

## **VACANCY NOTICE**

## **TEMPORARY AGENT**

The European Banking Authority (EBA) is looking for establishing a talent pool for the position of

## **Expert in Digital Finance**

Reference procedure	ICC DF TA-77-2025
Type of contract	TEMPORARY AGENT (TA) <sup>1</sup>
Grade	AD 6
Duration of contract	3 years, with possibility of extension
Place of employment	Paris, France
Date of publication	14 April 2025
Deadline for applications	14 May 2025 at 23h59 (CET)
Estimated starting date	1 September 2025
Reserve list valid until	31 December 2026, with possibility of extension

## WHAT IS THE EBA?

The EBA is an independent European Union Authority established on 1 January 2011 by Regulation (EU) No. 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010<sup>2</sup>.

EBA's mission is to contribute to the stability and effectiveness of the European financial system through simple, consistent, transparent, fair regulation and supervision that benefits all EU citizens.

EBA's five strategic objectives are: to finalise and implement an effective and proportionate Single Rulebook, to foster financial stability in an economy transitioning towards sustainability, to enable an integrated reporting system for enhanced assessment and disclosure, to implement the Digital Finances package with DORA oversight and MiCAR supervision, and to focus on innovation for the benefit of consumers while ensuring a smooth transition of the anti-money laundering.

As an integral part of the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS), the EBA works closely together with its sister authorities within the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs), namely the European Insurance and Occupational Pension Authority (EIOPA), and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), as well as the Joint Committee and the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB).

Further information on the EBA is available on the EBA website: <u>www.eba.europa.eu</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> According to the Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/78/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 1).



## WHAT ARE THE JOB AND OFFER?

#### Key purpose

As a member of the ICC Department, the Expert in Digital Finance reports to the Head of the Digital Finance Unit working in the areas of development of policy and supervisory convergence tools, financial innovation, ICT risk management and crypto-assets with particular focus to the market of so-called stablecoins.

The Expert will be primarily responsible for supporting the EBA's tasks in one or several areas under Digital Finance unit domain, in developing policy or supervisory convergence stances with respect to innovation/digital finance topics, including Artificial intelligence (AI), crypto-assets/DLT (Distributed Ledger Technology), and value chain evolutions; ICT risks and operational resilience, in monitoring crypto-asset market, ICT risk landscape and innovative applications, and their opportunities and risks.

#### **Main responsibilities**

- Contributing to one or several areas of Digital Finance, in particular:
  - the EBA's monitoring of innovative applications in the EU banking and payments sector and wider digital finance trends, developing analysis of opportunities and risks, and responses as appropriate on innovation and digital finance topics such as AI, crypto-assets/DLT, and value chain evolutions (e.g. BigTechs);
  - the EBA's tasks under the Regulation on Markets in Crypto-assets (MiCAR), including monitoring asset-referenced tokens and electronic money tokens, ensuring supervisory convergence in area of MICAR and facilitating, as appropriate, the performance by the EBA of its supervisory tasks under MiCAR;
  - the EBA's tasks under the Regulation on Digital operational resilience (DORA), including ICT policy and operational resilience, measures on monitoring ICT risk landscape, assessing major ICT incidents, ensuring supervisory convergence in area of ICT risk management.
- Facilitating implementation studies, impact assessments, peer reviews and updates, as appropriate, in relation to the EBA's policy mandates under MiCAR and/or DORA;
- Performing other tasks in the interest of the service and the area of competences as requested by management.

#### Working environment

You will be part of a multicultural and multidisciplinary team of high-level professionals with the opportunity to positively impact on the regulatory framework for financial institutions in the EU.

You will live through the EBA Values.

You will have the opportunity to change perspectives, to expand your network engaging with a wide range of stakeholders across Europe and beyond and to develop your career as well as new competencies.

You will join the EBA at an exciting time as the Authority expanded its mandate with the implementation of the European Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCAR) and the EU Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA).



You will be administratively employed and based in the EBA being located at 20 Avenue André Prothin, 92400, Courbevoie, France (Floors 24 to 27 of the EUROPLAZA tower), in "La Défense" area, the largest business district in Europe and the fourth largest in the world.

The French capital is one of the most inspiring cities in Europe. A walkable and well-connected city with close proximity to other countries in Europe, Paris offers a vivid cultural and culinary experience with its abundance of museums, architectural richness, sparkling monuments such as the Eiffel Tower, top designer shops, and beautiful parks.

Your contract will be for a duration of three (3) years and can be extended for additional three (3) years. Any further extension would be indefinite.

You will be recruited as Temporary agent in grade administrator (AD) 6 with basic salary subject to an annual update of remuneration.

For more information regarding salary, additional benefits, work-life balance, schooling facilities, *please* consult the Annex of this vacancy notice.

## WHAT ARE THE SELECTION REQUIREMENTS?

Applications will be assessed based on the Eligibility and Selection criteria specified in this vacancy notice.

#### **Eligibility criteria**

To be considered eligible, candidates must satisfy all the criteria listed below by the deadline for submitting applications:

#### General

- Be a national of a Member State of the European Union<sup>3</sup> or Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and enjoy your full rights as a citizen<sup>4</sup>;
- Have fulfilled any obligation imposed on you by the laws concerning military service;
- Have the appropriate character references as to your suitability for the performance of your duties;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post<sup>5</sup>;
- Have a thorough knowledge<sup>6</sup> of English<sup>7</sup> and a satisfactory knowledge<sup>8</sup> of another official language<sup>9</sup> <sup>10</sup> of the European Union.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Member States of the EU: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Prior to appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide an official document showing the absence of any criminal record.
<sup>5</sup> Before the appointment, the successful candidate will be examined by one of the European Union medical centres in order to confirm that the

candidate fulfils the requirements of Article 12(2)(d) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The knowledge is required at least at C1 level. The assessment at C1 level is done in accordance with the <u>Common European Framework of Reference</u> for Languages (CEFR).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> English is the working language of the EBA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The knowledge is required at least at B2 level. The assessment at B2 level is done in accordance with the <u>Common European Framework of Reference</u> <u>for Languages (CEFR)</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The official languages of the European Union: 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.
<sup>10</sup> Native English speakers will be tested to prove their second language skills.



#### **Qualifications**<sup>11</sup>

Candidates must have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma.

#### **Professional experience**<sup>12</sup>

Candidates must have at least three years of proven fulltime professional experience after completing the education as mentioned above.

#### Selection criteria<sup>13</sup>

In addition to the eligibility criteria above, the following selection criteria will be assessed throughout the different phases of the selection procedure.

#### **Essential criteria:**

- At least three years of work experience in one or several of the below areas:
  - Financial Innovation, including AI front-office and back-office use cases, DLT, technology-facilitated value chain evolutions (BigTechs), innovatory banking and payment services (business side, compliance or supervision);
  - Crypto-assets and/or E-money (policy, compliance or supervision);
  - ICT risk management (policy, compliance or supervision).
- Effective expertise gained from studies and/or working experience (please detail diplomas, certifications, work contributions) on one or more of the followings:
  - Application of AI and/or DLT;
  - the EU market for so-called stablecoins and/or EU payment trends;
  - ICT risk management (operations, security, continuity, projects, risks).
- Experience in drafting high quality analytical documents (e.g. policy stances, reports, supervisory documentation, risk-assessments, etc.) targeted to technical and non-technical audiences.

#### Advantageous criteria:

- Experience in the preparation and/or implementation work in at least one of the two following areas:
   DORA (or other significant EU cybersecurity framework such as NIS2, Cyber Resilience Act (CRA), etc.), as well as its related Technical Standards at a European, national and/or company level;
  - MICAR, as well as its related Technical Standards at a European, national and/or company level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Only qualifications awarded by EU Member State authorities or European Economic Area (EEA) authorities or qualifications recognised as equivalent by the relevant authorities will be taken into consideration. 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 Members States (such as a national Ministry of Education) or a NARIC recognition is required: <u>https://www.enic-naric.net/</u> and a document attesting so must be uploaded with the application by the closing date. If you have a diploma recognised in an EU Member State, you don't need NARIC recognition for your lower-level diploma(s). Example: If you have a Bachelor's degree from a university outside the EU, and a Master's degree from an EU university, you don't need NARIC recognition for the Bachelor's degree. Qualifications/diplomas awarded until 31/12/2020 in the United Kingdom are accepted without further recognition. For diplomas awarded after this date (from 01/01/2021), a NARIC recognition is required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Professional experience indicated in the Curriculum is only counted from the time the candidate obtained the certificate or diploma required for the position and if it is on a paid basis (including study grants or internship grants). PhDs may be counted as professional experience if the candidate received a study grant or salary during the period of the PhD studies, – please indicate clearly on your CV if this is the case. The maximum duration counted for a PhD is three years provided that the PhD has been successfully concluded by the closing date for applications of the selection procedure.
<sup>13</sup> Candidates are required to clearly indicate in their application how they acquired the knowledge and experience allowing them to meet the selection criteria and to give specific examples.



• Experience of in Digitalisation projects related to application of AI, DLT and/or similar technology.

#### **Behavioural competencies:**

- Drive for results with flexibility to take on new tasks in a dynamic working environment;
- Communicate clearly and precisely both orally and in writing;
- Act in line with EU high-standard professional values (such as ethics and integrity, respect, open collaboration);
- Stakeholder relations: work to anticipate, identify and meet stakeholders' needs;
- Strategic thinking: can anticipate future consequences and trends accurately.

# ANNEX

## HOW TO APPLY?

Candidates are invited to carefully read the *Annex* that represents an integral part of this vacancy notice and provides information on how to complete the application, the steps of the selection process and appeal procedures.

You must submit your application through the EBA' eRecruitment platform.

To be considered, applications *must be received by 23h59 (CET) on the closing date*. Applications submitted by any other means or after the deadline will be disregarded. Candidates are strongly advised not to wait until the last day to submit their applications, since heavy internet traffic or internet connection issues could lead to difficulties in submission. The EBA cannot be held responsible for any delay due to such difficulties.

All sections of *the application must be completed in English*. You must indicate all your professional experience(s) including responsibilities/activities in your online application, starting from the date you obtained the diploma required for the position. Additional uploaded curriculum vitae will not be taken into consideration, only the application filled in and submitted online.

Please consult the **Online Application Manual for Candidates** for instructions on completing your application.

Following the submission of the application, candidates will receive an automatic email acknowledging receipt of the application. Please note that all correspondence will take place by email, so candidates should ensure that the email address associated with applicant's account is correct and that it is checked regularly.

The address indicated in the application will be recognised as proof of residence to be used for defining travel reimbursements, etc (if applicable).

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The EBA is an <u>equal opportunities employer</u>, dedicated to recruit, develop and retain a diverse and talented workforce by upholding principles of equal opportunity and impartiality. To this end, the EBA warmly welcomes applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of age, gender identity or expression, sexual



orientation or identity, disability, ethnic or social origin, religion or belief, and cultural background. All EBA's staff members are committed to fostering an *open and inclusive workplace culture*. The EBA encourages the applications of women for positions where they are currently under-represented.

If you require any *special arrangements during the selection procedure* related to a physical, mental, intellectual or sensory disability, please indicate it in your application, and HR will contact you for any adjustments or arrangements needed relating to your disability, so that your full and equal participation in the selection process can be ensured.

The EBA, as <u>EMAS registered organisation</u>, is committed to continuously improving its environmental performance and reducing its carbon footprint.

## **BENEFITS**

Your *contract* will be for a duration of three (3) years and can be extended for additional three (3) years. Any further extension would be indefinite.

You will be recruited as **Temporary agent 2(f) in grade administrator (AD)** 6, either in step 1 or 2 (with basic salary of  $\in$  6,681.51 in step 1 or  $\in$  6,962.30 in step 2), subject to an annual review of remuneration provided for in Article 64 and Article 65(1) of the Staff Regulations. Salaries are subject to a Union tax deducted at source and are exempt from national taxation.

*In addition to the basic salary*, you will be entitled to a correction coefficient applicable to France (currently 114.2%) reflecting the living conditions of the city.

You may be entitled to, depending on the individual family situation and the place of origin to: expatriation allowance (16% of the basic salary), household allowance, dependent child allowance, education allowance, pre-school allowance, installation allowance, reimbursement of removal costs, initial temporary daily subsistence allowance, and other benefits.

You will be provided with a *comprehensive health insurance coverage*: the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS) is offering a very wide coverage of healthcare services, as well as accidents and maternity.

You will also benefit from *work-life balance* with teleworking flexibility, learning and development opportunities such as language trainings, as well as social integration (such as the EBA Social and Sport clubs), canteen facilities, public transports financial contribution and free access for children to the European school in Paris.

## WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

A *Selection Board* is nominated by the Executive Director to assess the applications with reference to the eligibility and selection criteria and to establish the final reserve list of suitable candidates.

Please note that the Selection Board's work and deliberations are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is strictly forbidden. Any contact made by the candidates or third parties with the members of the Selection Board in relation to the selection constitutes grounds for disqualification from the selection procedure.

Candidates who do not meet all the eligibility criteria will be excluded from the selection procedure. Eligible candidates will then be scored on the essential criteria. Those who meet all the essential criteria will be



scored against the advantageous criteria. Those candidates who do not meet all the essential criteria will not be assessed further.

The Selection Board will invite the candidates (maximum of 20)<sup>14</sup> that best correspond to the profile sought and on condition that they have achieved a score of at least 60% during the evaluation of applications, to the written test phase. Following the written test, all candidates, who score the minimum of 60% of the total score at the written test, will be invited to the interview with the Selection Board. Interviews and written tests may be held remotely. The invited candidates will be asked to provide supporting documents proving their eligibility before the interview and written test phase.

After the evaluation of the written test and interviews, the Selection Board will draw up a list of the most suitable candidates ("reserve list") to be proposed to the Executive Director as Appointing Authority. Only candidates who receive at least 60% of the maximum points at the written test and each part of the interview phase will be included in the reserve list that the Appointing Authority will decide to adopt.

*The successful candidate will be selected from the established reserve list* which may also be used for the recruitment of a similar position depending on the needs of the EBA.

It should be noted that inclusion on the reserve list does not imply entitlement to employment in the Agency.

## Information reserved for candidates employed as Temporary Agents under Article 2 (f) of the CEOS in other EU agencies:

If the successful candidate is already a member of temporary staff 2(f) in another EU Institution, the implementing rules on the procedure governing the engagement and use of temporary staff under Article 2(f) of the CEOS, and in particular Article 12 (2) will apply, providing that, on the closing date of application and as well as on the day of taking up duty at the EBA, the successful candidate:

- is a member of temporary staff under Article 2(f) of the CEOS, and
- is employed within their agency in function group and minimum grade in the range "AD 5 AD 6".

## **ETHICS OBLIGATIONS**

Independence and high standards of professional conduct are crucial for ensuring high standards and excellence for the work of the EBA.<sup>15</sup> The Agency also strives to ensure that its staff do not have any interests that could affect their impartiality.

In accordance with Articles 11 and 11a of the Staff Regulations (SR) and Articles 11 and 81 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS) the successful candidate will be required to make **a declaration of any conflict of interest before recruitment** and to make an annual declaration. The EBA's Executive Director will examine whether the successful candidate has any personal interest which may impair his/her independence or any other conflict of interest in relation to the position offered and will adopt appropriate measures.

In addition, the successful candidate will be bound to professional secrecy and to confidentiality requirements while working at the EBA and after having left.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> In the case of equal performance, the number of candidates will be adjusted accordingly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> More information about the ethics requirements including the EBA's Ethics Guide, policy on conflicts of interest and Code of Good Administrative Behaviour are available at https://www.eba.europa.eu/about-us/organisation-and-governance/accountability/ethics-eba



Former staff members are required to seek clearance from the EBA before engaging in another activity for two years after leaving the Agency. If that activity is related to the work carried out during the last three years of service at the EBA, and it could lead to a conflict with the legitimate interests of the EBA, the Agency can give its approval subject to any conditions it sees fit or forbid the activity.<sup>16</sup>

## **DATA PROTECTION**

The EBA ensures that candidates' personal data is processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725<sup>17</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. For more information on how personal data will be processed, candidates are invited to consult the <u>Data Protection Notice</u>.

## IN CASE OF COMPLAINT AND APPEAL

Candidates who consider that their interests have been prejudiced by any decision related to the selection procedure can take the following actions:

#### Request for review of the decisions taken by the Selection Board

Within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the letter notifying the candidate of a decision taken by the Selection Board, he/she may submit a written request for a review of such a decision, setting out the reasons for the request, to the following e-mail address: EBA-vacancies@eba.europa.eu

#### **Appeals**

a) The candidate may lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations within the time limits provided for, at the following address:

The Executive Director European Banking Authority Selection procedure: **Ref.: ICC DF TA-77-2025** DEFENSE 4 – EUROPLAZA 20 Avenue André Prothin CS 30154 92927 Paris La Défense CEDEX France

b) The candidate can submit a judicial appeal to the General Court under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations. For details about how to submit an appeal, please consult the website of the General Court: http://curia.europa.eu/.

#### **Complaint to the European Ombudsman**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> More information on occupational activities after leaving the EBA, including guidance how post-employment restrictions and prohibitions are assessed is available at <a href="https://www.eba.europa.eu/about-us/organisation-and-governance/accountability/ethics-eba/occupational-activities-after">https://www.eba.europa.eu/about-us/organisation-and-governance/accountability/ethics-eba/occupational-activities-after</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</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).



It is also possible to lodge a complaint to the European Ombudsman pursuant to Article 228(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Decision of the European Parliament of 9 March 1994 on the Staff Regulations and the general conditions governing the performance of the European Ombudsman's duties<sup>18</sup>. For details about how to lodge a complaint, please consult the website of the European Ombudsman: http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/

Please note that complaints made to the European 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 General Court. Furthermore, under Article 2(4) of the general conditions governing the performance of the European Ombudsman's duties, any complaint lodged with the European Ombudsman must be preceded by the appropriate administrative approaches to the institutions and bodies concerned.