EU Careers

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Background

• PM’s speech
• Key Government priority

• EU Staffing Unit has two objectives:
  • Increase the number of SNE’s by 60 by 2016
  • Increase the number of people applying for the concours via an outreach programme
    – UK heavily under represented
Opportunities as EU Officials

Commission officials are divided into 2 main roles:

• Administrator (AD) – Policy making, Economics, Law, Finance, Audit, Statistics

• Assistant (AST) – Administrative support, Finance, IT, Secretaries, Human Resources
Permanent Opportunities

Eligibility:

• Citizen of an EU Member State
• Graduated with a University degree
• Thorough knowledge of one of the official EU languages
• Satisfactory knowledge of a second – at least one of which must be English, French or German
Selection Process

Selected by open competitions organised by the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO).

• Administrators: 13 March 2014 (very soon!)
• Administrators linguists: July 2014
• Assistants: December 2013

Special profiles have competitions throughout the year, eg: Lawyer Linguist, Economist
Application process (9 months)

- Create your EPSO Account
- Complete online self assessment test
- Notice of Competition is published in the Official Journal
- Complete and Validate Application form

All those who validate application are invited to CBT tests
- Pre-selection CBT tests:
  - Verbal, Numerical and Abstract in first language
  - Situational judgement in second language
- Assessment Centre (second language)
  - Case study (in the field)
  - Group Exercise
  - Oral Presentation
  - Structured Interview
How to prepare?

Get in touch with us! eucareers@fco.gov.uk

CBT Tests:
• Gather material (UKinEU, Online, Books...)
• Practise with friends in real time and conditions
• Come to us for support

Assessment Centre:
• Mock AC
• Personnal coaching
• Practise with friends
• UKinEU
Other Opportunities

- Traineeships
- MEP Assistant
- Temporary Agent
- Contract Agent
- European Faststream
Traineeships

What is it?

• 5 month posting
• 2 placement rounds per year (Spring and Autumn)
• Paid by the Institutions, approx €1000/month
• Great for networking and experiencing Brussels life.

Eligibility:

• Bachelors degree
• very good knowledge of English or French or German.
• very good knowledge of a second EU official language...however...
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Applications and Deadlines:

• Commission Blue Book
  Autumn session deadline: 03/02/2014
• Council (June-August)
• European Parliament (mid May)
• Committee of the Regions (end March)
• OHIM (April)
• Apply via the traineeships office website
Lauren Payne
EEAS trainee, 2012
Next steps

• Create and online EPSO account
• Attempt the online self-assessment
• Look out for publication of competition
• APPLY!

• Get in touch with eucareers@fco.gov.uk if you need any help/advice.
Questions?