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- A competitive financial package, including comprehensive sickness, accident and pension schemes;
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- 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](#).



Policy Officer

DG Justice and Consumers of the European Commission

Selection reference: JUST/COM/2024/2033

Domain: EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Where: Unit JUST.C.4 - „ Democracy, Union Citizenship and Free Movement, Brussels

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

Grade: AD5-AD8

Publication deadline: 17.10.2024 - 12.00-noon (Brussels time)

WE ARE

The mission of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) is to vindicate and strengthen the rights of people living in the European Union, whether they are acting as citizens, as entrepreneurs, as consumers or as workers, wherever they are in the EU. To do this, we aim to build a European Area of Justice, and to support the development of a dynamic single market for consumers, workers, and business, contributing to growth.

The Directorate-General is structured in 5 Directorates of which Directorate C is responsible for Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy.

The mission of the Unit is at the core of the Commission's action for European citizens and their citizenship rights – Democracy, free movement of persons, and consular protection. We ensure that citizens are informed about their rights and able to fully enjoy them. This unit is responsible for:

- Implementing and promoting Union Citizenship and democracy ;
- Developing policy in the area of democracy through measures supporting free and fair elections, resilient democratic processes and increasing democratic legitimacy of the Union and engagement on EU citizens in the democratic life of the Union.
- Developing the policy in the area of free movement of persons and monitoring the effective exercise of the right to free movement; also ensuring the effective provision by the Member States' consular and diplomatic authorities to EU citizens in third countries

The unit is composed of 20 people with a strong team spirit.



WE PROPOSE

The successful candidate will contribute to policy and legislative developments in the field of democracy, elections and EU citizenship. S/He will prepare, monitor and implement policy actions in coordination with colleagues and management, aiming at promoting EU citizenship and democracy in the Union.

S/He will intervene as a project manager on specific files related to democracy, coordinating the smooth delivery of outputs. The successful candidate will in particular:

- initiate strategic policy and legislative developments and policy analysis;
- take part in sensitive interinstitutional negotiations;
- represent the unit in inter-service meetings;
- manage meeting and expert groups including by chairing some of them;
- work closely with other DGs on relevant topics;
- prepare briefing notes and speeches.

WE LOOK FOR

We look for a dynamic and highly motivated colleague, with at least 5 years of experience in policy analysis and coordination of which at least 2 years in policy design and development related to the area of democracy.

Prior experience in dealing with complex and politically sensitive files is essential as well as experience in negotiating. The successful candidate should be able to work autonomously as well as in a team, not shy away from taking higher responsibilities when needed. S/he should demonstrate strong organisational and coordination skills and ability to propose creative solutions to problems.

The job requires excellent written and oral communication skills in English. Other languages, notably French, would be an asset.

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 JUST-C4@ec.europa.eu (functional inbox of the recruiting unit) indicating the selection reference DG/COM/2024/2033 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 French, as 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.