellent (C1) command of English and well as very good command of another EU official language.



## **HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?**

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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 [HR-JRC-OFFICIALS-TEMPORARY-AGENTS-SELECTION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HR-JRC-OFFICIALS-TEMPORARY-AGENTS-SELECTION@ec.europa.eu) indicating the selection reference JRC/COM/2024/1553 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 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.

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<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 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(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.

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



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 [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.