

Vacancy Notice

Accounting & Compliance Officer (TA/AD 8)

Ref. ENISA-TA22-AD-2017-02

The Agency welcomes applications from highly motivated candidates to contribute to the development of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA).

Please send us your applications by no later than 15/05/2017 at 16:00 (Heraklion, Greece local time).

1. The Agency

The Agency is a centre of expertise for cyber security in Europe.

ENISA is actively contributing to a high level of network and information security (NIS) within the Union, since it was set up in 2004¹, to the development of a culture of NIS in society and in order to raise awareness of NIS, thus contributing to proper functioning of the internal market.

ENISA in priority focuses on five main axes:

- Collecting and analysing data on security incidents and emerging risks in Europe;
- Assisting and advising the Commission and the Member States in their dialogue with industry to address security related problems and, when called upon, in the technical preparatory work for updating and developing Community legislation in the field of network and information security;
- Promoting best practices, risk assessment and risk management, training and awareness raising actions;
- Encouraging co-operation between different actors, developing and maintaining contact with institutions, the business community and consumer organizations, notably through public/private partnerships;
- Tracking the development of standards for products and services in the field of network and information security and promoting their use.

ENISA is located in Heraklion (the agency's official seat) with an operational office in Athens (Greece). The place of employment for the **Accounting & Compliance Officer** is **Athens**.

ENISA's staff are expected to be reasonably mobile in order to respond to the needs of the Member States on the basis of planned as well as ad hoc needs.

Further information about ENISA may be found on our website: <http://www.enisa.europa.eu/>

¹ Regulation (EU) No 526/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013, repealing Regulation (EC) No 460/2004, (OJ L 165/41, 18.06.2013).

2. Job description

The Accounting & Compliance Officer reports to the Executive Director on behalf of the Management Board to ensure a level of independence in relation to his compliance functions. The position also requires the successful candidate to work closely with the Finance Unit in relation to the other functions listed below.

In accordance with the EU Financial Regulations, the internal rules and the Quality Management Strategy of the agency, the Accounting & Compliance Officer sets up, structures and maintains the Agency's accountancy and financial system, as well as provides direction to Quality Systems and compliance matters.

Key responsibilities:

- Execution of payments, collection of revenue and recovery of amounts established as being receivable;
- Prepare the annual accounts including the Agency's net assets, financial performance, cash position, etc;
- Organise the closure of the accounts involving all in-house financial players;
- Ensure the implementation within the Agency of the accounting rules, policies and methods and of the applicable chart of accounts;
- Ensure the execution of accounting transactions and reconcile outstanding transactions;
- Manage the appropriations (initial inscription, supplementary budgets, etc.);
- Forecast and execute the treasury management (manage bank and cash accounts);
- Lay down and validate the accounting systems and tools in view of the requirements and guidance set by the European Court of Auditors and by the European Commission (Internal Audit Service);
- Develop and maintain the finance reporting of the Agency, the Annual Activity Report as well as the accounting quality reports for management use regarding tangible/intangible assets, cash position, financial ratios, payments statistics and other accounting information;
- Optimise relevant financial / accounting tools, contribute to change projects and to the preparation of the work programmes and budget, to the planning and monitoring of the financial circuits, etc.;
- Follow-up relevant accounting regulations and instructions and their changes, participate in the Interagency network of Accounting Officers, deliver advice to the management or internal training;
- Coordinate control and audit missions in liaising effectively with relevant stakeholders (e.g. Court of Auditors, Internal Audit Service);
- Ensure, in line with Quality and Compliance systems, that all policies and procedures are understandable and clear (e.g. use of SOPs).

3. Qualifications and experience required

3.1. Eligibility Criteria

- A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma² when the normal period of university education is four years or more, or

² Only diplomas issued by EU Member State authorities and diplomas recognised as equivalent by the relevant EU Member State bodies are accepted. If the main studies took place outside the European Union, the candidate's qualification must have been recognised by a body delegated officially for the purpose by one of the European Union Member States (such as a national

- A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least 3 years;
- At least 9 years of proven full-time professional experience³ relevant to the duties concerned after the award of the university degree;
- Thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union and a satisfactory knowledge of another official European language⁴.

In addition, in order to be eligible a candidate must:

- Be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union;
- Be entitled to his/her full rights as a citizen⁵;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws concerning military service;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post⁶.

3.2. Selection criteria⁷

High Scoring Criteria (5 points per criterion)

- Proven professional experience in the implementation of accounting operations, management of payment orders execution and validation of recovery orders, recognition and reconciliation of assets, treasury management, preparation of year-end records and annual accounts, organising and performing control procedures for the quality of accounting data;
- Experience in following audit recommendations;
- Very good knowledge of the Financial Regulations and implementing rules applicable to the general budget of the EU and of the rule of accountancy as well as of the financial IT tools used (ABAC, Exact, SAP, etc.);
- Understanding and/or experience in ICS (internal control standards) and QMS (quality management systems);
- High degree of organisational skills, accuracy and ability to analyse, compile and summarize complex financial information;
- High sense of responsibility and probity with regard to the protection of the Agency's financial interests;

Ministry of Education) and a document attesting so must be submitted if you have been invited for an interview. This will enable the selection board to assess accurately the level of the qualifications.

³ Professional experience connected with the Agency's areas of activities shall be taken into account and is counted only from the time the candidate obtained the certificate or diploma required for admission to the selection procedure.

⁴ Recruited candidates shall be required to demonstrate before their first promotion the ability to work in a third European Community language.

⁵ Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate issued by a competent Member State Authority attesting the absence of any criminal record.

⁶ Before appointment, the successful candidate shall be medically examined in line with the requirement of Article 28(e) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities.

⁷ All high scoring and low scoring criteria are evaluated in order to identify the candidates to be invited for an interview. Only candidates scoring above the threshold to be set by the selection committee will be invited for an interview. Therefore, candidates are recommended to give evidence of their knowledge by specific examples and/or detailed professional experience in the application form in order to be evaluated in the best possible way. To that purpose candidates are requested to be as detailed and as clear as possible in the description of their professional experience and specific skills and competences.

- Strong communication skills in English both orally and in writing;
- Ability to work effectively and inclusively with a range of internal and external stakeholders;
- Ability to remain effective under a heavy workload and to meet programmatic deadlines consistently regardless of working environment's changes.

Low Scoring Criteria (2 points per criterion)

- University degree in Accountancy, Finance, Auditing, Business Administration or Economics;
- Familiarity and/or experience in a position related to the aforementioned Job, preferably in a European Institution, Agency, Body, International Organisation.

4. Selection procedure

The selected candidate will be appointed to a position according to the needs of the Agency, on the basis of the reserve list of candidates, proposed by the Selection Committee and established following an open selection process involving interviews and tests.

More specifically, the Selection Committee decides on those candidates who are admitted to the selection procedure in accordance with the requirements as specified in the vacancy notice. The applications of the candidates admitted to the selection procedure are reviewed and the Selection Committee decides on those candidates who are invited to attend an interview. The Selection Committee adheres strictly to the conditions of admission laid down in the vacancy notice when deciding whether or not candidates are to be admitted. Candidates admitted to a previous selection procedure will not automatically be eligible. Should the Selection Committee discover at any stage in the procedure that the candidate does not meet one or more of the general or special conditions for admission to the selection procedure or that the information on the application form does not correspond with the supporting documents, the candidate will be disqualified.

Candidates may be asked to undergo a written test; should this be the case, candidates will be informed in advance. The activity of the Selection Committee ends with the drawing of a reserve list of suitable applicants to occupy the position advertised. Candidates should note that inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.

It is intended to possibly invite a maximum of 8 candidates to the selection interview and test.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo a personality test.

The reserve list will be valid until 31/12/2017 and may be extended by decision of the Executive Director for a further 12 months.

Each candidate will be informed by e-mail whether or not he/she has been placed on the reserve list. Candidates placed on the reserve list will be asked to fill a specific form informing the Appointing Authority of any actual or potential conflict of interest⁸. If a letter of intention is issued, the candidate must undergo

⁸ In compliance with Article 11 of the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

a compulsory medical examination to establish that he/she meets the standard of physical fitness necessary to perform the duties involved and the candidate must provide original or certified copies of all relevant documents.

Following this procedure, a reserve list of a maximum of 3 candidates will be drawn up which may be used to recruit staff for positions in the areas referred to in this vacancy.

It is strictly forbidden for the candidates to make any contact with the Selection Committee, either directly or indirectly. Any infringement to this rule will disqualify the candidate from the competition.

All enquiries or request for information in relation to the competition should be addressed to the following email address recruitment@enisa.europa.eu

5. Conditions of Employment

The successful candidate will be recruited as a Temporary Agent, pursuant to Article 2(f) the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS), for a period of three years which may be renewed or until the end of the Agency's mandate whichever is the earliest. This contract may be renewed for a period of 5 years with the possibility of an indefinite contract at the end of the renewal of 5 years.

The appointment will be in grade AD8. Therefore, the final grade and the final step in the grade (step 1 or step 2) will be determined in accordance with the number of years of experience of the successful candidate after the award of the university degree giving access to the position as defined in the formal requirements.

Successful candidates, who are recruited, shall undergo an initial probation period of 9 months. For reasons related to the Agency's operational requirements, the successful candidate will be required to be available at the shortest possible notice.

The pay of staff members consists of a basic salary⁹ supplemented with various allowances, including family allowances, etc. The indicative basic monthly salary for grade AD 8, step 1, is **6717.35**. This salary is weighted by the corrective coefficient affected to the hosting country of the agency. The current corrective coefficient is 79.3 % which will be reviewed yearly with possible retroactive effect.

Other benefits include:

- Special ID card, issued by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Special car license plates (for certain grades);
- Additional financial support for the education of children "subject to budget availability";
- VAT exemption allowance on certain goods for a period of 2 years;
- Statutory staff who have completed at least 10 years of service or reached pensionable age, are entitled to a pension under the pension scheme of the European Union institutions (PSEUI).

For further information on working conditions of Temporary staff, please refer to:

http://europa.eu/epso/discover/careers/staff_regulations/index_en.htm

⁹ Basic Salary: there is a basic salary scale for each grade, divided into a number of steps. The final step is defined according to the total number of years of experience starting from the education certificate/degree giving access to the position.

6. Community Tax

The salaries of staff members are subject to a Community tax deducted at source. They are exempt from national tax on salary and are members of the Community social security and pension schemes.

For additional information about salaries, deductions and allowances please consult the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Union:

http://europa.eu/epso/discover/careers/staff_regulations/index_en.htm

7. Data protection

The purpose of processing of the data you submit is to manage your application(s) in view of possible pre-selection and recruitment at ENISA. ENISA does not publish personal data of candidates. Personal data is processed by and accessible to authorised ENISA personnel. Personal data submitted is kept confidential. ENISA adheres to and is regulated under Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on personal data. ENISA is supervised by EDPS, <http://www.edps.europa.eu>. For any further enquiries you may contact the Data Protection Officer at: dataprotection@enisa.europa.eu

Candidates are referred to our privacy statement which explains how ENISA processes personal data in relation to recruitment selections.

8. Equal opportunity

ENISA is an equal opportunities employer and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, age or sexual orientation, marital status or family situation. Applications from women and disabled candidates are encouraged. The staff is recruited on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of all Member States of the European Union.

9. Complaints

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 of the European Union and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Union, within 3 months from the date of notification to the following address:

ENISA Executive Director / To the attention of the Head of SRAD
P.O. BOX 1309

71001 Heraklion, Greece.

Should the complaint be rejected, pursuant to Article 270 of the Treaty of 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, a candidate may request judicial review of the act. The appeal must be lodged within 3 months from the date of notification to the following address:

European Union Civil Service Tribunal
Boulevard Konrad Adenauer
Luxembourg 2925

Please note that the appointing authority does not have the power to amend the decisions of a selection board. The Civil Service Tribunal has consistently held that the wide discretion enjoyed by selection boards is not subject to review by the Civil Service Tribunal unless rules which govern the proceedings of selection boards have been infringed. For details of how to submit an appeal, please consult the website of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal: <http://curia.europa.eu/>

It is also possible to complain to the European Ombudsman pursuant to Article 228 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union as well as the Statute of the Ombudsman and the implementing Provisions adopted by the Ombudsman under Article 14 of the Statute.

European Ombudsman
1 Avenue du President Robert Schuman
CS 30403
67001 Strasbourg Cedex
France
<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>

Please note that complaints made to the Ombudsman have no suspensive effect on the period laid down in Articles 90(2) and 91 of the Staff Regulations for lodging, respectively, a complaint or an appeal with the European Union Civil Service Tribunal under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU. Please note also that, under Article 2(4) of the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, any complaint lodged with the Ombudsman must be preceded by the appropriate administrative approaches to the institutions and bodies concerned.

10. Submission of applications

For an application to be valid candidates **shall**:

- Use the official application form published with this vacancy. The application must be completed in English only and the format of the PDF application must not be changed;
- Submit their application within the set deadline through the web-site of ENISA or by e-mail to: ENISA-TA22-AD-2017-02@enisa.europa.eu;
- Indicate in the subject of the e-mail: **ENISA-TA22-AD-2017-02**

Incomplete applications will be disqualified and treated as non-eligible. Candidates should submit a separate application for each vacancy they want to apply for.



At this stage of the selection procedure candidates are not required to send any additional supporting documents with the application (i.e.: copies of your ID-card, educational certificates, evidence of previous professional experience etc.).

Please note that the selection process may take several months. Status of the selection procedures can be consulted at: <https://www.enisa.europa.eu/recruitment/vacancies/status-of-previous-vacancies>

The **closing date** and time for the submission of applications is:

Monday 15 May 2017 (16h00 Heraklion, Greece local time).

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