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- [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](#).



Project Officer

DG JRC of the European Commission

Selection reference: JRC/COM/2024/2174

Domain: Science and Research

Where: Unit JRC.E.2 - „Space, Connectivity and Economic Security“, Ispra

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

Grade: AD 5-7

Publication deadline: 31/10/2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

The DG Joint Research Centre's (DG JRC) provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting European Union (EU) policies to positively impact society. The DG JRC is located on six sites: Brussels (Headquarters - B), Geel (B), Ispra (IT), Karlsruhe (DE), Petten (NL) and Seville (ES). Further information is available at: <http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

The vacancy is in the Directorate for Societal Resilience and Security and more specifically in the Space, Connectivity and Economic Security Unit.

The Directorate works on science for policy challenges in the areas of space, security and migration and, thus, contributes to the political priorities of the Commission to improve societal resilience and security in a changing geopolitical context. Areas of work in the Directorate include crisis management and anticipating future risks; strategic infrastructures; enhancing sovereignty in emerging and critical technologies for space and security; safety and sustainability of the built environment, and trends in migration and population dynamics in a socio-economic framework.

The Unit's mission is to foster EU's resilience and economic security by enhancing the resilience of strategic space-based and terrestrial connectivity infrastructures, services and underlying critical technologies. The unit does this through research leveraging world class experimental infrastructure, assessing current and emerging technological trends as well as anticipating the geopolitical security landscape including hybrid threats, analysing strategic dependencies and further developing the Observatory of Critical Technologies.

The post is located in Ispra, Italy.

The jobholder will conduct and coordinate scientific and technical support, including laboratory activities, in the field of Galileo Public Regulated Service (PRS) technology.

WE PROPOSE

The jobholder will conduct and coordinate research and laboratory activities on Galileo Public Regulated Service (PRS), with particular emphasis on laboratory and experimental activities related with Galileo PRS user segment, Galileo PRS test vectors definition and validation, Galileo PRS testing and simulation activities as well as Galileo PRS mission definition, including Galileo 2nd



Generation.

All those activities are performed in the context of the JRC support activities on the EU GNSS programme, and more specifically on PRS supporting DG DEFIS and EUSPA.

The candidate will also coordinate the development, operation and maintenance of a classified facility established at the JRC Ispra dedicated to Galileo PRS experimental activities. The candidate should coordinate the team working on Galileo PRS activities at the JRC Ispra.

The Project Officer will perform both scientific work and project management tasks.

S/he is expected to perform research and publish high level strategic documents, guidance material and technical reports on relevant topics.

S/he is also expected to support the coordination of the scientific and policy support activities that JRC is performing under the EU Space Programme, and specifically on Galileo PRS. This includes interactions with policy DGs, starting with DG DEFIS, with agencies such as the European Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), the European Space Agency (ESA), as well as Member States, both from national Competent PRS Authorities (CPAs) and relevant industries.

WE LOOK FOR

The job requires a strong background in the field of satellite navigation, with specific focus, knowledge and relevant experience with Galileo PRS service and PRS technology, as well as experience on PRS laboratory activities.

Specific experience is required also on PRS signal and PRS test vectors definition. Strong background on GNSS technology, GNSS laboratory activities and conduct of experimental activities related with GNSS are an essential qualifier.

The jobholder shall meet all the necessary security requirements, including holding an EU security clearance at the level of EU Secret Crypto. The candidate must demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to communicate technical information to both scientific audience and to policy makers or non-experts, as well as a proactive attitude to networking.

The following elements will be evaluated:

- A Master's degree or equivalent relevant professional experience is a must
- At least 8 years of working experience in the relevant technical fields (GNSS technology, Galileo PRS, GNSS testing and simulation, PRS test vectors, PRS technology) is a must;
- Familiarity with EU policies and technical documentation related with Galileo PRS, as well as with the relevant stakeholders in the specific field of PRS service is considered a strong asset
- Excellent command of English (C1) as well as very good command of another EU official language
- Security clearance at the level of EU SECRET CRYPTO



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 HR-JRC-OFFICIALS-TEMPORARY-AGENTS-SELECTION@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference JRC/COM/2024/2174 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. Candidates are required to undergo a security vetting that is conducted with the national administration of the Member State.

➤ **Type of contract and working conditions**

The place of employment will be in **Ispira**.

In case the successful candidate is an external candidate, s/he will be engaged as a **temporary agent under Article 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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