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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.

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- 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 Assistant - Procurement Procedures, Grant Procedures and Contract Management

DG COMMUNICATION of the European Commission

Selection reference: COMM/COM/2024/2215

Domain*: Law

Where: Unit COMM.D.3 – “Finance & Control”, Brussels

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b– Legal Assistant

Grade: AST 1-3

Publication deadline: 22/10/2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

As the corporate communication service under the responsibility of the President, DG Communication (DG COMM) promotes the political priorities of the Commission and contributes to bringing Europe closer to citizens. It keeps the Commission abreast of political developments and of trends in public opinion and the media and coordinates communication campaigns within the Commission. It takes a central role in the analysis and response to disinformation and information manipulation with regard to the EU.

Unit COMM.D.3 ("Finance and controls"), is part of Directorate D ("Resources") of DG Communication. It provides legal and financial support to operational teams, and undertakes controls in the areas of public procurement, contract management and finance, both at headquarters level and for the Representations of the Commission in the Member States.

The unit is organised in three teams dealing with (i) public procurement and grants procedures and contract management; (ii) financial management; and (iii) internal control and risk management (ex post control).

As main contact point for the Internal Audit Service, the European Court of Auditors and OLAF, and the lead unit for Internal Controls, the unit plays a key role in supporting sound financial management in the DG and the Authorising Officer's statement of assurance.

WE PROPOSE

We propose a multi-faceted job in the public procurement and grants sector (PPG) of COMM.D.3 giving the opportunity to assist and provide advice to operational and administrative teams in all stages of public procurement and grants projects, from initial planning and conception, to evaluation, award and implementation.

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The ideal candidate will be part of a team that supports operational and administrative teams at headquarters level and in the Representations in all legal and procedural aspects related to public procurement and grant projects.

The team member participates to all activities of the PPG sector. In particular by providing:

- assistance in the preparation, drafting, follow-up, evaluation and award of procurement and grants procedures undertaken by both headquarter units and Representations;
- advice related to procurement and grants procedures and contract implementation, ensuring compliance with the Financial Regulation;
- maintenance of databases and relevant indicators for the team's activity, including questions answered and timeline of procurement procedures;
- help drawing up and maintaining the multi-annual plan for procurement and grants and ensure follow-up of its implementation;
- the preparation and delivery of trainings, workshops and seminars organised by the unit;
- assistance related to the use of eProcurement tools for high value procedures;
- support to the functioning of the sector, including by following-up on the decisions taken in the team's meetings, and ensuring the relevant updates of the team's intranet page.

The variety of files and tasks, and the possibility to interact with clients with different specialisations, both from headquarter units and Representations, offers a wide scope for evolution in a friendly team of highly qualified procurement specialists.

WE LOOK FOR

We look for a qualified, motivated and proactive colleague with a positive and friendly attitude.

A legal background, namely a legal education and pre-existing professional legal experience is a must. Experience and knowledge of public procurement procedures and contracts is also a must for this position.

A strong organisational / administrative capacity, the ability to adapt to a wide variety of projects and communicate clearly and effectively with clients from operational and administrative teams in headquarters and in the Representations.

Sound judgement and analytical capacity, attention to detail and the capacity to understand the bigger (political) picture and to deliver timely and efficiently work regularly under high time pressure are important.

We also consider a good working atmosphere as essential. We expect the applicants to be able to work well in a team where one's views can be challenged and to communicate clearly with our clients in a service-minded way.

A proficient English drafting and speaking capacity (C2) is necessary, as most of our communication is in English. A good knowledge of French (B2 or above) is an asset. Any other EU language is a plus.



Finally, knowledge of IT tools used in the area of procurement would be an advantage. Training is provided to all newcomers and further training opportunities are promoted.

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 COMM-D3@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference COMM/COM/2024/2215 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 either a level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma, or 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:

- 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 AST.**

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](#).

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