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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.



Policy Officer

in DG RTD – European Commission

Job title: Policy Officer

Domain: SCIENCE and RESEARCH

Where: Unit RTD.A.5 – Innovation Policy and Access to Finance, Brussels

Function Group: FG IV

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 27 October 2025 - 12:00 (noon, Brussels time)

WE ARE

Unit RTD.A.5 “Innovation Policy and Access to Finance” is in charge of steering the development and implementation of the Union’s policy for innovation, including through the European Innovation Act, innovation procurement policies, as well as access to finance for innovative companies. It designs, implements and monitors policy and legislative actions to remove bottlenecks to innovation and access to finance, including through favourable framework conditions, and to strengthen and better connect innovation ecosystems at all levels.

It organises the work of the European Innovation Council Forum, with a view to facilitate the coordination of pro innovation policy initiatives between Member States, Associated Countries and the European Union.

The unit oversees the implementation of InvestEU, including through ensuring the chairmanship of the Research, Innovation and Digitisation Window, coordinates the relationship between DG RTD and the European Investment Bank Group and advises other units in DG RTD on the conception, development and implementation of financial instruments supporting innovation.

Finally, the unit contributes to the strategic planning of Horizon Europe in particular by overseeing the preparation of the European Innovation Ecosystems Work Programme. In respect of this Work Programme, the Unit is responsible for managing the relation between the Commission and the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) and for ensuring monitoring and supervision of the work of EISMEA at operational level.

The unit is composed of 18 staff members.

WE LOOK FOR

If you are interested in supporting policy making and implementation in a groundbreaking area with significant economic and societal impact, linked to the Union's top priorities, this position is for you. We offer a highly interesting position in a friendly and motivating environment, a real opportunity to demonstrate high level of pro-activeness through a variety of tasks and possibilities for personal development.



Your responsibilities would include policy design and development in relation to financial instruments, in particular InvestEU (including Policy Dialogues and Advisory Hub), contributions to the Commission's participation to the EIF Board and designing and organising a structured dialogue with the EIB (European Investment Bank) Group. You may also be asked to represent R&I priorities in access to finance related files under the lead of other Commission services, such as the Savings and Investment Union and the European Competitiveness Fund.

The ideal candidate should have a:

- sense of initiative and flexibility and strong sense of commitment and service towards the Commission;
- confirmed capacity to work on different issues, to deal with high workload and deliver quality work under often tight deadlines;
- problem solving and decision-making skills;
- ability to analyse complex situations in a systematic and well-structured way, both from the strategic and operational perspective, to come to sound conclusions and make appropriate recommendations;
- excellent written and oral communication skills in order to communicate efficiently and fluently with internal and external stakeholders.

Knowledge or experience in one or more of the following fields would be an asset:

- development and implementation of innovation policy;
- a solid and proven knowledge of innovative finance and financial instruments supporting innovation;
- experience in collaboration with other services of the Commission, with Member States and with financial institutions, including the EIB Group.

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 RTD-A5-CA-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference **EC/2025/RTD/423002** 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.

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/cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>).



➤ **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 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).

⁴ 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.