



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE – JOIN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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 move between different policy areas throughout 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<sup>1</sup>. 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](http://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](#)

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



# International Relations Officer

## Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) of the European Commission

**Job title:** International Relations Officer

**Domain:** External relations

**Where:** Unit FPI.5 – “Regulatory Foreign Policy Instruments & Coordination”, Brussels

**Function Group:** IV

**Contract Type:** 3b

**Express your interest until:** 23/01/2026 - 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

### WE ARE

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FPI staff around the globe are proud of the work that they are achieving and have a strong sense of purpose and motivation. They take, and value, a high level of personal responsibility. A policy-driven approach, a focus on priorities, solutions and impact, combined with a welcoming and supporting atmosphere, are part of the service’s corporate culture. The service promotes professionalism and teamwork, encourages commitment and promotes respect. It also seeks to embed trust and fairness while prioritising effective communication at all levels.

The Service reports directly to the High Representative / Vice-President (HR/VP). The Service works in close cooperation with the other Commission services, as well as with the European External Action Service (EEAS), both in headquarters and in delegations.

Within the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, FPI.5 ensures policy coordination and the implementation of regulatory foreign policy instruments managed by FPI.

FPI.5 coordinates and prepares the Service’s input into briefings on foreign policy as well as for the relevant project groups of Commissioners dealing with external relations. The Unit also represents the Service in the preparatory meetings for the Group for external coordination (EXCO) and the Group for Inter-institutional Relations (GRI).

FPI.5 enhances the visibility of FPI actions as part of wider efforts to communicate and showcase the EU’s external action in order to promote and enhance the EU’s leadership and influence in the world. FPI.5 co-manages the European Union Visitors’ Programme (EUVP) together with the European Parliament. The EUVP Team, which is located in FPI’s premises, consists of staff from both Institutions and is led by an official from the European Parliament.

The Unit provides legal advice to the Service, manages FPI’s anti-fraud strategy and contacts with OLAF, and coordinates access to documents, relations with the European Ombudsman cases and data protection.



The Unit ensures the Service's control framework design, assesses and reports on the effectiveness of the FPI control environment in accordance with the internal control principles and the risks identified taking into account the cost effectiveness of controls, and manages the Annual Audit plan of all FPI-managed on and off budget instruments/operations.

FPI.5 is the first point of entry for relations with the European Court of Auditors, European Peace Facility (EPF) College of Auditors and the Internal Audit Service.

## **WE PROPOSE**

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FPI.5 is seeking to hire an **International Relations Officer**.

We propose an attractive and engaging position with a particular responsibility for foreign policy regulatory instruments managed by FPI. These instruments are related to the Kimberly Process on conflict diamonds and to trade in goods which could be used for capital punishment or torture. The work involves participating in the relevant international fora (Kimberley Process and Global Alliance for torture free trade), participation in Kimberly Process peer review visits, legislative drafting, preparation of reports, international and inter-institutional negotiations and preparation of committee and expert group meetings.

The successful candidate will be part of a dynamic, friendly and motivated team with a strong emphasis on collaboration.

We offer:

- A dynamic and rewarding work environment focused on putting EU foreign policy into action
- A varied job carried out with a wide range of partners inside and outside the EU
- An opportunity to learn and grow in accordance with the needs of the job
- A strategic overview of FPI's regulatory instruments

## **WE LOOK FOR**

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We look for an experienced, dynamic, reliable, well-organised **International Relations Officer** with a good team spirit and excellent planning and coordination skills. The candidates should have an excellent understanding of international relations and a sense of diplomacy and perseverance to contribute to negotiations. They should also have excellent judgement and analytical skills and be able to work in a proactive and autonomous way, prioritising, organising and adjusting to multiple tasks even under tight deadlines. They should have excellent drafting skills (including legislative texts) and the capacity to deliver in a structured way with high quality. They should also have the ability to work with many different international actors on sensitive matters and under occasional pressure to tackle complex files with legal and/or political implications.

A positive and pro-active attitude, diplomatic skills, excellent writing and communication skills, strong inter-personal skills are also essential. Knowledge of the Commission's internal decision-



making procedures, drafting of legal texts and contributing to international or multilateral negotiations are considered as strong assets. The candidate should have at least two years of experience in international affairs. Experience in policy development and monitoring as well as in legal analysis and drafting is also an asset. The candidate should have a demonstrated capacity for sound political judgement and ability to take responsibilities in line with the requirements of the job.

An excellent knowledge of English is essential, and a good knowledge of French is an asset.

The candidate/job holder must either be a holder of a valid security clearance up to the level of "SECRET UE/EU SECRET" or be willing to undergo the national security vetting procedure (in order to be allowed to perform their job). Undergoing a HEAT-training (hostile environment awareness training) may be a prerequisite for participating in some missions.

## **HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?**

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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 [FPI-5-SELECTIONS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:FPI-5-SELECTIONS@ec.europa.eu) by indicating the call for interest reference EC/2026/FPI/453352 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:

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 EU<sup>2</sup>
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)<sup>3</sup> of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

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<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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 database<sup>4</sup> 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.

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



## **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. Candidates will be required to undergo a security vetting that is conducted with the national administration of the Member State.

### ➤ **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 2 years**. 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).

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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