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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](#).



Legal Officer

Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) of the European Commission

Selection reference: MARE/COM/2024/1487

Domain*: Law

Where: Unit MARE E4 - (Legal Affairs Unit), Brussels

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

Grade: AD 5-8

Publication deadline: 26.07.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

The Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) is responsible for the development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy and the development, implementation and monitoring of the Common Fisheries Policy. The DG has around 380 staff, distributed over 5 Directorates and 21 Units. The wide variety of responsibilities at the heart of the Commission's political priorities, and notably supporting the implementation of the European Green Deal and the digital transition and strengthening the EU's role in international negotiations, creates an interesting and challenging work environment. Hierarchical circuits are short, and working efforts translate into tangible results with a direct impact on the ground and on stakeholders.

The General Affairs and Resources Directorate provides support services to the entire Directorate-General by guiding the strategic planning of its activities, furthering relations with the other institutions and effective internal and external communication, ensuring compliance with the applicable EU and international law and optimising the allocation of available human and financial resources.

Unit E4 is the internal legal service of DG MARE. It provides legal support and advice to relevant MARE units and hierarchy on the development and implementation of the common fisheries policy and of the integrated maritime policy, as well as in the international context. It also supports the Legal Service of the Commission in cases before the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU). The Unit also co-ordinates all legal enforcement action (complaints, Pilots and infringements), access to document requests, input to State aid files and data protection issues for DG MARE. The team is small, but highly motivated and friendly, and working conditions are very flexible.

DG MARE is looking for candidates who are in search of an exciting career in a DG which offers a unique mix of new challenges. Ensuring staff engagement is high on our agenda, which is why we are keen to provide support for individual career development, internal and external training, personal coach and newcomers' integration. Flexible working arrangements are mainstreamed

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in DG MARE so that colleagues can achieve good life-work balance and increase their productivity for the organisation.

WE PROPOSE

DG MARE proposes an interesting and challenging position for a dynamic official as legal officer and case handler in MARE.E.4. The selected candidate will in particular perform the following tasks:

- provide legal advice to relevant MARE units and hierarchy on the internal dimension of the common fisheries policy and integrated maritime policy, as well as on the external dimension (e.g. International Ocean Governance, Trade and Co-operation Agreement with the UK, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements)
- support policy units in the preparation and implementation of relevant legislation and implementing acts
- support the Legal Service of the Commission in cases before the CJEU
- handle complaints, Pilots and infringement cases
- co-ordinate and provide advice on access to document requests, State aid consultations and Aarhus internal review requests.

WE LOOK FOR

A motivated and dynamic colleague with a legal background and a specialization in EU and/or international law, a strong analytic mind, capacity and appetite for strategic and political thinking, excellent communication and negotiation skills, a high sense of responsibility, team and service orientation, excellent planning and organizational skills and an open and friendly personality. Previous experience with legal advice, international negotiations, complaints, Pilots and infringements, access to documents and/or State aid consultations is highly desired. Knowledge of and experience with the common fisheries policy and/or international ocean governance would be an advantage. Excellent knowledge of English and good knowledge of French are required.



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 mare-e4@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference MARE/COM/2024/1487 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.**

² 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 [Commission Decision C\(2013\)8970](#) laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

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.