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



Legislative officer

DG Competition of the European Commission

Selection reference: COMP/COM/2024/2560

Domain: LAW

Where: Unit D.1 – Antitrust: Payment Systems, Brussels

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

Grade: AD 5-8

Publication deadline: 07/01/2025 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

Our team is responsible for enforcing EU antitrust rules in the financial services sector, with a focus on payment systems. In addition to investigative work that can result in prohibition and/or commitment decisions, we promote advocacy within the sector, so that regulation can take into account competition law objectives and competition principles become central to undertakings' conduct and compliance programs. We cooperate closely with national competition and regulatory authorities and through the European Competition Network's financial services payments subgroup.

The financial sector has a rich regulatory background and evolves at a fast pace, also due to the digital transitions. These features make antitrust enforcement in this sector all the more relevant, intellectually challenging and varied. Past completed cases from our unit include i.a. the Visa/Mastercard inter-change fees cases and the Apple Pay case, where we recently adopted commitments.

We are a small and dynamic team that is working in an integrated manner together with unit D2 (which is focused on capital markets, insurance and banking). We value and encourage team-work, information sharing, and open discussions. Our objective is to create a collaborative working environment that is stimulating, productive and fulfilling.

WE PROPOSE

A position as an AD official in a highly interesting and rewarding working environment.

The main priority is case-work, which involves the legal and economic assessment of the conduct of undertakings with a view to investigating and addressing potential breaches of EU competition rules. This work necessitates ongoing interactions with parties to the investigation and their legal representatives, third parties and national competition authorities, as well as other European and national supervisory authorities. It also entails close collaboration with the internal policy, Chief Economist and Legal Service teams as well as with other Commission Services such as the DG for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (FISMA) and with other institutions such as the European Central Bank. The preparation of briefings and replies to Members of the European Parliament and citizens regarding this high-profile sector also forms part of the day-to-day work. We promote an autonomous and



collaborative way of working in the unit, therefore, the position has concrete scope for professional and personal development.

The unit is dynamic, motivated and has a very good working atmosphere with a friendly and cooperative work environment. We have a well-structured organisation to support new members of staff and to execute tasks in the most efficient way. We firmly believe that a positive and result oriented working climate is facilitated by the possibility for unit members to find a good balance between private and professional life.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a dynamic professional with a solid background either in law or economics, and ideally with experience in applying competition law and policy principles. The job requires very good analytical, drafting and oral communication skills in English. Knowledge of other EU languages would be an asset. The ideal candidate should have the ability to deliver quality output and combine team spirit with a strong sense of initiative and responsibility to work also independently, sometimes under tight deadlines.

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 COMP-TA-APPLICATION@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference COMP/COM/2024/2560 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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