



## **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 stimulating 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, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Netherlands, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, 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.

## **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.



# Budget Officer

## in DG RTD – European Commission

**Job title:** Budget Officer

**Domain:** Research and Innovation

**Where:** Unit RTD G.5 – Common Budget Service, Brussels

**Function Group:** FG IV

**Contract Type:** 3b

**Express your interest until:** 28.05.2026- 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

### WE ARE

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The Common Budget Service (CBS) has been formally established by a Commission decision as the central budget unit for Horizon Europe. We play a pivotal role at the heart of the European Union's Research and Innovation (R&I) programmes (Horizon Europe and Euratom), within the Common Policy Centre. We are responsible for the strategic and collegiate management of the R&I budget, which totals over €100 billion for the period 2021-2027, making it the largest EU programme under direct management. Our team oversees the entire R&I budget, including contributions from associated countries, from preparation and allocation to distribution and monitoring, ensuring effective and efficient management throughout the programming cycle.

In close collaboration with policy Directorates-General (DGs) and Executive Agencies, we ensure that the R&I budget allocation aligns with the European Commission's priorities, and we strive for optimal budget execution. Furthermore, we support the financing of new EU initiatives that incorporate a research component and are actively involved in shaping the budget for the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034, including its R&I dimension.

### WE PROPOSE

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We offer a dynamic and impactful role as a Budget Officer within the Common Budget Service of DG Research and Innovation (RTD). In this position, you will serve as a Financial Initiating Agent, playing a pivotal role in managing funds for associated countries and the entire R&I administrative budget.

As a key member of our team, you will:

- Prepare and execute the calls for funds to associated countries, ensuring timely and compliant financial flows.
- Contribute to high-stakes negotiations with potential associated countries, focusing on financial terms and the implementation of association agreements—helping to expand and strengthen the EU's global R&I partnerships.



- Represent DG RTD in joint committee meetings (under the supervision of an official), engaging directly with representatives from associated countries to address financial matters and foster collaboration.

Beyond this, you will:

- Support the coordination and monitoring of the entire R&I administrative budget, ensuring resources are allocated efficiently and in line with strategic priorities.
- Align budgetary aspects of Work Programmes with the R&I Financial Programming, annual budgets, and policy decisions—bridging financial planning with the EU's broader research and innovation goals.
- Act as a trusted advisor to the Head of Unit, providing expert insights on financial and budgetary strategies to support decision-making.

This role demands close collaboration with a wide network of stakeholders, including other Directorates-General, Executive Agencies, central services, and international partners. Your ability to navigate complex financial landscapes while maintaining strong working relationships will be key to your success.

## **WE LOOK FOR**

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We're seeking a proactive, analytical, and service-oriented professional who thrives in a fast-paced, multicultural environment. The ideal candidate will bring:

- ✓ **Technical Proficiency**
  - A strong aptitude for working with figures, financial systems, and budgetary frameworks, preferably with experience in EU budget processes, and the Financial Regulation.
  - Knowledge of Horizon Europe and association agreements is a major advantage—your expertise will help shape how we engage with global partners.
- ✓ **Communication & Influence**
  - The ability to simplify complex financial concepts and present them clearly to diverse audiences, from technical teams to high-level stakeholders.
  - Good drafting skills for producing precise notes, reports, and financial analyses.
  - Fluency in English (the working language of the role), with excellent communication skills for engaging with associated countries and colleagues across the Commission.
- ✓ **Mindset & Approach**
  - A results-driven and service-oriented attitude, focused on delivering high-quality financial management while supporting the broader mission of DG RTD.
  - A collaborative spirit, with the ability to build and maintain strong relationships with internal and external partners.
  - High-level coordination skills, enabling you to work seamlessly across Directorates-General, Executive Agencies, and international representatives.

This is more than just a budgetary role—it's a chance to make a tangible impact on the EU's research and innovation landscape. You'll work at the heart of Horizon Europe, contributing to initiatives that drive scientific breakthroughs, foster international collaboration, and shape the future of European innovation.



If you're a financial/budget professional with a passion for R&I, eager to take on a role that combines technical rigour with strategic influence, we'd love to hear from you.

## **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 to [RTD-G5-CA-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-G5-CA-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu) by the publication deadline indicating the call for interest reference EC/2026/RTD/382671 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:

- (a) 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.

## **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 1 year**. 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).

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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: <https://eu-careers.europa.eu/en/Cast-Permanent>



Contract agents recruited in Function Group IV 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.