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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 jobs 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 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

Directorate-General for Trade and Economic Security (DG TRADE) of the European Commission

Selection reference: TRADE/COM/2025/2904

Domain: External relations

Where: Unit TRADE.G.5 – “Investigations IV. Relations with third countries”, Brussels

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b – Administrator

Grade range: AD5-7

Publication deadline: 23.01.2026 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

DG Trade and Economic Security is in charge of leading the EU's common commercial policy, one of the exclusive competences of the EU. Trade policy plays a critical role in enhancing the EU's economic competitiveness, shaping globalisation, and defending the EU from unfair trade practices and threats to its economic security.

As an important part of its trade policy, the EU makes use of available autonomous tools such as the EU Trade Defence Instruments (TDIs) (anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguards). These tools protect our citizens and industries against unfair trade practices at international level – their increased use in recent years, in a changing global context, is a testimony of a more assertive European Union, necessary to put globalisation to good account and to ensure a level playing field in international trade.

The EU policy of TDIs and their implementation and execution are centralised in Directorate G of DG Trade and Economic Security, under the supervision of the Chief Trade Enforcement Officer. Unit G.5 is composed of 30 officials working in three different Sections. Two Sections are responsible for carrying out trade defence investigations against unfairly priced imports into the EU; a third Section is in charge of scrutinising third countries' trade defence actions against EU exports, assisting EU companies and Member States participate in such proceedings and implementing the EU safeguard policy.

WE PROPOSE

We offer a highly interesting and rewarding position as Case Handler in the Section that scrutinises third countries' trade defence actions against EU exports and implements the EU safeguard policy. As regards third country trade defence actions against EU exports, the selected candidate will monitor, gather information, analyse and prepare submissions to third country investigating



authorities, make representations in defence of EU interests and act as observer at third country verification visits in the EU. The position also entails drafting responses to anti-subsidy questionnaires regarding EU-funded programmes, coordinating responses prepared by Member States and industry, assessing merits of possible legal action against third country trade defence actions and contributing to WTO dispute settlement proceedings.

As regards safeguards, the jobholder will participate in the implementation of the EU's safeguards policy both internally and vis-à-vis third countries. This involves engagement with EU Member States and industry representatives regarding potential safeguard requests, conducting investigations, making recommendations to the hierarchy, drafting proposals for measures and managing procedural steps.

Extensive contacts with EU Member States, exporting producers and their legal representatives are important features of this job.

In this position, the selected candidate will see the results of his/her work in a very tangible manner, such as defending EU companies' ability to continue accessing key export markets and introducing border measures to help EU industry cope with damaging import surges. The position also offers a unique window into the details of how key industries operate in the global economy, and an excellent opportunity for professional and personal growth.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a dynamic colleague with a thorough practical understanding of the functioning of trade defence instruments, including direct experience in trade defence investigation procedures. Ideally, the job holder would have both a legal and economic training. Knowledge of taxation matters would also be an asset. The candidate should demonstrate an ability to scrutinise trade defence proceedings and to develop arguments for challenging legal, economic and procedural shortcomings in third country investigations against the EU industry. At least one year of professional experience in such tasks would be expected.

The candidate should also possess excellent analytical skills, a strong sense of initiative and the ability to work under pressure in conducting safeguard investigations and meeting strict legal deadlines on several third country investigations at the same time. Additionally, strong data analysis skills are essential. The candidate will work in a small team where sharing knowledge and workload is key. A very good command and drafting skills in English are required, with other EU languages or particularly Chinese being an asset.

In view of the specific requirements needed for the job, DG Trade and Economic Security provides a mandatory two-week introduction course on TDIs for new officials in Directorate G, and several other internal courses, including for the use of specific software, tailored to the needs of TDI staff.



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 TRADE-G5-AD-VACANCY@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference TRADE/COM/2025/2904 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:

FOR AD jobs: 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.

For temporary agents under Article 2(a) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), the post is published directly on the EPSO website, without mandatory prior internal publication.

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 group 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 up 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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