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Mobility between Union Agencies (IAM): Call for Applications for a post of Administrator (Budget Officer) in the Corporate Assurance and Performance (CAP) Unit

Temporary Agent 2(f) (AD5-AD8) - IAM/ERA/AD/2023/002-OPE

<i>The Agency:</i> Click here for the description of the Agency and its entities into the different EU languages	
<i>Date of publication:</i> 16/03/2023	<i>Deadline for applications:</i> 14/04/2023 (23.59 CET, Valenciennes local time)
<i>Type of contract:</i> The Agency and the selected staff member shall conclude a contract of employment which ensures continuation of the selected staff member's employment and career in the category of Temporary Agent 2(f)	<i>Applications to be sent by email only to mailbox:</i> jobs@era.europa.eu until 14/04/2023 (23.59 CET, Valenciennes local time) at the latest
<i>Appeal and complaint procedures:</i> click here	<i>Data protection:</i> click on Data protection European Union Agency for Railways (europa.eu) and scroll down to "Selection and engagement of the Agency Staff (TA, CA, SNE and trainees) section"

<p><i>I - JOB CONTENT</i></p> <p>The jobholder will work in the <u>CAP Unit</u>, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit (HoU). All tasks and responsibilities will be carried in full respect of the provisions of the Agency Regulation and of the Agency's Financial Regulation.</p> <p>Main tasks and responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › During the budget planning phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Coordinate the preparation of the input to the Statement of Estimates N+2 and budget N+1, in full alignment with the corresponding work programme (Single Programming Document); › Encode the data for the budget requests in the European Commission (EC) system; › Continuously update the budget forecast, according to internal and external factors; › Ensure that the proper budget structure is put in place in the financial system and maintain such structure according to the evolution of the needs. › During the budget execution phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Ensure the budget inscription in the financial system;

- › Monitor, including by proper development of budget dashboards and by communicating with the Authorising Officers/Authorising Officers by Delegation, the budget execution for year N; prepare, on this basis, a timely and accurate input for the HoU CAP for running the Budget Review Meetings with the Agency's Management;
- › Follow-up on the actions decided at the Budget Review Meetings;
- › Coordinate the process of initiating budget transfers, with due respect to the provisions and thresholds indicated in the Agency Financial Regulation; prepare any related draft decisions for the Agency's Management Board; keep centralized track of all the budget transfers by type;
- › Coordinate the process of initiating amending budgets, when needed;
- › Prepare the carry forward exercise to the incoming year and ensure the year-end budget closure.
- › **For budget reporting and auditing purposes:**
 - › Coordinate the preparation of any type of budget reporting / explanation requested by Management Team, Executive/Management Board, EC, European Court of Auditors, European Parliament etc.;
 - › Contribute to the report on budgetary and financial management of the Agency.
- › **Other tasks and responsibilities:**
 - › Maintain a proper process documentation for all the budget-related processes;
 - › Provide advice on budget-related matters to units with regards to budget execution and deliver training sessions on budget management and related processes, upon request;
- › Any other budget-linked (directly or indirectly) tasks, according to the objectives of the Unit.

II - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered eligible, candidates must satisfy all the eligibility criteria as specified below on the closing date for the submission of applications:

- › Be a temporary agent 2(f) who, on the closing date for the submission of applications and on the day of filling the vacant post, are employed within their current Agency in the function group and grade corresponding to the published function group and grade bracket;
- › Have at least 2 years' service within his/her agency before moving;
- › Have successfully completed the probationary period provided for in Article 14 of the CEOS, in the relevant function group.

III - SELECTION CRITERIA

The candidates meeting the eligibility criteria set out above, will be assessed and scored against **selection criteria**. Candidates not satisfying one or more selection criteria will not be immediately excluded from the selection.

Selection criteria used to assess the candidates' applications:

- › University studies in a field of Economics or Finance or Accounting or Business administration or Commercial Engineering;
- › At least 3 years of relevant professional experience (following award of the diploma) related to the tasks and responsibilities listed in the job content (budget planning, budget execution, budget monitoring and reporting, budget auditing);
- › Minimum proven experience of 2 years in budget data collection / monitoring / preparing and using budget dashboards;

- › Proven experience with the application of financial rules, preferably of the EU Financial Regulation;
- › Proven knowledge of the budget structure, preferably of the one used by EU Institutions;
- › Proven knowledge of the EC financial system (ABAC, SUMMA) or of any similar financial system (ERP system);
- › Proven experience in working in an international and/or multicultural environment;
- › Very good knowledge of the English language¹ (C1 level);
- › Good knowledge of French language² (B2 level).

The educational/academic qualifications and the professional experiences must be described as precisely as possible in the ERA application form.

Only candidates who pass a minimum of 60% of the total points awarded for the selection criteria will be taken into consideration and invited for an interview and a written test.

IV – INTERVIEW AND A WRITTEN TEST

Candidates selected for the test phase including a structured interview and a written test will be assessed and scored on the basis of the following criteria:

1. For the interview:

- › Motivation;
- › **Hard skills:**
- › Ability to communicate in English (as proficient user-C1 level) and French (as independent user - B2 level);
- › Knowledge of budget planning, execution, monitoring and reporting processes.

Soft skills (only assessed during the interview):

- › Strong problem solving and organisational skills;
- › Proven ability to work in a team and in a multicultural environment.

2. For the written test:

- › Knowledge of budget planning, execution, monitoring and reporting processes;
- › Ability to extract and summarise information from available budget data, for further use in management decisions and for communication purposes;
- › Ability to assist in the analysis of complex financial issues and to propose appropriate solutions;
- › Proficiency in the use of standard MS office applications.

The scores for the interviews and the written test are established as follows:

- › Total score for the interview: **40 points** Minimum score to pass: **24 points (60%)**
- › Total score for the written test: **60 points** Minimum score to pass: **36 points (60%)**

Candidates' written test shall not be assessed if the minimum score to pass during the interview is not reached.

¹ As the vehicular language of the Agency is English, minimum C1 level (in the 3 domains; Speaking, Writing and Understanding) in English is required

² As French represents a relevant language of communication with internal and external stakeholders in the financial domain, minimum B2 level (in the 3 domains; Speaking, Writing and Understanding) in French is required

In order to assess your good knowledge of the French language, please note that one question will be asked in this language. Candidates are expected to reply in French.

For native English speakers, your ability to communicate in your second EU language will be tested during the interview. As this forms part of the general requirements stated above, any failure in proving the satisfactory level of your second EU language would lead to your exclusion from the selection.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

For applications **to be valid**, the candidates must submit:

- › The ERA application form duly completed on the closing date for the submission of applications;
- › A copy of their current contract of employment.

Failure to comply with the above instructions will result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.

The vehicular language of the Agency being English, candidates are encouraged to apply in English to facilitate the selection process.

Applications must be sent by email to mailbox jobs@era.europa.eu clearly indicating the call for applications reference number in the subject line.

Please note that applications submitted by fax or postal mail shall not be taken into consideration.

If at any stage in the procedure, it is established that the information provided by a candidate is incorrect, the candidate in question may be disqualified.

It is forbidden for candidates to make direct or indirect contact with the members of the Selection Committee, or for anyone to do so on their behalf. The Authority Authorised to Conclude Contracts by delegation (hereinafter AACC) or his delegate reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who disregards this instruction.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection will be organised as below:

1. The AACC set up a Selection Committee which is available on the ERA Website;
2. The Selection Committee will check the submitted applications against the specific conditions described in the 'Eligibility criteria' section in the Call for applications;
3. Applications satisfying these conditions will then be assessed and scored against the selection criteria described in the 'Selection criteria' section in the Call for applications;
4. Only candidates who pass a minimum of 60% of the total points awarded for the selection criteria are taken into consideration. From this list, the Selection Committee shortlists candidates with the highest scores to be invited for the interview and a written test;
5. Before engaging a temporary agent, the AACC examines whether the candidate has any personal interest such as to impair his/her independence or any other conflict of interest. The candidate shall inform the AACC or his delegate, using a specific form of any actual or potential conflict of interest. If necessary, the AACC shall take any appropriate measures;
6. The Agency applies very strict rules on conflict of interest. Given the special and specific nature of the work undertaken by ERA, specific rules on conflict of interests applicable to staff members

have been adopted by the Management Board. For more information please refer to Decision N° 199 of the Management Board Adopting the Framework for Good Administrative Behaviour dated 6 June 2019 and its Annex. Applicants must confirm their willingness to comply with these rules in their application form.

7. Under no circumstances should candidates approach the selection committee, directly or indirectly, concerning this engagement. The AACC reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who disregards this instruction.

CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS

1. The Agency and the selected Temporary Agent 2(f) shall conclude a contract of employment which ensures continuation of his/her employment and career in the category of temporary agent 2(f). That contract shall be concluded without interruption of the contract concluded with the agency of origin ("the preceding contract") and shall fulfil the following requirements, in particular:
 - › The same grade and the same seniority in the grade as the preceding contract;
 - › The same step and the same seniority in the step as the preceding contract.
2. The end dates of the contract concluded with the Agency and of the preceding contract shall be the same. If the contract with the agency of origin was for an indefinite period, the member of temporary staff 2(f) shall also be engaged by the Agency for an indefinite period; In the event that the preceding contract comes to its natural end on the day of the move, the duration of the contract concluded shall be the same as that the Agency would have set in case of a renewal of one of its own Temporary Agent 2(f); A contract of employment concluded following interagency mobility shall not be considered as a renewal unless it ends at a later date than the previous contract, in which case it shall be treated as a renewal;
3. The Temporary Agent 2(f) shall not serve a probationary period in the Agency;
4. The selected Temporary Agent 2(f) shall take up duty in the Agency in principle three months after the job offer, unless it is otherwise agreed between the two agencies and the staff member concerned;
5. The agency of origin shall transfer the personnel file to our Agency no later than 30 days after the date of the move;
6. **The rights and entitlements inherent to the country of employment (i.e. France) will be adapted accordingly.**