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

WE OFFER GREAT JOBS AND GREAT WORKING CONDITIONS:

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- Opportunities to move between different policy areas throughout your career
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- A competitive financial package, including comprehensive healthcare, accident and pension schemes
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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.

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](#)

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



Case Handler Officer

DG COMP of the European Commission

Selection reference: COMP/COM/2025/2036

Domain: Law

Where: COMP.F.4 Mergers, Brussels

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b

Grade range: AD5-7

Publication deadline: 15.10.2025 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

Unit COMP.F.4 is responsible for the control of concentrations (merger control) in Directorate F: Transport, Post and other services of DG Competition (DG COMP); for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating competition policies and legislation in the field of transport and other services sectors; and for coordination, negotiation, and representation, including at international level, of competition policy in the field of transport and other services sectors.

Transport and logistics are part and parcel of all economic activities and directly affect the prices of goods at different levels of the value chains. Ensuring competitive market structures in these industries therefore contributes to the performance of the overall economy and is essential to protect the interests of European consumers.

A core task of our unit is the assessment of mergers in the sector of air, water, land transport, logistics and related services – among them chiefly the container shipping and airline sectors. In addition, we deal with mergers in a large number of other service industries which includes for instance the hospitality and tourism sector, the real estate sector, and the new mobility and e-mobility sectors.

In recent years, the unit handled cases at the cutting edge of EU merger control enforcement, for example Booking/Etraveli and Naspers/Just Eat Takeaway.com, as well as transactions with a broad impact on European consumers and the European economy, such as Lufthansa/MEF/ITA, IAG/Air Europa, Korean Air/Asiana, Air Canada/Transat in the airline and travel sectors and MSC/HGV/HHLA, Maersk/ Senator and Hapag-Lloyd/Eurogate/Terminal Wilhelmshaven in the container shipping and ports sectors.

We are a relatively young team composed of 14 case handlers responsible for investigating cases and drafting decisions, 4 case assistants responsible for secretarial and organizational support, usually 2 trainees and 2 case managers coordinating the case work. The unit is part of DG COMP's Merger Network, whose mission is to enforce merger control rules at EU level across the whole economy.

WE PROPOSE

The Unit F4 is seeking to hire an AD case handler. The work consists of (i) investigating cases and



drafting decisions for the Commission on concentrations; (ii) developing policy and legislation in the field of competition enforcement in transport and other services; (iii) implementing, monitoring and evaluating existing competition policies and legislation in transport and other services; (iv) coordination, negotiation, and representation, including at international level, of competition policy in transport and other services.

On merger cases, case handlers work in teams composed of at least two case handlers, a case assistant and a case manager. The teams carry out a legal and economic assessment of the likely impact of a concentration on competition. Case handler work includes meetings with the parties and their lawyers, site visits, review of internal strategy documents, market investigations on the basis of questionnaires, interviews with customers, suppliers and competitors, cooperation with competition authorities in other jurisdictions (e.g. the US or China), as well as contacts with regulatory bodies. Case handlers are also responsible for ensuring that procedures are correctly applied, preparing negotiations with the parties and drafting the final Commission decisions.

On policy and legislative issues in the transport and other services sectors, case handlers work in close cooperation with other units of the Directorate and other colleagues of DG Competition. They develop the Commission position and make suggestion to improve the Commission competition policy framework.

In addition to their work for unit COMP.F.4, case handlers may be asked to work on mergers in other sectors within DG Competitions merger network, to draft speeches and briefings or to participate in cross-unit working groups on policy issues and legislation.

Case handler work is dynamic, varied and interesting. A case handler may be involved in up to 20 different cases per year in addition to policy work.

WE LOOK FOR

The ideal profile for the job is an experienced, curious, dynamic individual with lots of common sense, who enjoys a fast-paced working environment. Strong analytical and proven drafting skills are a requisite, together with a sense of initiative and the ability to deliver output within tight deadlines. The candidate must also be open-minded and a real team player and have a track record of passing on her/his knowledge and experience to other colleagues. A background in law or economics is highly desirable, a significant working experience in merger control in private practice or at an economic consultancy would be a strong comparative advantage. A very good command of English, both written and oral, is essential, a good knowledge of German and/or Italian would be an asset.

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?

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 COMP-TA-APPLICATION@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference COMP/COM/2025/2036 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 for 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 EU²
- 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.

➤ What about the selection steps?

The post was published internally within the Commission, inter-institutionally, and brought to the attention of competition laureates.

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).



In accordance with Article 29 of the Staff Regulations, applications from Commission officials, officials from other Institutions, and laureates of competitions have priority³. If these candidates do not best fit the requirements for the position, the Commission can recruit a temporary agent.

A selection panel will choose a limited number of candidates for interview, based on the CV and application form 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 another 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 **Brussels**.

In case the successful candidate is not an official or a competition laureate, they will be recruited as a **temporary agent under Article 2(b) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), in function groups AD.**

³ Officials from the Commission or other Institutions are invited to use the standard channels (Sysper or inter-institutional vacancy portal).



➤ **Grade**

The recruitment grade, as well as the step in that grade, will be determined in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2025\)4716](#) on policies for the engagement and use of temporary agents and with [Commission Decision C\(2013\)8970](#) laying down the criteria applicable to classification in step on engagement.

The recruitment grade will be calculated based on the qualifications and the number of years of professional experience, according to Art. 13 of the Commission Decision C(2025)4716. Higher grades may be granted exceptionally.

The duration of the **1st contract will be of 1 to 4 years**. The contract might then be extended only once for a maximum of 2 years and in the interest of service, in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2025\)4716](#) 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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