



MAKE A DIFFERENCE – JOIN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Do you want to help shape the future of the European Union? Make the planet greener, promote a fairer society, or support businesses and innovation across the EU? Then come and work for the European Commission where you can really make a difference!

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, backgrounds, languages and cultures make the Commission a vibrant and inclusive place to work.

WE OFFER GREAT JOBS AND GREAT WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Interesting and challenging positions with plenty of opportunities for training and acquiring new skills and competencies throughout your whole career
- Opportunities to try several areas of move between different policy your career
- A package of flexible working conditions including the possibility of teleworking – we care about your work-life balance
- A competitive financial package, including comprehensive healthcare, accident and pension schemes
- A multilingual, multicultural workplace where personal and career development are strongly promoted
- Multilingual schools for your children

We recruit from a wide range of backgrounds and actively promote diversity and inclusion:

We do not only recruit political scientists and lawyers but are also looking for all kinds of profiles, including scientists, linguists, IT experts, data analysts and economists, as well as drivers and engineers.

We are committed to equal opportunities and to fostering a rich, diverse and inclusive working environment. We aim for our workforce to be representative of European society and strongly welcome applications from all qualified candidates. We actively seek to create a workplace where each staff member feels valued and respected, can give their best and can develop to their full potential.



To promote diversity and establish a geographically balanced pool of candidates, we strongly encourage applicants from Member States which are currently underrepresented in the European Commission workforce to apply. These Member States are currently Austria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Netherlands, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and Sweden¹. Recruitment will however remain strictly based on the merits of all applicants and no positions will be reserved for nationals of any specific Member State.

STAFF RECRUITED ON CONTRACTS

In addition to permanent officials, the European Commission offers non-permanent positions. 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](#)

¹ Please note that the list of underrepresented Member States may be subject to future amendment based on potential data changes over time.



POLICY OFFICER

DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS and INCLUSION

European Commission

Job title: Policy Officer

Domain: Social Affairs

Where: Unit EMPL, D.1 - "Social Policies, Child Guarantee, SPC", Brussels

Function Group: FG IV

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 15.05.2025 - 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

WE ARE

The Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion DG pursues policy, legislative and financial initiatives to build a competitive social market economy in the EU by shaping and promoting a modern European social model. Through the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and with the help of EU funds, it aims to create more and better jobs, promote skills, improve the functioning of the labour markets and fight poverty and social exclusion.

The D.1 unit's objective is to contribute to strengthening the social dimension of Europe and achieve social fairness. Its mission is to provide guidance to the Member States on social policies and to develop actions at EU-level aimed at fighting poverty (including child poverty) and exclusion. We are responsible for initiatives covering minimum income, child guarantee, access to essential services, homelessness and distributional impact assessment. We ensure Commission's contributions to the Social Protection Committee and its Indicators Sub-Group. Lastly, the unit manages several social innovation projects and analytical studies.

We are a team of devoted professionals that aims to advance a modern European social model – all this in an enjoyable working atmosphere and with good team spirit!

WE PROPOSE

We propose a challenging position to follow up and implement Commission work on minimum income, as per the principle 14 of the Pillar. The Council recommendation on adequate minimum income ensuring active inclusion sets a number of ambitious goals in relation to the adequacy of benefits, labour market activation and social inclusion. To this end, the candidate will work with a network of experts of the Member States, civil society and other stakeholders to support the implementation of this Recommendation. S/he will provide for analytical underpinning for the file, for example developing further the relevant benchmarking framework or draft a joint report of the Commission and the Social Protection Committee on minimum income.



The candidate will also contribute to the Commission's work aimed at supporting the access of the most vulnerable to essential services (including water, sanitation, energy, transport, financial services and digital communications). In this context, s/he will be in close contact with other Commission services.

The position requires frequent contacts with other Units and Directorates and with external stakeholders, including the representatives of the Member States, the Council, and civil society. S/he will also give presentations and running workshops or seminars. The candidate will also manage projects and contracts to support his/her work.

WE LOOK FOR

We look for an experienced economic and policy officer passionate about social Europe with creative thinking and drive. The candidate will have a sound knowledge of the social policy agenda of the Commission. S/he will have at least 2 years of experience with social, employment or economic policies. Direct experience with policy and legal initiatives and the EU or Member State level is an asset: For example, having participated in the drafting of an impact assessment or in a legislative process. S/he is expected to have a strong analytical background and be able to work with statistical data and reports. In particular, experience with EU wide analytical frameworks (e.g. EU SILC) is an asset.

The candidate should have experience with working with various stakeholders (national or EU authorities, international organisations, civil society organisations, academics/think tanks, etc.).

Ability to communicate fluently in English both orally and in writing is an asset; high level drafting skills are essential.

Candidates must have strong organizational, delivery and communication skills and a pro-active and service-minded attitude, as well as sound policy judgement and intellectual curiosity.

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?

With a view to guaranteeing equal access to all, the Commission recruits from an open database of spontaneous applications. The present call for interests aims at helping the recruiters to identify potentially interested candidates within this database.

In practice, to express your interest, please follow the subsequent two steps:

1. If you are not registered yet in the open EPSO database, please do so at the following address: [CAST Permanent](#). Please select under selection procedures for contract agent the CAST permanent profile that best suits your education and experience.
2. You should send your documents in a single pdf in the following order:
 1. your CV
 2. completed application form.

Please send these documents by the publication deadline to EMPL-DIRECTORATE-D-VACANCIES@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EMPL-2025-336606 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 contract 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 position;
- Produce the appropriate character references as to suitability for the performance of the duties.
- Have passed an EPSO CAST in the relevant Function Group for this position. At the stage of the application, it is sufficient to be registered in the [EPSO CAST](#) data base.

Qualifications:

- (a) Have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three 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.

Languages:

- have a thorough knowledge (minimum level C1) of one of the 24 official languages of the EU²
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)³ of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

➤ What about the selection steps?

The selecting unit chooses from the EPSO database⁴ candidates with the appropriate profile and invites them to an interview. For the interview a selection panel is set-up to assess the best

² 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).

³ For details on language levels, please see the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (<https://europa.eu/europass/cefr/>).

⁴ Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the level Function Group [IV], should register their profile at this [address](#).



candidates. Due to the large volume of applications that we may receive only candidates selected for the interview 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 provide documentary evidence in support of the statements made in the database and, where relevant, the call for interest.

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**.

The successful candidate will be engaged as a **contract agent under Article 3(b) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), in function group FG IV**. General information on Contract Agents can be found at this link.

The grade or proposed grade range, as well as the step in that grade, will be defined on the basis of the candidates' previous professional experience, in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2017\)6760](#) laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

The duration of the **first contract will be 1 year**. Subject to the interest of the service, the contract may be renewed one or more times up to a maximum duration of 6 years.

The duration of the renewal(s) will be defined according to the General Implementing Rules in force at that moment (currently, [Commission Decision C\(2017\)6760](#) on policies for the engagement and use of contract agents).

Contract agents recruited in Function Group IV 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.