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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, languages and cultures make the Commission a vibrant and inclusive working place.

### **WE OFFER ATTRACTIVE WORKING CONDITIONS AND MUCH MORE:**

- Interesting and challenging positions with plenty of opportunities for training and acquiring new skills and competencies over your whole career;
- Opportunities to try several areas of work throughout your career;
- Flexible working conditions and the possibility of teleworking – we care about your work-life balance;
- A competitive financial package, including comprehensive sickness, accident and pension schemes;
- Multilingual schools for your kids;
- We are also proud to be an equal opportunity employer and promote diversity and inclusion.

### **We recruit from a wide range of backgrounds:**

We are not only recruiting political scientists and lawyers but also looking for all kinds of profiles, including natural scientists, linguists and economists, as well as drivers and engineers.

For more information [ec.europa.eu/work-with-us](https://ec.europa.eu/work-with-us).



## STAFF RECRUITED ON CONTRACTS

In addition to permanent officials, the European Commission often recruits non-permanent staff. 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](#).



# External Relations Officer

## Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) of the European Commission

**Job title\*:** *External Relations officer*

**Domain\*\*:** External relations

**Where:** Unit FPI.5 – “Regulatory Foreign Policy Instruments & Coordination” Brussels

**Function Group:** FG IV

**Contract Type:** 3b

**Express your interest until:** 14/05/2024 - 12.00 (Brussels time)

### WE ARE

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FPI staff around the globe are proud of the work that they are achieving and have a strong sense of purpose and motivation. They take, and value, a high level of personal responsibility. A policy-driven approach, a focus on priorities, solutions and impact, combined with a welcoming and supporting atmosphere, are part of the service’s corporate culture. The service promotes professionalism and teamwork, encourages commitment and promotes respect. It also seeks to embed trust and fairness while prioritising effective communication at all levels.

The Service reports directly to the HR/VP. The Service works in close cooperation with the other Commission services, as well as with the EEAS, both in headquarters and in delegations.

The Unit (FPI.5) ensures policy coordination and the implementation of regulatory foreign policy instruments managed by FPI.

In the context of the Group for External Coordination, FPI.5 coordinates and prepares the Service’s input into briefings on foreign policy as well as for the Commissioners’ Group on a Stronger Europe in the World. It also represents the Service in the Group for Inter- institutional Relations.

FPI.5 enhances the visibility of FPI actions as part of wider efforts to communicate and showcase the EU’s external action in order to promote and enhance the EU’s leadership and influence in the world. FPI.5 co-manages the European Union Visitors’ Programme (EUVP) together with the European Parliament. The EUVP Team, which is located in FPI’s premises, consists of staff from both Institutions and is led by an official from the European Parliament.

The Unit provides legal advice to the Service, manages FPI’s anti-fraud strategy and contacts with OLAF, and coordinates access to documents, relations with the European Ombudsman cases and data protection.

The Unit ensures the Service’s control framework design, assesses and reports on the effectiveness of the FPI control environment in accordance with the internal control principles and the risks identified taking into account the cost effectiveness of controls, and manages the Annual Audit plan of all FPI managed on and off budget instruments/operations.



FPI.5 is the first point of entry for relations with the European Court of Auditors and the Internal Audit Service.

## **WE PROPOSE**

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We propose an attractive and challenging position as a policy officer in a small team dealing with EU foreign policy regulatory instruments, in the area of anti-torture and the Kimberley Process, which regulates the international trade in rough diamonds. The work provides opportunities to foster close cooperation with international organisations, various stakeholders, partners and national authorities in the EU Member States as well as coordination with Commission line DGs and the EEAS.

The successful candidate will be part of a dynamic, friendly and motivated team in unit FPI.5 with a strong emphasis on collaboration. The work is diverse and multifaceted entailing: analyses, policy formulation, representation, international negotiations, monitoring of legislation, coordination, relations with Member States' authorities as well as legislative procedures.

## **WE LOOK FOR**

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We look for a dynamic and reliable colleague with a good team spirit and commitment, excellent planning and organisation skills. She/he should have good judgement and analytical skills. She/he should be pro-active, flexible and able to organise the work with a strong sense of responsibility. She/he should be able work in a proactive and autonomous way, prioritising, organising and adjusting to multiple tasks even under tight deadlines. She/he should have excellent drafting skills (including legislative texts) and the capacity to deliver in a structured way with high quality. She/he should also have the ability to work with many different actors on sensitive matters and to tackle complex files with legal and/or political implications.

A positive and pro-active attitude, diplomatic skills, excellent writing and communication skills, strong interpersonal skills are also essential as well as a very good knowledge of EU legislative procedures and inter-institutional and international relations. The candidate should have at least 2 years of experience with at least 1 year of experience in international affairs and 1 year of experience in dealing with EU regulatory instruments. An excellent knowledge of English is essential, and a good knowledge of French is an asset. Knowledge of the Commission's internal decision-making procedures, drafting of legal texts and conduct of international negotiations is a strong asset. Expertise from multilateral fora and international trade would also be much appreciated. The candidate should have a demonstrated capacity for sound political judgement and ability to take responsibilities in line with the requirements of the job.

Security clearance: If not already acquired, the selected candidate should request it when taking up the function.

## **HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?**

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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. motivation letter
  3. duly filled in application form.Please send these documents by the publication deadline to [FPI-HR-COORDINATION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:FPI-HR-COORDINATION@ec.europa.eu), indicating the call for interest reference EC/2024/FPI/319634 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:

Have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma.

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 EU<sup>1</sup>
- AND have a satisfactory knowledge (minimum level B2)<sup>2</sup> of a second official language of the EU, to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.

#### ➤ What about the selection steps?

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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>).



The selecting unit chooses from the EPSO database<sup>3</sup> candidates with the appropriate profile and invites them to an interview. For the interview a selection panel is set-up to assess the best 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.

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<sup>3</sup> Therefore, candidates who did not pass already a CAST on the corresponding level Function Group, should register their profile at this [address](#).



## **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 IV**. 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 of 1 year**. Subject to the interest of the service, the contract can be extended to a maximum duration of 6 years.

The duration of the extension will be defined according to the General Implementation Rules in force at that moment, in accordance with [Commission Decision C\(2017\)6760](#) on policies for the engagement and use of contract 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.