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 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 Sweden[1]. 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.

Planning and Programming Assistant

Directorate-General ESTAT of the European Commission

Selection reference: ESTAT/COM/2025/2854
Domain: Economics, Finance and Statistics
Where: Unit ESTAT.01 "Statistical Partnerships; Communication", Luxembourg
Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b/2d – Assistant
Grade range: AST1-3
Publication deadline: 27.03.2026 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

Eurostat, one of the Directorates-General of the European Commission, is the statistical office of the European Union. Eurostat's mission is to provide high quality statistics and data on Europe.
Eurostat co-ordinates statistical activities at Union level and more particularly inside the Commission.

Unit 01 "Statistical Partnerships; Communication" is responsible for:

- Providing strategic orientation for the external relations of Eurostat.
- Planning and coordinating the preparation of Eurostat's participation in international conferences and events, working groups and visits at international level.
- Supporting the activities of governance bodies in the European Statistical System (ESS) and act as interface between Eurostat and these structures (such as the European Statistical System Committee and the Partnership Group).
- Steering and coordinating inter institutional and external relations in the area of statistics.
- Providing relevant, timely, efficient internal and external communication.

WE PROPOSE

We propose an interesting position in the 'Statistical Partnerships" team of the unit that offers excellent visibility within the DG and the Commission and close and frequent contacts with the DG's senior hierarchy and Member States.
It is a dynamic post dealing with processes in European Statistical System meetings in a stimulating and dynamic working environment. The selected candidate would:

- Support the organisation of the ESSC (European Statistical System Committee) meetings, which take place three times a year, in Luxembourg and Member States, as well as other ESS-related meetings such as DGINS (Directors-General of the National Statistical Institutes), Partnership Group and high-level meetings/workshops of Directors Generals of NSIs.

- Communicate with Member States and EFTA countries, participants and speakers on various procedural aspects.
- Coordinate internal DG inputs and briefings for high level meetings which provides for prominent coordinating position within the DG.
- Deal with administrative, budgetary and organizational aspects as well as annual planning for ESSC/DGINS/Partnership Group.
- Be the ESS webmaster and deal with Unit's related web aspects, drafting of articles for Eurostat's Intranet and ensuring adequate communication and coordination channels with the ESS.
- Work in close cooperation with the Team Leader and the Head of Unit, while enjoying a wide range of autonomy for initiative and proposals.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a highly motivated, dynamic, thorough and result-oriented colleague with the following competencies:

- Experience in various organisational aspects of EC-related meetings – experience with comitology issues would be considered as an asset.
- Strong organisation skills and attachment to respecting and enforcing deadlines and procedures.
- Good communication skills and some experience in stakeholder outreach – strong inter-personal skills to interact with colleagues from other Eurostat units and Member States.
- Ability to work in a dynamic environment, team spirit, a curious and open mind, experience working with short deadlines, and high level of attention to detail.
- Good oral and written communication skills, to communicate efficiently and fluently with internal and external stakeholders.
- Ability to utilise digital collaboration tools, such as SharePoint Online and Microsoft Suites.
- Excellent knowledge of English is required.

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 ESTAT-HR-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference ESTAT/COM/2025/2854 in the subject.

No applications will be accepted after the publication deadline.

ANNEX

1. *Selection*

➢ Am I eligible to apply?

<u>You must meet the following eligibility criteria when you validate your application</u>:

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 post-secondary education attested by a diploma, or
- a level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education, and appropriate professional experience of at least three years.

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 EU[2]
- 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.

[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).

➢ What about the selection steps?

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

In accordance with Article 29 of the Staff Regulations, applications from Commission officials, officials from other Institutions, and laureates of competitions have priority[3]. 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 **Luxembourg**.

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)/2(d) of the** Conditions of Employment of Other Servants**, in function groups AST.**

[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.

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.