

VACANCY NOTICE TO CONSTITUTE A RESERVE LIST

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| Job title | Legal Officer |
| Function group/grade | AD 6 |
| Type of contract | Temporary Agent |
| Reference | FRA-TA-LEGOFF-AD6-2021 |
| Deadline for applications | 06.04.2021 13:00 (CET) |
| Place of employment | Vienna, AUSTRIA |

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) is organizing a selection procedure in order to constitute a reserve list from which to fill vacant post(s) of Administrator (M/F) Legal Officer (function group AD, grade 6) in the Corporate Services Unit.

1 BACKGROUND

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) helps policy makers understand how they can do more for their citizens. It shares insights and raise rights awareness at the EU, national and local level. It does this by collecting and analysing law and data; providing independent, evidence-based advice on rights; identifies trends by collecting and analysing comparable data; helps better law making and implementation; support rights-compliant policy responses and strengthens cooperation and ties between fundamental rights actors.

The Corporate Services Unit

The Corporate Services Unit is responsible for supporting the operational work of the Agency enhancing its ability to function as a best practice, knowledge-based, lean and service-oriented public body. The Corporate Services Unit is composed of the following business areas: Planning, Finance and Contracting, Digital Services and Facilities, Legal Services, Human Resources and Quality management.

2 DUTIES

The successful candidate will be expected to carry out the following tasks:

- Provide legal advice on matters related to the implementation of the EU Financial Regulations (FR) including on budgetary, financial and procurement processes.
- Provide legal advice on issues related to the Staff Regulations of Officials (SR) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS) of the European Union;
- Manage the representation of the Agency in Court and/or provide technical expertise in cases brought by its staff or external parties, including drafting of responses and other procedural documents and attending oral hearings;
- Prepare drafts and/or provide legal advice on decisions and rules implementing FR, SR and CEOS;

- Draft and present legal opinions, briefs, reports and correspondence on any legal issue referred for consideration;
- Provide legal advice on legal matters arising in connection with personal data protection and access to documents.

Duties applicable to all staff:

- Actively work towards the achievement of the goals of the FRA in accordance with the Strategic Plan;
- Perform any other work-related duties and responsibilities that may be assigned by the Head of Unit.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be admissible for this selection, candidates must fulfill all the following conditions by the deadline for submission of applications:

General conditions¹

- Be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Be entitled to his or her full rights as a citizen² ;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the laws concerning military service;
- Meet the character requirements as to suitability for the performance of the duties involved;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post³.

Education

- Have a level of education, which corresponds to completed university studies of at least four years attested by a law diploma⁴,

OR

- Have a level of education, which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years attested by a law diploma and professional experience of at least one year.

Professional experience

- In addition to the above, have a minimum of 6 years of full-time professional experience in legal matters.

Language skills

- Have a thorough knowledge of English (minimum level C1) and

¹ See Article 12 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

² Prior to appointment, successful applicants will be required to produce an official document showing that they do not have any criminal record.

³ Before being engaged, successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical examination to ensure that they fulfil the requirements of article 12(2)(d) of the Conditions of Employment of other Servants of the European Communities.

⁴ Only diplomas and certificates that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are the subject of equivalence certificates issued by authorities in the said Member States shall be taken into consideration. In the case that an equivalence certificate was issued, this must as well have been done by the deadline for application.

- Have a good knowledge of another language of the EU (minimum level B2). The levels indicated correspond to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages⁵.

Computer skills

- Candidates should have extensive practical experience with computer applications such as MS Office package or similar (mainly Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), databases (at user level) and Internet research.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA

In order to select the best-qualified candidates for interview and possible test phase, the Agency will consider the following **essential** criteria:

- Working experience with Financial Rules, and in particular public procurement rules and legal frameworks;
- Working experience with staff regulations and labour and employment law applicable within the European Union territory (i.e. at a Member State level or across EU);
- Experience in drafting complex documents such as legal opinions, concept notes, rules, decisions, pre-litigation / litigation files;
- Experience in providing legal advice on matters linked to data protection and access to documents;

The following criteria will be considered as **advantageous**:

- Good knowledge and work experience with the EU Financial Rules and Staff Regulations;
- Knowledge of the case law of the European Court of Justice.
- Work experience in a multicultural/multilingual environment;
- Good command of both written and spoken French (minimum level B2);

In addition to the **essential and advantageous** criteria, candidates invited to the interview and test phase will also be assessed against the following requirements:

- **Communication:** communicate clearly and precisely both orally and in writing;
- **Analysis and Problem-solving:** ability to identify the critical facts in complex issues and develop creative and practical solutions;
- **Working with Others:** work cooperatively with others in teams and across organisational boundaries and respect differences between people; create a sense of team spirit by encouraging shared goals and exchange of knowledge and experience;
- **Learning and Development:** develop and improve personal skills and knowledge of the organisation and its environment; commit to train others, share knowledge, and systematically improve working methods;
- **Prioritisation and Organisation:** ability to prioritise the most important tasks, work flexibly and organise own and others' workload efficiently;

⁵ See <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sites/default/files/cefr-en.pdf>

- **Quality and Results:** take personal responsibility and initiative for delivering work to a high standard quality within set procedures; show clear customer orientation (internal and external); build systematic and methodical processes into projects and work of self and own team;
- **Resilience:** remain effective under work pressure, be flexible and adapt to a changing work environment; encourage others to do the same and adjust own and team's approach to embrace changing circumstances.

5 SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINE

Candidates are requested to submit their application electronically through the Agency's website: www.fra.europa.eu. **Only online applications will be accepted.**

An application will be deemed admissible only if it includes:

- a CV in Europass format (other formats will not be considered);
- a motivation letter (preferably no more than one page);
- a complete electronic application (includes the eligibility and selection grid).

Information concerning the status of the selection procedure can be found at the following address: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/about-fra/recruitment/vacancies> .

In case you experience technical problems during your application please contact, within the above mentioned deadline, the e-mail address below providing an explanation of the issue: recruitment@fra.europa.eu.

Applications must be sent no later than **06/04/2021 at 13:00** (Central European Time (CET)).

Please note that due to the large number of applications we receive, the system may face problems in processing such amounts of data when reaching the deadline for submission of applications. We therefore advise to apply well ahead of the deadline.

6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FRA urges anyone meeting the eligibility criteria and interested in the position to apply. FRA is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications without distinction on the basis of gender, colour, racial, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, nationality, age, sexual orientation or gender identity.

FRA encourages candidates with disabilities to apply. If you consider yourself to have a physical, mental, intellectual or sensory disability, please tick the appropriate box on the on-line application form and indicate any adjustments or arrangements, relating to your disability, so FRA can ensure your full and equal participation in the interview.

7 SELECTION PROCEDURE

A Selection Committee is nominated by the Appointing Authority of Agency.

Eligibility of candidates will be assessed according to compliance with all formal requirements by the closing date for the submission of applications (please see 3.A. Eligibility criteria).

Only the applications of eligible candidates will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria as specified in the publication notice (see point 4). **The Agency will invite for an interview the top 8 candidates among those who have obtained at least 60%.**

The selection procedure will be composed of an interview and a written part. Both parts will be held in English. It will take place in Vienna (Austria), where the Agency has its seat and where the place of employment is. In case the COVID-19 situation does not allow candidates to have their written and oral exams at the FRA premises, all short-listed candidates will be invited for online written and oral tests. The short-listed candidates will receive further detailed information in due time.

Candidates invited to an interview will be requested to submit, on the day of the interview, a non-certified copy of their diploma(s) and evidence of their professional experience, clearly indicating the length and nature of their experience and whether full time or part time work. Prior to contract signature, the successful candidate/s will be requested to provide FRA with original or certified copies of all relevant documents proving the eligibility requirements.

Successful candidates will be included on a reserve list drawn up by the Selection Committee. This reserve list will be proposed to the Appointing Authority of FRA. The Appointing Authority will decide on the establishment on the reserve list. This reserve list will be valid from the date of its establishment (in year 'N') until 31 December of year 'N+1'. Its validity may be extended. The reserve list may be used for future recruitment, should vacancies arise. Each candidate will be informed by letter whether or not he/she has been placed on the reserve list. Candidates should note that inclusion on a reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.

On the basis of the adopted reserve list, the Appointing Authority of FRA may offer a contract of engagement.

Please note that the Selection Committee's work and deliberations are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is strictly forbidden.

Due to the large volume of applications, **the Agency regrets that only candidates selected for the interviews will be contacted.** Applicants are invited to follow the recruitment process on the FRA website.

8 ENGAGEMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A temporary agent contract will be offered pursuant to Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union for an indefinite period.

The successful candidate will be recruited in the grade AD 6. The basic monthly salary for the grade AD 6 (Step 1) is € 5,563.58. In addition to the basic salary, **staff members may be entitled to various allowances, in particular a household allowance, expatriation allowance (16% of basic salary + household allowance), dependent child allowance and education allowance.** The salary is subject to a Union tax deducted at source and it is exempt of national taxation.

FRA also offers a comprehensive welfare package including pension scheme, medical, accident and occupational disease insurance coverage, unemployment and invalidity allowance and travel insurance.

Moreover, FRA offers different opportunities of **schooling services** through service level agreements with international schools and pre-school establishments, and has introduced policies on **teleworking and flexitime** in its attempt to reconcile work and private life.

Under certain circumstances, in particular where staff members are obliged to change their place of residence in order to take up employment, the Agency may also reimburse various expenses incurred on recruitment, notably removal expenses.

For any further information on the contractual and working conditions please refer to the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of other Servants of the European Union which is accessible at the following address:

[EUR-Lex - 01962R0031-20140501 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

9 DATA PROTECTION

Personal data shall be processed solely for the purpose of the selection procedure.

Please note that FRA will not return applications to candidates. The personal information FRA requests from applicants will be processed in line with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

Should the candidate have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data, he/she shall address them to: recruitment@fra.europa.eu .

For further information with regard to the processing of personal data, please see [FRA's Privacy Statement](#).

10 APPEAL PROCEDURES

If a candidate considers that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision, he/she can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Union, at the following address:

The Director
European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
Schwarzenbergplatz 11
A-1040 Vienna
Austria

The complaint must be lodged within 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure start to run from the time the completion of the selection procedure is published on the Web-site at the following link: <http://fra.europa.eu/en/about-fra/recruitment/vacancies>.

If the complaint is rejected, the candidate may bring a case under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union before:

The European Union Civil Service Tribunal
Rue du Fort Niedergruenewald
L-2925 Luxembourg

It is also possible to lodge a complaint to the European Ombudsman pursuant to Article 228(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in accordance with the statute of the Ombudsman and the implementing provisions adopted by the Ombudsman. Before the Ombudsman can accept a complaint, it is necessary that the complaint is first addressed to the Agency. Any complaint to the Ombudsman (<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>) must be made within two years of receiving the Agency's final position on the matter.