



VACANCY NOTICE
POLICY OFFICER
(CORPORATE FINANCE AND REPORTING PROFILE)
(F/M)
REF.: ESMA/2018/VAC5/AD5

Type of contract	Temporary Agent ¹
Function group and grade	AD5
Duration of contract	5 years, with possibility of extension ²
Department	Investors & Issuers Department
Place of employment	Paris, France
Deadline for applications	09/04/2018 (23:59 hrs, Paris local time)
Reserve list valid until	31/12/2019 ³

1. The Authority

ESMA is an independent EU Authority that was established on 1 January 2011. ESMA's mission is to enhance investors' protection and promote stable and orderly financial markets. This mission is derived from ESMA's founding Regulation⁴ and encompasses three objectives:

- **Investors' protection:** to have the needs of financial consumers better served and to reinforce their rights as investors while acknowledging their responsibilities;
- **Orderly markets:** to promote the integrity, transparency, efficiency, and well-functioning of financial markets and robust market infrastructures, and
- **Financial stability:** to strengthen the financial system in order to be capable of withstanding shocks and the unravelling of financial imbalances while fostering economic growth.

ESMA achieves these objectives through four activities:

- assessing risks to investors, markets and financial stability;
- completing a single rulebook for EU financial markets;
- promoting supervisory convergence; and
- directly supervising specific financial entities.

¹ According to the Article 2(f) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants \(CEOS\)](#) of the European Union.

² Temporary agents may be engaged under their first contract for a fixed period of 5 years. Any further renewal shall be in principle for an indefinite duration.

Probationary period for the first contract is nine months.

³ The validity of the reserve list may be extended.

⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC.



ESMA achieves its mission within the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS) through active co-operation with National Competent Authorities (in particular with securities market regulators) as well as with the European Banking Authority (EBA) and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA). ESMA has a unique position within the ESFS as it exercises direct supervisory responsibilities at Union level as regards credit rating agencies, trade repositories and third country CCPs. The EU institutions are currently considering proposals aimed at enhancing further ESMA's role and responsibilities. The full text can be found on the [EU Commission's website](http://ec.europa.eu)⁵. For further information, please refer to ESMA's website: <http://www.esma.europa.eu>.

2. Job framework and profile

ESMA is organising a selection procedure to recruit **Policy Officers**, and establish a list of suitable candidates, which can be employed in the Investors & Issuers Department.

In particular, ESMA is looking for candidates to fill a vacancy for a Policy Officer in the area of corporate finance and reporting.

The **Investors & Issuers Department** of ESMA is responsible for the rule-making and supervisory convergence work related to four different areas:

- Corporate Finance and Reporting;
- Investor Protection and Intermediaries;
- Investment Management and
- CRA Policy.

The **Corporate Finance and Reporting team** (together with ESMA's other teams and Departments) is contributing to investor protection by preparing technical standards and/or guidelines and recommendations, providing technical advice to the Commission, developing supervisory convergence or any other related initiatives in the area of corporate finance and reporting. The areas falling into the scope of the work are: Prospectus Directive and Regulation, Transparency Directive, IAS Regulation, Audit Regulation and the Non-Financial Information Directive.

Main duties:

Under the responsibility of the Head of the Investors & Issuers Department and direct supervision of the Corporate Finance & Reporting Team Leader, the jobholder will:

- contribute to ESMA's tasks in preparing technical advice to the European Commission, technical standards and/or guidelines and recommendations;
- contribute to increasing supervisory convergence in the areas of corporate financial reporting of listed companies;
- support the tasks of the Corporate Reporting Standing Committee and the Corporate Finance Standing Committee, as well as the Task Forces and other working groups responsible for delivering ESMA work programme under those areas; and
- represent ESMA in meetings with internal and external stakeholders.

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/com-2017-536_en

3. Professional qualifications and other requirements

A. Eligibility criteria

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

- have at least a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of three years attested by a diploma⁶,
- be a national of a Member State of the European Union or the EEA (Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland);
- enjoy full rights as a citizen⁷;
- have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws concerning military service;
- produce the appropriate character references as to their suitability for the performance of their duties;
- have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the European Union⁸ and a satisfactory knowledge⁹ of another language of the European Union, and
- be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post¹⁰.

B. Selection criteria

PRE-SCREENING PHASE

Applications which fulfil the above Eligibility criteria (part A) will be assessed against the Essential requirements (part B.1). Candidates who do not meet all of the Essential requirements (part B.1) will be excluded from the selection process.

Candidates who meet all of the Essential requirements (part B.1) will be scored against the Advantageous requirements (part B.2). Within this comparative evaluation of applications, the 6 best candidates, who obtain the highest scores and reach a minimum score of 65%, will be invited for interviews and written tests.

B.1. Essential requirements

- a) At least three (3) years of work experience (acquired after the required level of education, see part 3A), in the area of corporate finance and reporting;
- b) University diploma (see part 3A above) acquired in economics, finance, law or other relevant subject, and
- c) Excellent written and oral English¹¹.

⁶ Only qualifications that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the said EU Member States shall be taken into consideration.

⁷ Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a police certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record.

⁸ The languages of the EU 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.

⁹ At least at the level B2, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages:

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

Knowledge of the 2nd EU language will be tested orally for candidates invited for interviews.

¹⁰ Before the appointment, the successful candidate shall be examined by one of the EU medical centres in order to confirm that the candidate fulfils the requirements of Article 12(2) (d) of the CEOS (physical fitness to perform the duties).

B.2. Advantageous requirements

- d) With reference to the criterion “a”, experience in addition to the requested three (3) years, would be an asset;
- e) Experience in:
 - the area of financial reporting (accounting and auditing) or
 - the preparation of prospectuses or
 - the application of prospectus requirementsacquired at a supervisory body or financial services provider;
- f) Experience in drafting or responding to consultations on policy documents at the EU and/or national level;
- g) Work experience in a multicultural environment;
- h) Specialised training on finance/financial markets or professional certification acquired in the area of corporate reporting and/or finance in the last five years, and
- i) Motivation for the advertised position.

INTERVIEWS & WRITTEN TESTS PHASE

Candidates invited for interviews and written tests will be assessed against all selection criteria (parts B1 & B2 & B3).

B.3. Supplementary requirements

- j) Strong interpersonal skills and ability to interact with multiple internal and external stakeholders, including at a senior level;
- k) Good communication and organisational skills;
- l) Ability to work under pressure and deliver high quality work under tight timelines, and
- m) Ability to handle change and adapt to new situations.

Candidates who receive at least 65% of the maximum points in both the interview and written test will be included in the reserve list of suitable candidates.

The established reserve list may be used for the recruitment of a similar post depending on the needs of ESMA. Please note that inclusion in the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.

B.4. How to apply

Candidates must apply by sending the following documents, by the specified deadline, to vacancies@esma.europa.eu

- The application must include both CV and motivation letter in English (working language of ESMA¹²);
- Application documents must be marked accordingly with the reference number of the vacancy notice (see templates below).

¹¹ At least at B2 level. English is the internal working language of ESMA, as decided by ESMA Management Board with the decision ESMA/2011/MB/3 of 11/01/2011. This decision implements Article 73 (2) of the ESMA [Regulation \(EU\) No 1095/2020](#) establishing ESMA.

¹² See footnote nr 11.



CV in the European (Europass) format¹³, saved as:
ESMA_2018_VAC5_AD5_FAMILY NAME_First name_CV
Example: ESMA_2018_VAC5_AD5_SMITH_Anna_CV

Motivation letter of no more than 2 pages, explaining the interest and motivation of the candidate for this particular post, saved as:
ESMA_2018_VAC5_AD5_FAMILY NAME_First name_Motivation letter

Indication in the subject line of the email:
ESMA_2018_VAC5_AD5_FAMILY NAME_First name

Applicants will be assessed on the basis of the eligibility and selection criteria specified in the vacancy notice (as explained in part 3) and these must be met by the deadline for submitting applications.

4. Summary of conditions of employment

- Successful external candidates may be offered an employment contract for five years as a temporary agent. Any further renewal shall be in principle for an indefinite duration.
- Successful external candidates will be recruited in the grade and classified either in step 1 or 2.

Grade/step	Minimum requirements for classification in step ¹⁴ (required level of university studies + minimum number of years of experience after university graduation)	Basic salary ¹⁵	Monthly net salary, including specific allowances ¹⁶
AD5 step 1	3 years' university degree	5,400 €	6,300 €
AD5 step 2	3 years' university degree + 3 years' experience	5,600 €	6,500 €

- The monthly basic salary is multiplied by the correction coefficient for France (currently 114.8%).
- Salaries are subject to a Union tax deducted at source and are exempt from national taxation.
- Depending on the individual family situation and the place of origin, the successful jobholder may be entitled 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

¹³ <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>

Please refer in your CV to all selection criteria.

¹⁴ ESMA Management Board Decision ESMA/2011/MB/55, adopting of implementing rules on classification in grade and step on appointment or engagement - Commission decision (C(2004) 1313 of 07/04/2004):
https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/ta_rules_on_classification_in_grade_and_step.pdf

¹⁵ An indicative information on the monthly salary. The basic salary weighted by the correction coefficient for France (currently at 114.8 %).

¹⁶ An estimation of net salary, including the deduction for tax and social security and adding the allowances (this estimation has been calculated with expatriation allowance, household allowance and with one dependent child allowance). Allowances depend in any case on the personal situation of the candidate.

subsistence allowance, and other benefits.

- Reimbursement of schooling costs in Paris may be provided.
- Annual leave entitlement of two days per calendar month plus additional days for age, grade, 2,5 days home leave if applicable, and in addition on average 17 ESMA holidays per year;
- EU Pension Scheme (after 10 years of service);
- EU Joint Sickness and Insurance Scheme (JSIS), accident and occupational disease coverage, unemployment and invalidity allowance and insurance, and
- General and applicable professional training, plus professional development opportunities.

Information reserved for applicants employed under Article 2(f) of the CEOS, in EU agencies other than ESMA:

According to ESMA Management Board decision ESMA/2015/MB/56¹⁷, adopting 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), if a successful applicant from this external selection procedure, on the closing date for applications, as well as on the day of taking up duty at ESMA

- is a member of temporary staff under Article 2(f) of the CEOS, and
- is employed within his/her agency in function group and grade included in the range AD5 – AD6,

ESMA shall offer the applicant, in writing, the opportunity either:

- a) to be assigned to the post by means of mobility, as per Article 10 of ESMA/2015/MB/56. In this case the contract at ESMA will be in continuity with the contract of the previous agency (namely with regard to grade, step, seniority in step, and duration),
OR
- b) to be assigned to the post on the basis of a new contract for a fixed period of five years, subject to the probationary period of 9 months, at the grade indicated in this external external vacancy notice (AD5)¹⁸.

For more information, please refer to Careers' page of ESMA:

<https://www.esma.europa.eu/about-esma/careers>

5. Data protection

Candidates' personal data are processed as required by 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 Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. For more information, please check the [privacy statement on recruitment procedures](#).

¹⁷ <https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/2015/10/2015-mb-56.pdf>

¹⁸ Classification in step will be based on Articles 15 or 55 of the CEOS, as appropriate.