

## VACANCY NOTICE - CONTRACT STAFF

**Reference number: Frontex/16/CA/FGI/25.1**

### **Security Guard (more positions available as from the end of 2017)**

Post/position (business title):	Security Guard
Sector/Unit/Division:	Human Resources and Security Unit / Corporate Governance
Function Group/Grade:	Contract staff FGI / grade 1
Location:	Warsaw, Poland
Starting date (indicative):	16 July 2017 (estimated date)
Level of Security Clearance:	SECRET UE / EU SECRET
Closing date for applications	18 May 2017 (date of publication 20 April 2017)

### **1. BACKGROUND**

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), has been established under Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of 14 September 2016 (the 'Regulation'). The agency was created on the foundations of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (established under Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004), which has been coordinating operational activities at the EU external border since 2005.

Frontex is located in Warsaw, Poland and is in the process of significantly increasing the size of its staff from the current number of more than 420 to meet its expanded tasks. Those tasks include:

- Operational and technical assistance to the EU member states at their external borders by coordinating joint border control operations including deployment of vessels, aircraft and other equipment and border guards from EU countries;
- Coordination of border surveillance and law enforcement activities being part of maritime security in cooperation with national authorities and EU agencies as for example the European Maritime Safety Agency ('EMSA') and the European Fisheries Control Agency ('EFCA');
- Situation monitoring of EU's external borders and risk analysis on all aspects of border management, including assessment of the EU MS' border control authorities to face threats challenges at the external borders;
- Assisting member states in returning nationals of non-EU countries who do not have the right to remain on the territory of the EU;
- Development of training programmes for European border guards to share best practices and expertise at all EU borders;
- Monitoring new technological developments in the field of border control and acting as an interface between research institutions, industry and national border authorities;

- Cooperation with EU and international organisations, in the area of border management, security, and prevention of cross-border crime (including terrorism);
- Assist non-EU countries in the context of technical and operational cooperation on border management including return matters, in the framework of the EU external relations policy.

For more information, please refer to our website: <http://www.frontex.europa.eu>.

## **2. THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND THE SECURITY SECTOR IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY UNIT**

The general mission of Corporate Governance is to give all necessary support and assistance to operational units and other units and entities of the Agency to allow them to function in the smoothest and least interrupted way. Corporate Governance functions include Financial and Corporate Services, Legal Affairs, Human Resources and Security, and Information and Communication Technology.

The objective of the Security Sector in the Human Resources and Security Unit is to enable Frontex to operate in a safe and secure environment by establishing a coherent, integrated approach as regards its security, providing appropriate levels of protection for persons, assets and information.

## **3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES LINKED TO THE POSITION**

Reporting to the Security Officer (and under the supervision of the Senior Security Guard) the Security Guard will carry out the following tasks:

### **Security Tasks**

- Carry out surveillance of the premises and maintaining vigilance in the protection of information, persons and property;
- Perform duties and security tasks in the main entrance and reception area and patrols around the premises;
- Carry out tasks of an X-ray and metal detector operator;
- Prevent people from unlawful entry;
- Prevent people from unauthorized removal of Frontex property;
- Be constantly on alert to guard against any threats that can damage the business continuity of Frontex;
- Provide security protection, protection and destruction of information, mail handling, guidance, and reporting and security awareness;
- Take appropriate measures in case of incidents, breach of security or emergencies and report immediately to the line managers.

### **Control Room Operator Tasks**

- Perform tasks in the Control room as watch commander;
- Monitor and control the movements of Frontex staff, visitors and deliveries within Frontex using CCTV monitors, radio and intercoms.

**Perform any other tasks in the area of competence as identified by the line manager.**

**This position requires regular participation in shift-work and/or standby working arrangements including during weekends and nights as well as public holidays.**

## 4. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

### 4.1. Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, an applicant must have:

- a level of education which corresponds to successfully completed compulsory education. *Only qualifications that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the EU Member States shall be taken into consideration.*
- produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the EU and of a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the EU to the extent necessary for the performance of his duties;
- be a national of one of the Member States of the EU or the Schengen Associated Countries and enjoys the full rights as a citizen;
- produce the appropriate character references as to his suitability for the performance of his duties;
- fulfil any obligations imposed on him by the laws of his home country concerning military service;
- be physically fit to perform their duties<sup>1</sup>.

For reasons related to the Frontex business requirements, be available at short notice for the job.

### 4.2. Selection criteria

#### 4.2.1. Professional competences

**The candidate will be required to demonstrate that he/she has:**

**Essential competences:**

- Sound knowledge and proven professional experience of at least 3 years in the areas mentioned in the job duties in a law enforcement, intelligence and public or private security organisation, army and/or other organisations engaged in security and crisis management;
- Experience of at least 1 year in working with a (physical) security management and communication systems including ability to monitor and operate a variety of detection devices and equipment simultaneously and to identify suspicious acts utilizing CCTV monitors;
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office applications (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook) and the internet;
- Ability to communicate with officers of law enforcement authorities who only speak local language in Poland;
- Willingness to work in shift-work and/or standby working arrangements including during weekends and nights as well as public holidays.

**Besides, the following attribute would be considered advantageous**

- Training in martial arts followed by a professional certificate;
- Additional professional certificates related to the area of security and or law enforcement (namely certificates, diplomas or attestations issued by European or national law enforcement agencies or military organizations, First Aid certificates, specialised X-Ray system or close protection training certificates etc.);
- Knowledge in handling classified information;
- Experience of at least 2 years working in an international working environment.

<sup>1</sup> Before the appointment, the successful candidate shall be medically examined by a selected medical service in order that Frontex may be satisfied that he/she fulfils the requirement of Article 83 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1023/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013, OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p. 15).

#### 4.2.2. Personal qualities and competences

##### Attributes especially important to this post include:

- Professional and ethical behaviour, strong sense of initiative, flexibility, responsibility, commitment and customer-oriented work ethic;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (ability to communicate clearly and precisely to different audiences both orally and in writing) in English;
- Ability to act rationally and effectively in crisis, emergency, stressful and/or other complex situations; ability to work under pressure and respond to changes in a rapidly evolving work environment;
- Ability to work effectively both independently as well as within a diverse team in a multicultural environment (good team-working & team-building skills).

## 5. INDEPENDENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The selected candidate will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in Frontex' interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence. Applicants will therefore be required to include confirmation of their willingness to make such declarations with their applications.

## 6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Frontex applies an equal opportunities policy and accepts applications without distinction on grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

## 7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection procedure includes the following steps:

- After registration, each application is checked in order to verify whether it meets the eligibility criteria;
- All the eligible applications are evaluated by an appointed Selection Committee based on the selection criteria defined in the vacancy notice;
- Best-qualified applicants, who obtained the highest number of points within the evaluation and who are matching best the selection criteria established in this vacancy notice, will be shortlisted and invited for a competency and/or practical tests and interviews;
- The interviews will be held primarily in English while the ability to communicate with officers of law enforcement authorities who only speak local language will be tested in Polish language. The first interview may be carried out in a form of a video-conference, Skype call or similar. During the second interview, the Selection Committee will examine in details the profiles of applicants and assess their relevancy for the post in question and practical tests may take place;
- Applicants invited to an interview will be requested to present, on the day of the interview, originals of their diploma(s) and evidence of their professional experience, clearly indicating the starting, finishing dates and workload;
- As a result of the interviews, the Selection Committee will recommend the most suitable applicants for the post in question to the Executive Director of Frontex. Non-recruited and suitable applicants will be proposed for the reserve list, which may also be used for the recruitment for a similar post depending on the needs of Frontex and shall be valid for 3 years (the validity period may be extended). Each interviewed applicant will be notified in written whether or not he/she has been placed on the reserve list. Applicants should note that inclusion on a reserve list does not guarantee an employment offer.

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

## 8. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The most successful applicant will be appointed by the Executive Director of Frontex.

The successful applicant will be recruited as contract staff pursuant to article 3(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities (CEOS)<sup>2</sup>. The contract staff position in question is placed in function group I.

**The final net calculation is as follows:**

Function Group I	Grade 1
Basic net salary (without any allowances)	1 336 EUR 5 915 PLN
Expatriation allowances (depending on family situation) (net)	359 - 361 EUR 1 591 - 1 598 PLN
Household allowances (net)	148 EUR 653 PLN
Dependent child allowances for each child (net)	265 EUR 1 173 PLN
Preschool allowance (net)	65 EUR 287 PLN
Education allowance (net) up to	360 EUR 1 592 PLN

The staff member's remuneration consists of the basic salary and allowances. The staff member may be entitled to various allowances, in particular to an expatriation (16 % of basic gross salary) or to a foreign residence allowance (4 % of basic gross salary) - depending on particular situation, and to family allowances (depending on personal situation) such as: household allowance, dependent child allowance, pre-school allowance, education allowance.

The remuneration is expressed in EUR, after the compulsory deductions set out in the Staff Regulations or in any implementing regulations is weighted by the correction coefficient for Poland (currently 66.7 %). It can be paid either in EUR or in PLN according to a fixed exchange rate (currently 4.4261 PLN/EUR). The remuneration of the staff members, the correction coefficient and the exchange rate is updated annually before the end of each year, with a retroactive effect from 1 July, in accordance with Annex XI of the Staff Regulations.

The headquarters agreement with the Polish authorities was concluded in March 2017 and its entry into force depends on the finalisation of the ratification procedure in the Polish Parliament. The estimated date of entry into force of this agreement is currently September 2017. Under this agreement the Polish authorities will provide the following main benefits to the Frontex staff of non-Polish nationality:

- (a) reimbursement of tuition cost of each dependent child attending primary or secondary school on Polish territory up to a limit of 35 000 PLN per school year;
- (b) limited 12 months' period of reimbursement of VAT on purchases of main household effects to assist a newcomer to settle in Warsaw;
- (c) reimbursement of VAT on the purchase of a private car (this entitlement is renewable after 36 months).

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1023/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013, OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p. 15,  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

Additionally, this agreement foresees that (an accredited) European School will be set-up in Warsaw in the future to allow dependent children of all Frontex staff (including Polish nationals) to attend a (tuition-free) European-type multilingual education.

Staff pays an EU tax at sources and deductions are also made for medical insurance, pension and unemployment insurance. Salaries are exempt from national taxes. The rate of solidarity levy is 6 %.

Staff is entitled to annual leave of two working days per each complete calendar month of service. On top of that, staff is entitled to a number days of leave to their basic entitlement depending on the grade, age and distance from the place of origin. In addition, there are on average 18 Frontex Public Holidays per year. Special leave is granted for certain circumstances such as marriage, birth or adoption of a child.

Frontex being a knowledge based organization acknowledges the importance of training provided to its staff. Frontex provides general and technical nature training as well as professional development opportunities that are discussed annually during staff performance appraisal.

Throughout the period of service staff is a member of the EU pension scheme. The pension is granted after completing a minimum of 10 years' service and after reaching the pensionable age of 66 years. The pensionable age for staff recruited before 1 January 2014 varies between 60 and 65 years. Pension rights acquired in one or more national schemes before starting to work at Frontex may be transferred into the EU pension system.

Staff is covered 24/7 and worldwide by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS). Staff is insured against sickness, the risk of occupational disease and accident as well as entitled for a monthly unemployment allowance, the right to receive payment of invalidity allowance and travel insurance.

For further information on working conditions please refer to the CEOS<sup>3</sup>.

A contract of employment will be offered for a period of five years, with a probationary period of nine months.

Frontex requires selected applicants to sensitive posts to undergo a security screening procedure and obtain a positive national opinion or respective personal security clearance. The level of the latter depends on the specific post. For this post, the required level of clearance is **SECRET UE / EU SECRET**. Applicants who currently hold a valid security clearance at the above-mentioned level (or higher) may not need to obtain a new one, pending confirmation from their respective National Security Authority. They shall provide Frontex with a security clearance certificate specifying the issuing authority, level and date of expiry. In case the validity of the security clearance expires within six months, a renewal procedure shall be initiated expeditiously. In case selected applicants do not currently hold a valid and positive security clearance at the above-mentioned level, Frontex will request such from the National Security Authority of the applicants' state of citizenship. In case of a failure to obtain the required security clearance certificate or if the National Security Agency issues a negative opinion at the above-mentioned level after the signature of the contract of employment Frontex has the right to terminate the contract of employment.

## 9. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Frontex ensures that applicants' personal data are processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the European Union institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (12.1.2001, OJ, L 8). Please note that Frontex will not return applications to applicants. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

The legal basis for the selection procedures of contract staff are defined in the CEOS.

The purpose of processing personal data is to enable carry-out selection procedures.

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<sup>3</sup> In particular the provisions governing conditions of engagement in Title IV, Chapter 3.

The selection procedure is conducted under the responsibility of the Human Resources Sector of the Human Resources and Security Unit, within the Corporate Governance of Frontex (HR Sector). The controller for personal data protection purposes is the Head of HR Sector.

The information provided by the applicants will be accessible to a strictly limited number of staff members assigned to the HR Sector, to the Selection Committee members, and, if necessary, to the Legal Affairs Unit and Frontex management.

Almost all fields in the application form are mandatory; the answers provided by the applicants in the fields marked as optional will not be taken into account to assess their merits, qualifications and competences.

Processing begins on the date of receipt of the application. Data storage policy is as follows:

- For applications received from not-selected candidates: the data are filed and stored in archives for **2 years and** after this time the data are destroyed;
- For applicants placed on a reserve list but not recruited: the data are kept for the period of validity of the **reserve list + 1 year and** after this time the data are destroyed;
- For recruited applicants: the data are kept for a period of **10 years** after the termination of employment or as of the last pension payment **and** after this time the data are destroyed.

All applicants may exercise their right of access to and right to rectify personal data. In the case of identification data, applicants can rectify those data at any time during the procedure. In the case of data related to the eligibility or selection criteria, the right of rectification cannot be exercised after the closing date of applications' submission.

Should the applicant have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data and has substantiated request, he/she shall address them to the HR Sector at [hr@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:hr@frontex.europa.eu).

Applicants may have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)).

## 10. APPEAL PROCEDURE

If an applicant 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 at the following address:

**Frontex**  
Human Resources Sector  
Plac Europejski 6  
00-844 Warsaw  
Poland

The complaint must be lodged within 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure starts to run from the time the selection procedure for this post is declared as closed on the Frontex webpage (<http://www.frontex.europa.eu>).

Candidates also have a possibility to complain to the European Ombudsman. Please note that complaints made to the European Ombudsman have no effect on the time period laid down in Article 91 of the Staff Regulations. 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.

## 11. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In order for an application to be considered valid, applicants must submit their Frontex Application Form relevant for this selection procedure duly signed and scanned (pdf format) to the following e-mail:

[jobs@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:jobs@frontex.europa.eu). The subject of the e-mail shall have this structure: 'SURNAME\_Name\_Vacancy Reference Number\_Post Title'.

Frontex Application Form is to be downloaded from Frontex website under the Reference Number of the post. In the Eligibility Checklist (which forms an essential and integral part of the Frontex Application Form) the applicant shall verify his/her compliance with the eligibility criteria for the specific post. Applicants are further required to provide details on meeting the relevant selection criteria.

The Frontex Application Form must be:

- Fully completed in English, pointing out the professional experience relevant to this position (including calculation of years, months);
- Printed, **signed** and clearly scanned in pdf format (in one single document);
- Named as follows: 'SURNAME\_Name\_Vacancy Reference Number\_Post Title'.

The application will be rejected if it is not duly completed and signed by hand.

Please note that if at any stage of the selection procedure it is established that any of the requested information provided by an applicant is false, the applicant in question will be disqualified.

Applicants shortlisted for an interview will be requested to supply documentary evidence in support of the statements made in the application. Do not, however, attach any supporting or supplementary documentation with your application, until you have been asked to do so by Frontex. Additionally, do not submit the references or testimonials, unless they have been requested for the sole use of Frontex.

Incomplete applications or applications sent to Frontex after the deadline will be disqualified and treated as non-eligible.

Due to the large volume of applications, Frontex regrets that only applicants invited for the interview will be notified on the outcomes. The status of the recruitment procedure is to be found on Frontex website.

Please note that the time period between the closing date for applications submission and the end of the shortlisting of applicants for an interview may take more than two months.

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

**18 May 2017 at 23:59 h of Warsaw local time.**

**Please keep a copy of your e-mail that proves that you have submitted you application on time as well as the subsequent automatic reply which confirms the receipt of your application.**

Applicants are strongly recommended not to wait until the last day to submit their applications. Frontex cannot be held responsible for any last-minute malfunction due to an overload of the respective mailbox.