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Recruitment Notice PE/340/2025/S

Director

(function group AD, grade 14)

Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services, Directorate for Academia, Research and Foresight

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1. Vacant post

The President of the European Parliament has decided to open the procedure for filling the post of **director** (AD, grade 14) in the Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services, Directorate for Academia, Research and Foresight, in accordance with Article 29(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union ⁽¹⁾ ('the Staff Regulations').

This selection procedure, which is designed to give the appointing authority a wider choice of candidates, will be conducted at the same time as internal and interinstitutional recruitment procedures.

The remuneration and conditions of employment are laid down in the Staff Regulations. Recruitment will be at grade AD 14 ⁽²⁾. In addition to the basic salary, which is subject to Union tax and exempt from national tax, certain allowances may be payable in circumstances laid down by the Staff Regulations.

Candidates should note that, in accordance with the Staff Regulations, all new members of staff must successfully complete a nine-month probationary period, and that this post is subject to the mobility policy rules adopted by Parliament's Bureau on 15 January 2018.

The post calls for flexibility and frequent contact with people inside and outside Parliament, including Members of the European Parliament. The director will be required to travel frequently between Parliament's places of work.

2. Place of employment

Strasbourg. This post may be transferred to one of Parliament's other places of work.

3. Equal opportunities

The European Parliament is an equal opportunities employer and very much welcomes all applications without discrimination on any ground such as gender, ethnicity, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status or family situation.

4. Job description

As a senior official, the director will be required to carry out the following duties in the light of the guidelines and decisions laid down by the parliamentary authority and the director-general ⁽³⁾:

- Ensuring that a large department in Parliament's Secretariat, comprising several units covering the directorate's areas of activity, runs smoothly and in keeping with Parliament's policies;
- Managing, leading, motivating and coordinating teams of staff; optimising the use of the directorate's resources to provide a high-quality service (organisation, management of human and budget resources, innovation, etc.) in its areas of activity;
- Planning the directorate's work (deciding on objectives and strategies); taking the decisions required to achieve the objectives set; assessing the performance of the departments within the directorate with a view to ensuring that high standards are maintained;

⁽¹⁾ See Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1), as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 723/2004 (OJ L 124, 27.4.2004, p. 1) and most recently by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1023/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 amending the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p. 15).

⁽²⁾ On recruitment the official will be placed in the appropriate step, in accordance with Article 32 of the Staff Regulations.

⁽³⁾ See annex for a description of the main tasks.

- Advising the director-general, the Secretary-General and Members in the directorate's areas of activity;
- Cooperating with the other directorates in the Secretariat, representing Parliament and negotiating contracts and agreements in the directorate's areas of activity;
- Managing and seeing through specific projects likely to involve financial responsibilities;
- Acting as authorising officer by subdelegation.

5. Eligibility

The selection procedure is open to candidates who fulfil the following conditions on the closing date for applications:

(a) General conditions

Under Article 28 of the Staff Regulations, candidates must:

- be a national of one of the European Union's Member States ⁽⁴⁾;
- enjoy full rights as a citizen;
- have fulfilled any obligations imposed on them by the laws on military service;
- be able to produce the appropriate character references as to their suitability for the performance of the duties concerned.

(b) Specific conditions

(i) Qualifications required

- When the normal period of university education is four years or more, a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma officially recognised in one of the Member States of the Union,
- or
- When the normal period of university education is at least three years, a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma officially recognised in one of the Member States of the Union and appropriate professional experience of at least one year ⁽⁵⁾.

Diplomas, whether issued in a Member State of the Union or in another country, must be recognised by an official body of a Member State of the Union, such as the ministry of education.

Candidates holding diplomas issued in a non-EU country ⁽⁶⁾ must enclose with their application an EU equivalence for their diplomas. For further information on recognition of qualifications obtained in a non-EU country in the ENIC-NARIC networks, see:

<https://www.enic-naric.net/>.

(ii) Professional experience required

Professional experience gained after obtaining the qualifications referred to above:

- **twelve years**, at least part of which must be in the directorate's areas of activity, including:
 - at least **six years** in a European and/or international environment, and
 - at least **six years** in management positions in a large department.

⁽⁴⁾ The European Union's Member States are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

⁽⁵⁾ This year of experience will not be taken into account when assessing the professional experience required under indent (ii) 'Professional experience required'.

⁽⁶⁾ UK qualifications/diplomas obtained up until 31 December 2020 are accepted with no other recognition required. For diplomas obtained after that date, NARIC recognition is required. In practice, this means that UK diplomas issued from 1 January 2021 must be accompanied by an equivalence issued by a competent authority of a current Member State of the EU.

(iii) Knowledge of languages

Thorough knowledge (at least C1 level) of one of the European Union's official languages is required ⁽⁷⁾, along with satisfactory knowledge (at least B2 level) of at least one other official language of the European Union.

These abilities correspond to those specified in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. For further details, see:

<https://europa.eu/europass/common-european-framework-reference-language-skills>

The Advisory Committee will take knowledge of other official languages of the European Union into account.

6. Tests

To assist the appointing authority in its choice, the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Senior Officials will draw up a list of candidates and make a recommendation to Parliament's Bureau as to who should be called for interview. The Bureau will adopt the list, and the committee will conduct the interviews and submit its final report to the Bureau for a decision. At this stage, the Bureau may interview the candidates.

The interviews will be based on the job description as set out in point 4 above, focusing on the following:

- strategic thinking;
- management skills;
- forward-planning skills;
- ability to react appropriately to events;
- thoroughness;
- communication skills.

7. Submission of applications

The deadline for applications is:

12.00 (noon), Brussels time, on Wednesday 12 November 2025.

Candidates are asked to send, by email only, a personal statement in PDF format in one of the European Union's official languages ⁽⁸⁾ (marked 'For the attention of the Secretary-General of the European Parliament, Recruitment Notice PE/340/2025/S) and a curriculum vitae in Europass format ⁽⁹⁾, quoting the reference number for the procedure (PE/340/2025/S) in the subject line, to:

PERS-EPSeniorManagement@ep.europa.eu

The date and time of dispatch of the email will be taken to be the date and time of submission of the application.

⁽⁷⁾ The European Union's official languages are: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish.

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⁽⁹⁾ <https://europa.eu/europass/>.

Candidates must ensure that scanned documents are legible.

Candidates called for interview must produce by the interview date copies or photocopies of supporting documents relating to their studies, professional experience and current responsibilities ⁽¹⁰⁾. These documents will not be returned.

Personal data which candidates provide for the purposes of this selection procedure will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹¹⁾, in particular as regards their confidentiality and security.

⁽¹⁰⁾ This does not apply to candidates working for the European Parliament on the closing date for applications. Candidates are responsible for making sure that we are in possession of their complete application file (where relevant documents are missing from the HRM portal (Streamline)).

⁽¹¹⁾ 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).

ANNEX

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICES**DIRECTORATE FOR ACADEMIA, RESEARCH AND FORESIGHT**

MAIN TASKS

- Managing, coordinating and leading the directorate and its units and services;
- Enhancing Parliament's ability to draw on high-quality scientific expertise and foresight;
- Fostering structured cooperation with the academic community by establishing lasting partnerships with universities and research institutes across Europe;
- Helping Parliament to anticipate emerging trends and future challenges; supporting strategic planning and long-term resilience;
- Helping to draw up content on these areas for publication on the European Parliament's external and internal sites;
- Supporting the units in developing and maintaining contacts with the relevant services of the European Parliament and other institutions;
- Acting as authorising officer by subdelegation.

ACADEMIC NETWORK UNIT

- Facilitating Parliament's access to a wide network of experts to ensure that high-quality scientific input is obtained in good time at every stage of the legislative process;
- Strengthening partnerships with the academic community by promoting closer cooperation with universities and research institutions, including those already receiving EU budget support;
- Seeking to create a dynamic environment in which Parliament can rapidly and efficiently access research and data tailored to its legislative needs.

POLICY FORESIGHT UNIT

- Supporting Parliament in fostering a culture of anticipatory governance and in developing thinking on and understanding of medium- and long-term trends, challenges and choices;
- Ensuring that Parliament is well informed on and prepared for the challenges of the coming decades by producing and coordinating analyses of the risks and vulnerabilities to which the EU is exposed, its capabilities, and opportunities and gaps where it could act, with a view to increasing its resilience and its strategic autonomy;
- Encouraging active participation in the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS) – the EU's interinstitutional cooperation framework on strategic foresight and long-term trends – and developing partnerships with think tanks, academic bodies and other external actors in these fields.