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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.



Laboratory Technician

Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) of the European Commission

Selection reference: JRC/COM/2026/1028

Domain: Science and Research

Where: Unit JRC.C.1 – Battery and Hydrogen Technologies Unit, Petten

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2d –Assistant

Grade range: AST1-3

Publication deadline: 27.05.2026 12:00 CET

WE ARE

As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies to positively impact society. We provide anticipatory capacity, solid expertise and ability to propose and implement interdisciplinary research. The activities are carried out in collaboration with relevant Commission Services, national and international organisations and stakeholders.

At the JRC we organise our work in portfolios which are the main building blocks of our multi-annual work programmes. The JRC is located in five Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). More information about the JRC and its portfolios can be found at: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/index_en

The vacancy is within Unit ‘Battery and Hydrogen Technologies’. We provide knowledge on batteries and hydrogen value chain to support their role in the transition towards a decarbonised European energy system. This work is based on results obtained from testing in own experimental facilities and on the collection and making sense of scientific and industrial data and technology monitoring and assessment.

Batteries are a key enabling technology for the energy transition. With our research, we help the Commission to prepare and implement EU policies, and we contribute to European and global standards and regulations. In the Battery Testing Laboratory (BESTEST) we carry out research on the safety and the performance of batteries for mobility and stationary storage applications, and investigate properties of materials, cells, modules and full systems. Tests are either performed in house or subcontracted to external laboratories.

For a virtual tour around the BESTEST lab please check the JRC visitors’ centre.

The job is located at the JRC site in Petten, the Netherlands



WE PROPOSE

A position for a capable and enthusiastic person with a technical profile who will work together with a team of engineers and scientists in the Battery Testing Laboratory (BESTEST).

You will support the battery safety team overseeing testing equipment, setting up tests and running experimental campaigns together with the scientific staff. This is a versatile job, involving:

- Preparing and executing tests, according to applicable requirements for safety, quality and environmental safeguard in laboratories.
- Maintaining equipment in good working state, planning instruments' calibration and maintenance, managing spare parts and ensuring good housekeeping.
- Organising and supervising technical interventions by external contractors for instrument maintenance/repair. Follow-up and monitoring the execution of equipment supply and service contracts.
- Proposing potential laboratory upgrades and contributing to procedures for acquisition of new equipment.

These tasks require regular presence on-site, above the mandatory 2 days per week. Inclusion in the laboratory standby duty team offers a pivotal role in emergency response, safeguarding the facility's operations, and requires availability for on call duty during weekends and holidays.

The working environment is technically challenging, safety oriented, dynamic and collaborative with a strong team spirit.

In addition, the JRC offers:

- Plenty of opportunities for training and acquiring new skills and competences throughout your whole career,
- A package of flexible working conditions – we care about your work-life balance,
- A multilingual, multicultural workplace where personal and career development are strongly promoted,
- Multilingual European School education for your children,
- A beautiful workplace, near the beach, in a Nature 2000 dune area with a convenient bus service connecting the JRC Petten site to the cities of Amsterdam and Alkmaar.

WE LOOK FOR

We look for a creative and proactive candidate with a technical profile, with a strong sense of responsibility and a practical 'hands on, sleeves up' and service-oriented attitude. We require:

- Finished secondary level education in a technical field, e.g. engineering (e.g. chemical/materials, electrical or mechanical), electronics, mechatronics or another relevant technical discipline.
- At least 2 years of experience in a technical support function.
- Ability to understand technical drawings.
- Good command of written and spoken English as well as of another EU official language.



It is advantageous if you:

- Are familiar with the safe storage and handling of chemicals, including gases, as well as general (chemical) laboratory safety.
- Have practical experience in managing a laboratory and in working according to quality, safety, health and environmental management systems.
- Have experience in use and testing of electric and electronic equipment.
- Have experience with electronics, data communication and automation.
- Have experience with testing batteries/energetic materials.
- Have knowledge of programming.
- Have proficiency in Dutch (or are prepared to learn it quickly).

To be successful in this position the following skills are important:

- Being able to work in a team and in a multicultural environment.
- Flexibility in thinking and ability to find solutions to problems.
- Capacity to work on different tasks in parallel. Proficiency in spoken and written English is essential, and a good knowledge of another official EU language 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 HR-JRC-PTT-SELECTION-RECRUITMENT@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference JRC/COM/2026/1028 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:

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 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.

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 priority³. 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 **Petten**.

In case the successful candidate is not an official or a competition laureate, they will be recruited as a **temporary agent under Article 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.