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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](#).



Economic Analyst – Desk officer Hungary

DG for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission

Selection reference: ECFIN/COM/2024/1944

Domain: Economics

Where: Unit F.4 – “Hungary, Slovenia”, Brussels

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

Grade: AD 5-8

Publication deadline: 30.10.2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

The overall objective of Unit F.4 in DG ECFIN is to contribute to enhancing the economic performance of the Union through policy coordination and surveillance of the economies of Hungary and Slovenia. The unit monitors, analyses and forecasts economic and budgetary developments in these Member States in the context of the Stability and Growth Pact, the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure and the European Semester and develops policy guidance and recommendations. In addition, the unit monitors the monetary policy in Hungary and the progress toward the fulfilment of convergence criteria for the adoption of the euro. In carrying out these tasks, the unit engages in analytical work on policy-relevant economic issues and outreach in terms of publications, seminars, workshops and conferences.

The unit also acts in close cooperation with the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (SG RECOVER) to support these two Member States in the design and implementation of their national recovery and resilience plans. It also monitors and assesses these Member States' progress towards delivering the reforms and investments contained in these plans.

Unit F.4 works closely with the other country- and horizontal units of DG ECFIN, Commission services, national authorities and other EU and international institutions to carry out its responsibilities. The unit also engages with stakeholders and social partners in the Member States.

WE PROPOSE

Unit F.4 of DG ECFIN is seeking to hire an Economist for the Hungary desk to work in a friendly and dynamic working environment within a motivated team of 18-20 colleagues.

The successful candidate will contribute to the assessment of economic developments and policies and the identification of macro-economic, fiscal and structural challenges in Hungary, mainly focusing on macroeconomic aspects. Among others, s/he will contribute to preparing the regular



economic forecasts for Hungary.

The successful candidate will also contribute to the formulation of the Commission's stance on economic (policy) developments in Hungary, particularly in the context of the European Semester, Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure, Excessive Deficit Procedure and the Stability and Growth Pact. Another important workstrand is linked to monitoring, as part of the wider desk team, the implementation of Hungary's Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP).

To fulfil the work assignments and ensure effective coordination and good relations, the successful candidate will co-operate closely with colleagues in the Directorate-General, both within the Unit/Directorate and with horizontal units, as well as with other Commission services (notably, SG RECOVER for the work related to the European Semester and the RRF/RRP). S/he will have regular contacts and exchanges of information with the national authorities, economic and social stakeholders in Hungary, and other international organisations, regarding economic developments and policy. S/he will participate in regular economic surveillance missions (either physically to the country or remotely).

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for an economist with robust analytical skills and experience in macroeconomic forecasting and/or economic policy advice. Good knowledge of statistical and econometric methods and familiarity with statistical sources are particularly valuable for this position. Familiarity with the European Semester, Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure and the Recovery and Resilience Facility would be an asset. Very good communication and drafting skills are required. Very good command of English, the main working language in the unit, is necessary. Knowledge of the Hungarian language would be an asset.

The candidate will be a dynamic, motivated and well-organised person that has the ability to perform multiple tasks and to adjust to changing priorities. As our success relies on excellent teamwork, s/he must be able to work constructively and communicate efficiently as team member.



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 ECFIN-F.4-RECRUITMENT@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference **ECFIN/COM/2024/1944** 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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