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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, 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](#)

¹ Please note that the list of underrepresented Member States may be subject to future amendment based on potential data changes over time.



Economic and Policy Assistant

Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) of the European Commission

Selection reference: MARE/COM/2026/1718

Domain: Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

Where: MARE.A.4 Economic Analysis, Markets and Impact Assessment. Brussels.

Staff category and Function Group: Temporary agent 2b/2d

Grade range: AST1-3

Publication deadline: 07.09.2026 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

WE ARE

DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) aims to develop the potential of the European maritime economy and to secure sustainable fisheries, a stable supply of seafood, healthy seas and prosperous coastal communities - for today's Europeans and for future generations. This involves formulating, developing and implementing the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) – the cornerstone of our actions for a sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources; and promoting an integrated approach to all maritime policies. DG MARE leads the coordination of the European Ocean Pact, the EU's comprehensive strategy to better protect the ocean, promote a thriving blue economy and support the well-being of people living in coastal areas. The Ocean Pact, adopted in June 2025, is built around six strategic priorities: protecting and restoring ocean health; boosting the competitiveness of the EU sustainable blue economy; supporting coastal and island communities; advancing ocean research, knowledge and innovation; enhancing maritime security and defence; and strengthening EU ocean diplomacy and international ocean governance. The DG has around 380 staff, distributed over 5 Directorates and 21 Units.

Unit MARE.A.4 coordinates several cross-cutting policy files under the Ocean Pact, with particular responsibility for the monitoring and reporting framework and the energy transition in fisheries and aquaculture. A central element of this work is the EU Ocean Pact Dashboard and the preparation and coordination of the State of the Ocean Pact Report. Unit A.4 also provides DG MARE with analyses and advice focusing on economic and social aspects of the maritime economy, including fisheries. The unit is responsible for the implementation of the Common Market Organisation to support the competitiveness and sustainability of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors and to foster market intelligence. The unit is part of Directorate A "Maritime Policy and Blue Economy" and consists of 16 colleagues.

WE PROPOSE

The successful candidate will provide coordination and analytical support for a portfolio of ocean policy files, with a focus on the monitoring and reporting framework of the European Ocean Pact. The role sits at the intersection of ocean science, policy and governance.



The post involves:

- supporting the operation and further development of the Ocean Pact Dashboard
- contributing to the preparation of the State of the Ocean Pact Report, including coordination within the Commission and with stakeholders
- supporting the development of the Blue Economy Observatory and its Community of Practice
- supporting the coordination of the Energy Transition Partnership for the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture and the implementation of the energy transition roadmap for fisheries and aquaculture
- liaising with relevant Commission services, EU agencies, Eurostat and JRC and supporting the organisation of coordination and stakeholder meetings
- preparing briefings, presentations, infographics showcasing Ocean Pact monitoring results
- contributing to the drafting of answers to parliamentary questions, information requests and coordination notes on files managed by the unit
- handling administrative and document management tasks within the unit (ARES, document workflows, follow-up of deadlines).

WE LOOK FOR

The ideal candidate should have:

- proven experience in maritime, environmental and ocean/blue economy related policies
- experience in supporting policy monitoring frameworks and indicator systems, including working with data-driven reporting tools and policy dashboards
- proven ability to coordinate across multiple services, institutions or stakeholders and manage several files simultaneously
- excellent analytical and drafting skills, with the capacity to present complex information clearly and concisely for a range of audiences
- very good communication skills
- a proactive, organised and methodical approach to work, with attention to quality and deadlines
- excellent command of English, knowledge of French is desirable; other EU languages are an asset.



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 MARE-A4@ec.europa.eu indicating the selection reference **MARE/COM/2026/1718** 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.

➤ What about the selection steps?

The post was published internally within the Commission, inter-institutionally, and brought to the attention of competition laureates.

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).



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 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)/2(d) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#), in function group 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 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.