

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Job Description Form

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Job Profile

Position

CONTRACT AGENT FGIV

Job title

Finance and Contracts Officer - Initiation and verification

Domains

Generic domain
BUDGET, FINANCE, CONTRACTS and ACCOUNTING
Intermediate domain
Specific domain
BUDGET and FINANCE

Sensitive job

No

Overall purpose

To ensure, under the supervision of the Head (and Deputy Head) of Section, that the contractual and financial management of projects and programs of development aid and of financial and technical cooperation with third countries are carried out in line with the rules, regulations and overall instructions given by the headquarters (Financial Regulations, Practical guide, Companion, Finances guides, instructions notes, wiki's, etc.)

General and specific assistance to colleagues in the FCA section, The Delegation, the FCA network and/or the unit if needed.

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Functions and duties

+ BUSINESS MANAGEMENT and PLANNING

- Assist the Head of Finance, contracts and Audit (FCA) Section in the planning, management and reporting of the activities of the Section as well as ensure general liaison with the Operations staff in the EU Delegation and all other interlocutors.
- Draft financial aspects of contracts, draft documents linked to financial operations (addenda, payment orders, recovery orders and debit notes). Liaise with the Operations staff and provide advice and comments on draft financing agreements, identification and action fiches as well as on financial and budgetary matters.
- Assist in preparing reports for Delegation and Commission management and in providing support to visiting missions. Assist in giving support to beneficiaries, including the office of the National Authorising Officer (NAO).
- Interface with INTPA financial and legal services, and ensure proper functioning of informatics tools for budgetary and accountancy management.
- RESPFIN tasks when habilitated.

+ BUDGET and FINANCE

- Ensure financial initiation/verification of the financial transactions under the responsibility of the agent..
- Ensure that the adequate financial circuits are followed.
- Advice and comments on draft financing agreements, identification and action fiches.
- Provide advice on sound financial management and application of EU rules.
- Ensure the quality (including accuracy and comprehensiveness) of the input into the IT tools used and ensure the coherence of data between the different databases.

+ PROCUREMENT and CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- Ensure control and initiation/verification of procurement and grant award procedures.
- Assist in the preparation of files for Tenders and Calls for Proposals; ensure their financial initiation and participate in evaluation committees.
- Perform the function and duties of chairman or secretary in tender procedures and calls for proposals in direct management; attend evaluation committees under indirect management as observer.
- Assist in the preparation and negotiations of technical and financial aspects of contracts.
- Ensure the financial initiation of new contracts, amendments and closures; ensure the quality, including accuracy and comprehensiveness, of data entered into IT systems..
- Ensure the accurate encoding and financial initiation of payments, clearings, recovery orders, waivers and ensure the quality, including accuracy and comprehensiveness, of data entered into IT Systems..

+ AUDIT, CONTROL and INSPECTION

- Assisting in the preparation of financial reports and statistics (RAC, RAL, payment forecasts, forecasts, EAMR, annual reports, ad hoc reporting) and follow-up of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and other EAMR indicators.
- Assisting in the drafting of the Annual Audit Plan.
- Follow-up on the correct encoding of the audit results in the adequate systems.
- Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made in audit reports and discharge procedure.

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+ POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Contribute to work through co-creation on all matters relevant to the activities of the section, acting together and with other services, drawing on the expertise of colleagues, to identify, build & develop common actions & policies under the DGs strategic objectives
- Contribute to the rollout and implementation of Global Gateway in the relevant areas of competence of the section..
- Ensure that gender aspects are fully considered at all levels and activities of the section.

Job requirements

Experience"

+ <u>PROCUREMENT and CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, ACCOUNTING, BUDGET, FINANCE, CONTRACTS and ACCOUNTING, BUDGET and FINANCE</u>

Job-Related experience:at least 2 years

Qualifier:an advantage

Previous experience in an EU Delegation is an advantage. Previous experience working in an EU external relations DG is an advantage.

Languages

	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

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Knowledge

BUDGET, FINANCE, CONTRACTS and ACCOUNTING

BUDGET and FINANCE

FINANCIAL and BUDGETARY MANAGEMENT

Financial regulation and procedures

PROCUREMENT and CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Rules and procedures concerning calls for proposals, calls for tenders, contracts,

task letters

Calls for tender

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

AUDIT, CONTROL and INSPECTION

RISK ANALYSIS

Risk Analysis, assessment and management

PROGRAM / PROCESS / PROJECT MANAGEMENT

GENERAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Programme planning and evaluation

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project contracts negotiation and monitoring

Project monitoring methods and techniques

OPERATIONAL and ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT and RESOURCES

ORGANISATION and ADMINISTRATION of SUPPORT OFFICES

Office administration

COMMUNICATION and PUBLICATION

PRINTING and PAPER PUBLISHING

Quality standards for paper and electronic publications

EU publications and their production circuit

IT TOOLS for SPECIFIC APPLICATION AREAS

IT tools for FINANCE, BUDGET and CONTRACTS and ACCOUNTING

IT tools for OFFICE AUTOMATION

Eurolook

Excel

Outlook

Word

IT tools and systems for ARCHIVES, MAIL and DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

Ares

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (generic)

Multilateral international agreements and negotiation methods and procedures International organisations and agreements

Competences

Analysing and Problem Solving

Ability to conceptualise problems, identify and implement solutions

Capacity to analyse and structure information

Communicating

Ability to communicate in meetings

Capacity to communicate technical or specialised information

Drafting skills

Delivering Quality and Results

Capacity to act upon problems

Financial management skills

Prioritising and Organising

Capacity to deliver in a structured way

Planning capacity

Working with Others

Knowledge sharing

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Job Environment

Organisational entity

Presentation of the entity:
Job related issues
 [] Atypical working hours [] Specialised Job Missions [] Frequent, i.e. 2 or more missions / month [] Long duration, i.e. missions lasting more than a week
Comments:
Workplace, health & safety related issues
 [] Noisy environment [] Physical effort / materials handling [] Work with chemicals / biological materials [] Radioprotection area [] Use of personal protective equipment [] Other
Comments: The candidate is invited to consider carefully the living conditions and security situation. Before taking her/his duties, the selected candidate will have to undertake the Security trainings BASE SAFE and Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) for NIGERIA (Mandatory),
Other
Comments:

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