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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](#)



Legal Assistant

in DG TAXUD of the European Commission

Job title: Legal Assistant

Domain: Legal

Where: Unit TAXUD.C.2 – CBAM, Energy and Green Taxation, Brussels

Function Group: FG III

Contract Type: 3b

Express your interest until: 31/08/2026- 12.00 (noon, Brussels time)

WE ARE

DG TAXUD, Directorate C is developing an overall policy in the area of indirect taxation, including financial sector taxation as well as environmental, transport and energy taxation, VAT, excise duties and tax administration. It is also responsible for developing and implementing the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and tax initiatives included in the European Green Deal. The Directorate includes 85 staff with a good mix of officials, temporary and contract agents and national experts.

The Directorate General Customs and Taxation (DG TAXUD) mission is to promote fair and sustainable policies that generate revenue for the EU and its Member States and ensure that EU citizens and businesses benefit from global trade and a safe and secure Single Market protected at its borders.

Within DG TAXUD, Unit C2 is responsible for developing and implementing two important EU legislations in the European Green Deal and part of the Fit for 55: the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the review of the Energy Taxation Directive.

The unit is also responsible for developing and following up both legislative and non-legislative initiatives at EU level on indirect green taxation, which provide a genuine single market framework and contribution to environmental goals. This includes notably environmental and transport taxation. Finally, the unit is also responsible of the infringements related to those taxes.

The team involved in CBAM is relatively recent and fast growing. The team is made up of motivated colleagues with very different backgrounds in the area of climate, environmental, trade and international relation policies

WE PROPOSE

TAXUD.C.2 is seeking to hire two legal assistants with knowledge in legal matters.



The overall purpose is to provide operational and technical support for the design and implementation of industrial aspects of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). The candidate is expected to assist in the preparation of new and amendments to existing legal acts, to provide legal analysis and judgment as well to provide administrative support to the CBAM legal team. The files include the CBAM Regulation as well as delegated and implementing acts in the area of CBAM. The job entails continuous interactions and cooperation with other units in TAXUD and other Commission services, mainly the EC Legal Service. It also entails close cooperation with CBAM authorities of Member States in particular in the context of the CBAM committee.

Tasks include:

- Analysis of legal issues
- Drafting of notes, briefings, summaries and legal papers
- Contribution to the drafting of legal acts
- Contribution to guidance and Q&A documents
- Replies to stakeholder requests and to Parliamentary questions on legal matters
- Organisation of meetings

WE LOOK FOR

TAXUD.C.2 is seeking to hire two legal assistants with knowledge in legal matters with special focus on environmental and climate.

- Good knowledge of and experience in EU environmental, climate and energy policies is an asset.
- Good knowledge of and experience in the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) or of the CBAM is a strong asset.
- Good knowledge of and experience in EU legal framework and interinstitutional relations
- Good knowledge of and experience in drafting legal acts is a very strong asset.

Good analytical and drafting skills, strong organisational and communication skills, as well as the ability to work with minimum supervision and meeting deadlines are necessary. Given the political sensitivity and the complexity of the tasks, excellent written and oral communication in English is required. Experience and a good knowledge of informatics tools would be considered an advantage.

DG TAXUD promotes a spirit of entrepreneurship and initiative, needed for this post. We are a very active team, and we look for a colleague enjoying working in a team with other experienced colleagues from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Candidates should be ready to join a fast growing and versatile team and to work closely with new colleagues in other units in TAXUD and in the Commission.



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 TAXUD-UNIT-C2@ec.europa.eu indicating the call for interest reference EC/2026/TAXUD/522126-522127 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://europa.eu/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 III, 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 III**. 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).

Contract agents recruited in Function Group III 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](#).



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