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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.



Legal Officer

in the Paymaster Office (PMO) of the European Commission

Job title: Legal Officer

Domain: Law

Where: Unit PMO.8 – “General Affairs”, Brussels

Function Group: FG IV

Contract Type: 3a

Express your interest until: 14.10.2025 - 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

WE ARE

The core business of the PMO (Paymaster Office or Office for the administration and payment of individual entitlements) is to provide a high-quality and user-friendly service to beneficiaries by promptly and accurately managing, determining and paying individual rights and expenses (e.g., salaries, pensions, sickness insurance reimbursements and mission expenses).

Within the PMO, Unit PMO.8 “General Affairs” is in charge of a host of horizontal matters: Legal and Procurement, Knowledge Management and Communication, Human Resources and Internal Control. The mission of this unit is to coordinate and contribute to PMO’s strategic vision for the future, ensure oversight, audit and control of PMO’s operational activities and soundly and efficiently manage PMO’s horizontal activities.

The main tasks of the PMO Legal Team are to:

- Provide legal advice, assistance and support to the PMO management and to the teams and individual desk officers within the PMO units who manage the various financial benefits;
- Ensure close cooperation and dialogue with the competent Commission services in the areas of responsibility of the PMO (notably the Legal Service (LS), and the Directorate General Human Resources and Security (DG HR));
- Follow up on administrative procedures, such as complaints under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations, requests for access to documents or personal data, as well as complaints submitted with the European Ombudsman (EO) or European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS);
- Ensure the correct implementation of the data protection Regulation.

WE PROPOSE

Unit PMO.8 is seeking to hire a Legal Officer as a member of the Legal team who will be in charge of the follow up of legal issues and requests related to the various competences of the PMO which are submitted to the Legal Team or for which its assistance is requested.



The position will consist of the following tasks:

- Analyse and deal with legal issues concerning the areas of activity of the PMO in particular in relation to the entry into service rights (including expatriation allowance), annual travel expenses and end of service rights.
- Proactively analyse new guidelines, case law, procedures and legal documents applicable to the work of PMO and suggest actions/solutions to be implemented.
- Draft briefing notes, documents and/or presentations on these issues.
- Deal with requests at the pre-contentious stage, examination of draft replies to complaints under Article 90 of the Staff Regulations as well as complaints lodged with the European Ombudsman, in collaboration with other Commission services as appropriate.
- Collaborate with DG HR, the Legal Service as well as with HR and legal services of other institutions and agencies.
- Participate in negotiations and meetings.

The selected colleague might also be requested to work elsewhere in the PMO depending on the needs of the service.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a solid team member with good inter-personal relation skills and a strong sense of service with the following qualifications:

- Strong experience in administrative law at EU and / or national level.
- Excellent skills in legal analysis.
- Due to the nature of the tasks, a good command of English and French is required.
- Excellent organizational capabilities, ability to meet tight deadlines and attention to details.
- Aptitude to deal with sensitive and confidential information.
- Good political and diplomatic sense.
- Ability to demonstrate flexibility and initiative.
- Ability to communicate clearly and proactively in French and English on the subjects managed by the team and to react openly and constructively to complex issues and requests.
- Ability to listen to people to understand and manage complex requests.
- Understanding of the EU Staff Regulations and Conditions of Employment of Other Agents would be an asset.

The candidates are susceptible when needed by the service to provide support to other Sectors.



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 PMO-PUBLICATIONS-AC@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC/2025/PMO/445555 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://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>).



candidates. Due to the large volume of applications that we may receive only candidates selected for the interview will be notified.

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(a) 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**. The contract may be renewed in the interest of the service for a definite duration. If a second renewal of the contract is in the interest of the service, the contract will be for an indefinite duration.

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.

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



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.