

## **Directorate-General DIGIT**

Publication of a vacancy for the function of  
Director DIGIT.B “Digital Enablers and Innovation”  
(Grade AD 14)

(Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations)

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### **We are**

The Directorate-General for Digital Services (DIGIT) provides digital services that support the European Commission (EC) and other EU institutions, bodies and agencies, in their daily administrative and policy-related activities. DIGIT's vision is to take on and drive forward the digital leadership role within the Commission. DIGIT must lead the digital transformation of the European Commission in line with the new Digital Strategy so that it can deliver EU policy better, more efficiently and more productively, fully seizing the opportunities offered by new technologies.

DIGIT has a strategic, advisory role to Commission departments to ensure digital-ready policies and to support departments' digital transformation goals, promoting interoperability, fostering innovation, coordinating data and knowledge management, and maintaining the Commission's cybersecurity and infrastructure resilience.

DIGIT also supports public administrations across EU member states (and beyond) in their digital transformation journey, pursuing common interoperability rules and principles.

### **We propose**

Operating under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director-General, the Director of Directorate DIGIT.B "Digital Enablers and Innovation" will provide overall strategic orientation and management of the Directorate, with specific responsibilities for outward looking initiatives and actions within the framework set by the Directorate-General's mission statement and annual work programme. More specifically, the Directorate has a leading role in making the Commission a force for digital government in Europe.

The Directorate is responsible for providing foundational services and tools for successful digital government transformation to the Commission, EU bodies, and public sector entities across Member States. It coordinates and supports the implementation of AI@EC, the development of Trusted Services, communication and engagement platforms and data services and offers all the required services from development to hosting and operations. The Directorate also drives Interoperability of public administrations, being responsible for the implementation of the Interoperable Europe Act and the Digital Ready Policy Making framework, which facilitates effective cross-border and cross-sector information exchange between public administrations in the Member States from policy design to implementation with the management of the Interoperability chapter under DIGITAL (Digital Europe Programme).

The Director represents the Director-General in external and internal events relevant to the Directorate. The Director is based in Luxembourg whereas 3 of the 4 units in the Directorate have staff both in Brussels and in Luxembourg. The Directorate has around 101 staff members and manages a budget of around 70M€.

## **We look for (selection criteria)**

Candidates should have:

### **Personal qualities**

- Strong communication and inter-personal skills to discuss effectively and efficiently with internal and external stakeholders and to represent the Commission at senior level.;
- Capacity to develop and maintain excellent relationships with other services in the Commission, with other institutions, other European bodies and national administrations;
- Excellent analytical skills, capacity to identify key points, develop and generate strategic goals and translate them into practical proposals for action;

### **Specialist skills and experience**

- Solid ability to formulate and follow-up with Member State administrations interoperability strategies for cross-border and cross-sector digital services;
- Proven background and practical experience running large projects, including architecture, planning, project management and quality control of deliverables.
- Capacity to establish and sustain the partnerships with the Commission's senior management to exploit the potential of IT to modernise the Institution;
- Proven ability and experience to understand the challenges facing large organisations in the design, development and evolution of corporate information systems aligned with business needs.

### **Management skills**

- Excellent ability to think strategically and to generate a clear vision for the objectives to be achieved.
- Leadership skills to direct and motivate a large, constantly changing team of highly competent IT and administrative professionals;
- Excellent management skills and ability to lead a service-oriented organisation in a multicultural environment.
- Proven experience in effective planning and management of human resources (large teams) and budgets;

## **Candidates must (eligibility requirements)**

Candidates will only be considered for the selection phase on the basis of the following formal requirements to be fulfilled **by the deadline for applications**:

- Nationality: candidates must be a citizen of one of the Member States of the European Union.
- University degree or diploma: candidates must have:
  - either a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is 4 years or more;
  - or a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a

diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least 1 year when the normal period of university education is at least 3 years (this one year's professional experience cannot be included in the postgraduate professional experience required below).

- Professional experience: candidates must have at least 15 years postgraduate professional experience<sup>1</sup> at a level to which the qualifications referred to above give admission.
- Management experience: at least 5 years of the post-graduate professional experience must have been gained in a high-level management function<sup>2</sup>
- Languages: candidates must have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union<sup>3</sup> and a satisfactory knowledge of another of these official languages. Selection panels will verify during the interview(s) whether candidates comply with the requirement of a satisfactory knowledge of another official EU language. This may include (part of) the interview being conducted in this other language.
- Age limit: candidates must not have reached regular retirement age, which for officials of the European Union is defined as being the end of the month in which the person reaches the age of 66 years (see Article 52 lit (a) of the Staff Regulations<sup>4</sup>).

## Selection and appointment

The selection and appointment will be conducted according to the European Commission's selection and recruitment procedures (see: Document on Senior Officials Policy<sup>5</sup>).

As part of this selection procedure, the European Commission sets up a pre-selection panel. This panel analyses all applications, proceeds with a first eligibility verification and identifies candidates having the best profile in view of the selection criteria mentioned above, and who may be invited for an interview with the pre-selection panel. Candidates may be requested to provide documents supporting the information provided in their application at any moment of the procedure. Failure to provide those documents within the deadline set in the request may lead to the exclusion from the selection.

Following these interviews, the pre-selection panel draws up its conclusions and proposes a list of candidates for further interviews with the European Commission's Consultative Committee on Appointments (CCA). The CCA, taking into consideration the conclusions of the pre-selection panel, will decide on the candidates to be invited for an interview.

Candidates who are called for an interview with the CCA participate in a full-day management assessment centre run by external recruitment consultants. Taking account of the results of the interview and the report of the assessment centre, the CCA establishes a shortlist of candidates

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<sup>1</sup> Professional experience is only taken into consideration if it represents an actual work relationship defined as real, genuine work, on a paid basis and as employee (any type of contract) or provider of a service. Professional activities pursued part-time shall be calculated pro rata, on the basis of the certified percentage of full-time hours worked. Maternity leave / parental leave / leave for adoption is taken into consideration if it is in the framework of a work contract. PhDs are assimilated to professional experience, even when unpaid, but for a duration of three years maximum, provided that the PhD has been successfully completed. A given period may be counted only once.

<sup>2</sup> In their curriculum vitae, candidates should clearly indicate for all years during which management experience has been acquired: (1) title and role of management positions held; (2) numbers of staff overseen in these positions; (3) the size of budgets managed; (4) numbers of hierarchical layers above and below; and (5) number of peers.

<sup>3</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:01958R0001-20130701&qid=1408533709461&from=ENhttps://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01958R0001-20130701>

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01962R0031-20140701>

<sup>5</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/jobs-european-commission/job-opportunities/managers-european-commission\\_en#documents](https://commission.europa.eu/jobs-european-commission/job-opportunities/managers-european-commission_en#documents) (only exists in English)

it considers suitable for the function.

Candidates on the CCA shortlist will be interviewed by the relevant Member(s) of the Commission.

Following these interviews, the European Commission takes the appointment decision.

The selected candidate must have fulfilled any obligations imposed by law concerning military service, produce appropriate character references as to their suitability for the performance of their duties and be physically fit to perform their duties.

The selected candidate should hold, or be in the position to obtain, a valid security clearance certificate from their national security authority. A personal security clearance is an administrative decision following completion of a security screening conducted by the individual's competent national security authority in accordance with applicable national security laws and regulations, and certifying that an individual may be allowed to access classified information up to a specified level. (Note that the necessary procedure for obtaining a security clearance can be initiated on request of the employer only, and not by the individual candidate).

Until the personal security clearance has been granted by the Member State concerned and the clearance procedure completed with the legally required briefing from the European Commission's Security Directorate, the candidate will not be able to access EU Classified Information (EUCI) at the level of CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above, nor attend any meetings at which such EUCI is discussed.

### **Equal opportunities**

In accordance with Article 1d of the Staff Regulations, the European Commission pursues a strategic objective of achieving gender equality at all management levels by the end of its current mandate and applies an equal opportunities policy encouraging applications that could contribute towards more diversity, gender equality and overall geographical balance.

### **Conditions of employment**

The salaries and conditions of employment are laid down in the Staff Regulations.

The selected candidate will be recruited as an official at grade AD14.. The selected candidate will be classified depending on the length of their previous professional experience in step 1 or step 2 within that grade.

The selected candidate should note the requirement under the Staff Regulations for all new staff to complete successfully a nine-month probationary period.

The place of employment is Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

### **Independence and declaration of interests**

Candidates will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to declare any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their

independence.

### **Important information for candidates**

Candidates are reminded that the work of the selection panels is confidential. It is forbidden for candidates to make direct or indirect contact with their individual members or for anybody to do so on their behalf. Any query has to be addressed to the secretariat of the respective panel.

### **Protection of personal data**

The Commission will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>6</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

### **Application procedure**

Before submitting your application, you should carefully check whether you meet all eligibility requirements ('Candidates must'), particularly concerning the types of diploma, high-level professional experience as well as linguistic capacity required. Failure to meet any of the eligibility requirements means an automatic exclusion from the selection procedure.

If you want to apply, you must register via the Internet on the following website and follow the instructions concerning the various stages of the procedure:

<https://ec.europa.eu/dgs/human-resources/seniormanagementvacancies/>

You must have a valid e-mail address. This will be used to confirm your registration as well as to remain in contact with you during the different stages of the procedure. Therefore, please keep the European Commission informed about any change in your e-mail address.

To complete your application, you need to upload a CV in PDF format, preferably using the Europass CV format<sup>7</sup>, and to fill out, online, a letter of motivation (maximum 8 000 characters). Your CV and your letter of motivation may be submitted in any of the official languages of the European Union.

It is in your interest to ensure that your application is accurate, thorough and truthful.

Once you have finished your online registration, you will receive an electronic mail confirming that your application has been registered. **If you do not receive a confirmation mail, your application has not been registered!**

Please note that it is not possible to monitor the progress of your application on-line. You will be contacted directly by the European Commission regarding the status of your application.

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<sup>6</sup> 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

<sup>7</sup> You can find information on how to create your Europass CV online at: <https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv>

**Applications sent by e-mail will not be accepted.** If you require more information and/or encounter technical problems, please send an e-mail to:  
[HR-MANAGEMENT-ONLINE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HR-MANAGEMENT-ONLINE@ec.europa.eu)

It is your responsibility to complete your online registration in time. We strongly advise you not to wait until the last few days before applying, since heavy internet traffic or a fault with your internet connection could lead to the online registration being terminated before you complete it, thereby obliging you to repeat the whole process. Once the deadline for the submission of registrations has passed, you will no longer be able to introduce any data. Late registrations will not accepted.

### **Closing date**

The closing date for registration is **20/05/2025, 12.00 noon Brussels time**, following which registration is no longer possible.