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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.



Secretary

Directorate-General Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission

Selection reference: SANTE/COM/2026/1438

Domain: Support Staff

Where: Unit SANTE.R.2 – „ Legal Affairs “, Brussels

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

Grade range: AST/SC1-2

Publication deadline: 13.08.2026 - 12.00 (Midday, Brussels time)

WE ARE

The Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) aims to deliver to Europeans the peace of mind that comes with access to healthcare, safe food to eat and protection against epidemics and diseases. Our goal is to build and maintain Europe's high standards on food and feed safety, food sustainability, animal and plant health, as well as the most affordable, accessible and high-quality health systems to deliver on these expectations.

The Legal Affairs Unit, SANTE.R.2 is the internal legal adviser of DG SANTE. We are a committed and enthusiastic team engaged in a wide variety of activities at the core of DG SANTE's work. We provide legal advice to DG SANTE management, policy and technical Units on the interpretation of EU legislation in the area of health and food safety and contribute to the development of new legislation as well as to the preparation of Court cases.

We are responsible for the coordination, assessment and follow-up of complaints and infringements against the Member States for alleged violations of EU law. We are also responsible for the coordination of the assessment of the draft laws notified by the Member States in the areas of health and food safety under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 as well as for DG SANTE's contributions to the decision-making process and the preparation of the Commission Decisions in the areas of health and food safety. The Legal Affairs Unit is also responsible for legal advice on horizontal and institutional legal issues. and coordinates DG SANTE's input to the Commission decision-making process in areas such as competition, State Aids and justice. A result-oriented culture as well as a culture of teamwork and mutual appreciation are well established and fostered.

WE PROPOSE

We offer an interesting position for a secretary to the DG SANTE's Legal Unit (SANTE.R.2).

The successful candidate will be in charge of a wide range of secretarial and administrative tasks (including organising meetings, missions, preparing files for meetings and events, monitoring,



feeding and extracting data from databases relating to notifications, complaints, infringements and legal advice, ensuring smooth workflows and professional document management services).

He/She will support the Head of Unit and the Legal Officers, ensure the efficient running of the Unit's secretariat and relay with colleagues in the line units and with a wide range of other internal Commission and external interlocutors

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a proactive and organised colleague with a very good knowledge of Commission procedures and solid working knowledge of the standard Commission IT tools (Ares, Sysper, BASIS, MIPS, Word, Outlook, Excel etc).

A helpful attitude is important, as is the ability to prioritise and to work both independently and with colleagues across DG SANTE.

Knowledge or genuine interest to learn Commission procedures for handling notifications under Directive (EU) 2015/1535, complaints and infringements would be an asset.

Fluency in English and knowledge of French, both written and oral, is required.

Although experience is an important asset, we will also consider applications of staff who are willing to invest in quickly getting to grips with the work, are enthusiastic about the opportunity to participate to the important Health work of DG SANTE and show a hands-on attitude.



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

SANTE-HR-PUBLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu

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SANTE/COM/2026/1438 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 AST and AST/SC jobs: 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.

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/French 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 groups AST/SC.**

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](#).

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.