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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 or move between different policy areas in 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 Sweden. 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.

For more information ec.europa.eu/work-with-us

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](#)



Legal officer

in DG HOME of the European Commission

Job title: Legal officer

Domain: Migration and Home Affairs

Where: Unit A4 - „ Legal Affairs, Brussels

Function Group: FG IV

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 31/10/2025 - 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

WE ARE

The Directorate-General for Migration & HOME Affairs is in charge of developing and implementing the EU policy in the areas of migration and asylum, border management and Schengen and the internal security of the EU.

The Unit A4 in charge of legal affairs provides advice and assistance on a variety of legal issues relating to DG HOME activities.

The unit's activities include: steering and coordinating the implementation of EU law by providing sectoral and horizontal legal advice to units across the DG, including infringement procedures; providing advice on and ensuring a coherent approach by the DG to access to documents requests and in the management of expert groups; ensuring compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the DG's input to the Commission's equality agenda.

The unit assists in the preparation of the DG's input to the Legal Service regarding ongoing proceedings before the Court of Justice of the EU, and reports on relevant judgments of the Court of Justice of the EU and the European Court of Human Rights. Unit A4 is also responsible for coordinating the DG's activities in relation to the United Kingdom (UK) as well as the discussions on innovative solutions to counter irregular migration.

WE PROPOSE

We offer a challenging job for a legal officer that would among other be responsible for:

- providing clear, timely legal advice and assistance relating to the whole range of DG HOME activities in the internal working languages of the Commission (English, French and German).
- advising on matters related to implementing and delegated acts, as well as coordinating the management of expert groups and comitology committees.
- coordinating DG contribution to the Commission's work on simplification, implementation and enforcement including the coordination of the Annual progress report.



- following the development in the area of data protection and justice matter in general.
- contributing to or leading on the preparation of briefings that require to translate into clear language, including in German, complex legal issues.
- analysing information on the HOME-relevant activities of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a dynamic and committed lawyer with at least 3/4 years of professional experience. S/he will be a service and result-oriented professional, with excellent skills in legal analysis and a team player, willing to take initiatives and with a high sense of responsibility.

S/he should have the capacity to work efficiently and flexibly under the pressure of strict deadlines, as well as demonstrate excellent legal drafting and communication skills.

Knowledge of the legal framework for which the DG is responsible as well as on data protection/justice matters would be an asset. Enthusiasm to work in a politically sensitive environment would also be welcome.

S/he should be able to identify and understand the legal and political issues at stake, while being open-minded to different legal interpretations, think strategically when it comes to the priorities and tasks of the DG, be rigorous in legal analysis and present arguments with logic and accuracy.

S/he will also need to demonstrate good inter-personal and coordination skills and be able to interact with units and directorates at different levels of hierarchy and with the other services of the Commission.

Proficiency in English and German is essential.

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 HOME-A4-HR@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC-2025-HOME-491140 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 EU¹
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)² 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).

² 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>).



➤ **What about the selection steps?**

The selecting unit chooses from the EPSO database³ candidates with the appropriate profile and invites them to an interview. For the interview a selection panel is set-up to assess the best 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).

³ Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the level Function Group [IV], should register their profile at this [address](#).



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.