

**EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY
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**Vacancy notice
(Agency's Contractual Staff)**

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| Post: | Information Management Specialist |
| Type of post : | Contractual Agent |
| Function group : | IV |
| Management of staff: | N.A. |
| Location: | Brussels |
| Indicative starting date: | 1 July 2017 |
| Level of Security Clearance: | SECRET UE/EU SECRET |

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| Closing date for applications | 26 June 2017 |
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The selection of candidates will follow the EDA Staff Recruitment Procedure. Candidates must apply for this post via the EDA website <http://www.eda.europa.eu> - vacancies. Please note that to make an EDA on-line application you will need to create your EDA profile using a valid e-mail address and a password.

1. BACKGROUND

The European Defence Agency was established on 12 July 2004, and is governed by Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1835 defining the statute, seat and operational rules of the European Defence Agency.

The Agency has its headquarters in Brussels.

The main task of the EDA is to support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the Union's defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) as it currently stands and as it develops in the future.

The Agency is structured into four directorates. Three operational directorates: Cooperation Planning & Support; Capability, Armaments & Technology; and European Synergies & Innovation and the Corporate Services Directorate.

2. THE AGENCY'S WAY OF WORKING

The Agency is an "outward-facing" organisation, constantly interacting with its shareholders, the participating Member States, as well as with a wide range of stakeholders. It works in an integrated way, with multi-disciplinary teams representing all the Agency's functional areas, to realise its objectives. Its business processes are flexible and oriented towards achieving results. Staff at all levels need to demonstrate the corresponding qualities of commitment, flexibility, innovation, and team-working; to work effectively with shareholders and stakeholder groups, formal and informal; and to operate without the need for detailed direction.

3. THE CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

The Corporate Services Directorate manages the human resources, finance, legal, procurement and contract activities, as well as information technology, infrastructure and security, and corporate projects to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of EDA.

4. DUTIES

Under the direction of the Head of the IT Unit, the Information Management specialist will establish the grounds for information management at EDA. The work will be primarily focused on the processing of information in the context of grant management in full compliance with the requirements for sound financial management but will naturally develop into a wider context with larger scope. The jobholder will be responsible for the following activities:

- oversee and coordinate the setup and routine use of the IT tools for grant management provided by the EC (Participant Portal, Work Programme and Call Management, Proposal Submission and Evaluation etc.);
- act as a power user, provide business applications-related support, guidance and training to end users;
- setup, manage and further develop the relationships between these tools and the software used internally by the EDA and the IT tools provided to the Member States (MyEDA portal and all related applications), in particular the EDA financial system and project portfolio management system;
- liaise with software developers and analysts on one side and with end users on the other side, transfer the knowledge from

- the developers to the users and their feedback to the developers;
- contribute to the improvements in usability of software and alignment between software and business processes;
- define and maintain taxonomies;
- ensure consistency and quality of data in business applications, coordinate data entry and maintenance;
- develop policies, procedures and user guides for document and information management, effective and efficient data storage, retention and archiving to meet business objectives, the organisation's security policy and regulatory requirements;
- take on additional tasks as required in the interest of the service.

Duties may evolve according to development of the EDA's structure and activities, and the decisions of EDA management.

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

a. Conditions for eligibility:

(1) General

- be a national of a Member State participating in the Agency;
- be entitled to his/her full rights as a citizen;
- have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws concerning military service;
- produces the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of his duties;
- be physically fit to perform his/her duties;
- have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the participating Member States, and an satisfactory knowledge of another of these languages to the extent necessary to discharge his/her duties.
- have no personal interest (financial, family relationship, or other) which could be in conflict with disinterested discharge of his/her duties within the Agency;
- hold, or be in a position to obtain, a valid Personnel Security Clearance Certificate (national or EU PSC at SECRET UE/EU SECRET level). Personnel Security Clearance Certificate' (PSCC) means a certificate issued by a competent authority establishing that an individual is security cleared and holds a valid national or EU PSC, and which shows the level of EUCI to which that individual may be granted access (CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above), the date of validity of the relevant PSC and the date of expiry of the certificate itself. Note that the necessary procedure for obtaining a PSCC can be initiated on request of the employer only, and not by the individual candidate.);
- have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma or be a graduate of a national or international Defence College.

b. Essential selection criteria:

(1) Professional

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

- at least 3 years of professional experience matching the above description of duties;
- understanding of the EDA's main tasks and functions;
- excellent level of computer literacy including basic troubleshooting skills;
- excellent communication and presentation skills;
- capacity to prepare and provide training to colleagues;
- excellent knowledge of English, both written and spoken.

(2) Personal

All staff must be able to fit into the Agency's way of working (see para. 2). Other attributes important for this post include:

- ability to work in a team and independently in his/her area of responsibility;
- ability to work effectively in a multinational environment;
- results-orientation and strong motivation;
- flexibility and innovativeness;
- genuine commitment to the Agency's objectives.

c. Desirable:

The following will be considered an advantage:

- Previous experience with EU grant management;
- Practical knowledge or recent trainings in the use of EC tools for grant management (CPS, CAP, EMMI, EMPP, SYGMA, COMPASS, ...);
- Experience in the areas of software usability, requirements gathering and testing;
- Experience in business process modelling;
- Diploma in communications.

6. INDEPENDENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Information Management Specialist will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the Agency's interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

7. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Recruitment will be subject to the availability of the budget linked to the Preparatory Action on Defence Research. The Information Management Specialist will be appointed by the Chief Executive, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

Recruitment will be as a member of the contractual staff of the Agency for **a one-year period, with the possibility of renewal**. The successful candidate will be recruited as group IV.

Failure to obtain the requisite security clearance certificate before the expiration of the probationary period may be cause for termination of the contract.

Candidates are advised that part of the recruitment process includes medical analyses and physical check-up with an Agency's Medical Adviser.

Applications are invited with a view to establishing a reserve list for the post of Information Management Specialist at the EDA. This list is valid until 31/12/2018, and may be extended by decision of the Chief Executive. During the validity of the reserve list, successful candidates may be offered a post in the EDA according to their competences in relation to the specific requirements of the vacant post.

Inclusion on the reserve list does not imply any entitlement of employment in the Agency.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The EDA is an equal opportunities employer and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit their application electronically solely via the EDA website. Applications by any other means (hard copy or ordinary e-mail) will not be accepted. Applications must be submitted no later than midnight. Candidates are reminded that the on-line application system will not accept applications after midnight (Brussels time, GMT+1) on the date of the deadline.

When applying, candidates from Ministries of Defence or other governmental entities are encouraged to inform their national administration.

A selection committee will be appointed. Please note that the selection committee's internal proceedings are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is forbidden.

If recruited, you will be requested to supply documentary evidence in support of the statements that you make for this application. Do not send any supporting or supplementary information until you have been asked to do so by the Agency.

Please note that once you have created your EDA profile, any correspondence regarding your application must be sent or received via your EDA profile.

For any prior enquiry, please refer to the FAQ (Frequently asked questions) section, or send an e-mail to recruitment@eda.europa.eu.

10. DATA PROTECTION

Please note that EDA will not return applications to candidates. The personal information EDA requests from candidates will be processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 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 Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. The purpose of processing personal data which candidates submit is to manage applications in view of possible pre-selection and recruitment at EDA.

More information on personal data protection in relation to selection and recruitment can be found on the EDA website:

<http://www.eda.europa.eu/jobs/dataprotection>

