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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 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 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](#)



Secretary to the Unit and Head of Unit

in DG MENA of the European Commission

Job title*: Secretary to the Unit and Head of Unit

Domain: Middle East, North Africa and Gulf**

Where: Unit C2 – Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen, Brussels

Function Group: FG II

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 11/09/2026 – 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

WE ARE

DG MENA – Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf

DG MENA was established on 1 February 2025 as the European Commission's dedicated entry point for all countries in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf regions. Its mission is to build strong, strategic partnerships based on mutual interest, aiming to promote shared prosperity, stability, and resilience.

To achieve this, DG MENA coordinates and integrates the Commission's policies across sectors, while leveraging the EU's technical and financial instruments to support partner countries. It works in close cooperation with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the relevant thematic Directorates-General.

Within DG MENA, Unit MENA C2 is one of three units in the Directorate for the Gulf (Directorate C). The Unit is responsible for deepening and broadening the EU's relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), while also contributing to stability and resilience in Yemen and the Red Sea region.

Acting as a coordination hub, MENA C2 ensures policy coherence, mobilises EU funding instruments, and drives forward the EU's strategic engagement with these key partners. The Unit advances Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPAs) with KSA and UAE, promotes triangular cooperation in the broader MENA region, and addresses shared global challenges such as climate change, water and energy security, digital transformation, and inclusive economic growth.

MENA C2 also oversees and supports DG MENA staff in the EU Delegations in Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, and Amman, working closely with other Commission services and external partners to ensure effective implementation of EU policies and programmes.



WE PROPOSE

Unit MENA C2 – DG MENA is seeking to hire a secretary.

The position will consist of carrying out secretarial tasks for Unit MENA C2, to provide general administrative support, including document management, internal communication, organisation of meetings, logistic needs and information provision.

The contract agent II position will work for the team members and for the Head of Unit as well as some of the horizontal tasks.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a highly organised, motivated, reliable, resilient and proactive professional with a solid administrative track record who thrives in a fast-paced, structured environment. Genuine interest in secretarial and administrative support is also sought after. Familiarity with corporate IT tools such as ARES (Document management), BASIS (Briefing tool), MIPS (Travels tool) and DECIDE (Decision-making tool) — or equivalent systems — would be considered as an asset.

Candidates must demonstrate ability to work rapidly, accurately and autonomously under tight deadlines while managing competing priorities. Finally, a strong sense of initiative, good communication skills, a dedicated service-minded attitude and the flexibility to step in as a reliable backup for colleagues are essential for success in this position.

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?

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 MENA-C2@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC/2026/MENA/469911 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 post-secondary education attested by a diploma OR
- (b) 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.

Languages:

- have a thorough knowledge (minimum level C1) of one of the 24 official languages of the EU¹
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)² of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

➤ What about the selection steps?

The selecting unit chooses from [the EPSO database](#)³ candidates with the appropriate profile and invites them to an interview. For the interview a selection panel is set-up to assess the best

¹ 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).

² 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>).



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.

³ Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the level Function Group II, should register their profile at this address: <https://eu-careers.europa.eu/en/Cast-Permanent>



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 II**. 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.

For 3b the duration of the **first contract will be 1 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).

Contract agents recruited in Function Group II must 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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