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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 ATTRACTIVE WORKING CONDITIONS AND MUCH MORE:

- 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](#)



EXTERNAL AUDITOR

DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

European Commission

Job title: External Auditor – Policy Officer

Domain: European Public Administration

Where: Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion (DAC), Brussels

Function Group: FG IV

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 20.01.2026- 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

The Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion (Direction d'audit de la Cohésion - DAC) provides assurance and audit results to both Directors-General - of DG EMPL and DG REGIO - for all funds under Cohesion policy as well as indirect and direct management. The DAC is entrusted to test the effectiveness of management and control systems, ensure the respect of applicable rules for all programmes. These are key factors that will contribute to the success and good reputation of the Funds.

Unit DAC.7 is a single audit coordination unit for both DGs. The core mission is the methodological support on audit matters to the operational audit units of the DAC and the Member States' audit authorities. Moreover, it includes the high-level reporting on audit activities of the DAC (including the contribution on audit assurance to the Annual Activity Reports of the two DGs), the relations with the European Court of Auditors on assurance and performance, including the discharge process. The unit also deals with matters of anti-fraud and relations with OLAF and EPPO.

WE PROPOSE

The successful candidate will contribute to

- Coordinate the different audits performed by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) involving Cohesion policy, and in particular the SCF. Contribute to the Commission's replies to the related ECA audit reports in consultation with other units of the DAC and DG EMPL.
- Participate in formal adversarial meetings with the ECA on their draft reports. Reply to related interservice consultations and follow-up accordingly. Assist the senior management during the presentation of those reports by the ECA before other institutions (Parliament and Council). Contribute to relevant notes for the communication units.
- Contribute to the discharge process by analysing the ECA annual reports for Cohesion policy, preparing and coordinating Commission's replies (in particular in relation to SCF).
- Participate in meetings, in relation to the assurance (DAS) and the discharge process
- Prepare briefings for the Director of DAC and the Director General of EMPL as well as for the relevant Commissioners' hearings in preparation for the annual assurance and discharge process, in particular in relation to SCF issues. Contribute to the Commission's replies to



written questions ahead and after discharge hearings.

- Contribute to the timely monitoring and follow-up of recommendations issued in ECA reports as well as discharge recommendations issued by the Council and the Parliament. Coordinate and liaise with units concerned for ECA follow-up engagements
- On procedural aspects, act as the DAC contact point to cabinets and BUDG for all audit issues and discharge process relating to SFC issues more specifically. Contribute, based on expertise acquired through ECA audits and discharge, to the SCF audit-related methodologies and guidance for the use of the DAC auditors and Member States.
- Contribute to the drafting of the Annual Activity Report on ECA audits and discharge issues relating to the SCF. Ensure proper cooperation with the ECA and discharge bodies on audit issues related to the SCF. Attend all relevant meetings with the ECA, assisting auditees and coordinating with other DGs and services involved. Contribute to cooperation actions initiated by the DAC to align audit methodologies between the different stakeholders including the ECA, in particular on SCF related issues.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for highly motivated, results-oriented and proactive candidates with an audit experience, or an initial background or experience in legal analysis, programme / project management, implementation of EU or sector-specific policies.

Candidates should have confirmed strong analytical skills and a solid understanding of EU funding instruments, preferably through work experience linked with auditing EU funds or practical implementation of relevant policy areas.

The future colleagues are expected to have good analytical and organisation skills, a good sense of initiative and responsibility as well as good communication skills. They must be good team players, be able to quickly identify key issues and deliver quality outputs. As regards languages, (almost) fluency in at least one EU language other than English is a clear advantage as well as a good capacity to work and draft in English.



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 EC-DAC7-SECRETARIAT@ec.europa.eu, indicating the call for interest reference **EC-2026-EMPL-469076** in the subject
Contact: Agnieszka Krolikowska, Head of Unit
REGIO.EMPL.DAC.7, Agnieszka.KROLIKOWSKA@ec.europa.eu

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:

- 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 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 of 1 year**. Subject to the interest of the service, the contract can be extended to a maximum duration of 6 years.

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

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.