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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](#).



Case Handler Officer

DG COMPETITION of the European Commission

Selection reference: COMP/COM/2024/1401

Domain: European Public Administration

Where: Unit COMP H.6 - „State aid: Agriculture and Fisheries“, Brussels

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

Grade: AD 5-8

Publication deadline: 11.07.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

Unit H.6 'Agriculture and Fisheries' belongs to Directorate H 'State aid: General Scrutiny and Enforcement'. The unit is in charge of the development and the application of the State aid rules for the agriculture, forestry and fishery sectors. The instruments concerned are specific Guidelines as well as block exemption and 'de minimis' Regulations for these sectors. The Unit also liaises closely with the Directorates General for Agriculture and Rural Development as well as Maritime Affairs and Fisheries in respect of the link between the State aid rules on the one hand and the Common Agricultural and Common Fisheries Policies on the other.

The unit works in close interaction with other units of Directorate H and is part of the wider 'State aid Network' within DG COMP.

We are a very nice and dynamic team consisting of around 20 persons. Our team is committed to achieve high-quality output. At the same time, we give special attention to maintain a working environment that is pleasant and productive.

WE PROPOSE

We offer an interesting, challenging and responsible job of a State aid case handler/policy officer assessing public support measures within the areas of competency of the unit. The job also includes close co-operation with other DGs on cases and projects.

The work is usually carried out in small teams. The successful candidate will be responsible for the treatment of all stages of cases, from the initial assessment of case files, discussions with Member State authorities and/or complainants to the drafting and adoption of Commission Decisions.

S/he will be part of the Directorate and State aid Network and contribute to the development of State Aid policy in the areas of relevance to the Unit.

We offer to join a dynamic team of professionals working in a stimulating, friendly and team-oriented environment. We encourage discussions and exchanges of opinions and experiences. Colleagues are given a high degree of autonomy in carrying out their tasks.

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WE LOOK FOR

Personal skills

- Ability to work in teams.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills (both orally and in writing) in order to communicate efficiently and fluently with internal and external stakeholders.
- Capacity to work independently and under pressure with tight deadlines.
- Ability to build and maintain positive working relations within the unit as well as with other services and external stakeholders.

Specialist skills and experience

- S/he should preferably have an economic or legal background.
- S/he should preferably have a strong background in competition policy and a good understanding of the economic and/or legal issues arising in competition cases.
- S/he should preferably have a strong experience in handling and/or managing complex and sensitive competition and in particular State aid cases.
- S/he should preferably have at least a basic knowledge regarding the Common Agriculture and Common Fisheries policies.
- An excellent command of English is essential.
- S/he should have excellent analytical skills.



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 COMP-TA-APPLICATION@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference DG/COM/2024/1401 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](#).

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