

VACANCY NOTICE

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SPECIALIST

REF: BMIC BMIP CA 1/2020

Type of contract	Contract Agent ¹
Function group and grade	FG IV
Duration of contract	3 years, with the possibility of extension
Department/Unit	Banking Markets, Innovation and Consumers Department / Banking Markets, Innovation and Products Unit
Place of employment	Paris, France
Deadline for applications	7 February 2020 at 12.00 noon Paris time
Reserve list valid until	31 December 2021

The Authority

The European Banking Authority (“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 2010².

The Mission

With a view to improving the functioning of the European Union internal market, the EBA contributes to ensuring a high quality, effective and consistent level of regulation and supervision in its areas of competence. It also promotes public values such as the stability of the financial system, the transparency of markets and financial products, and the protection of depositors and investors.

It works to prevent regulatory arbitrage and guarantee a level playing field, strengthens international supervisory coordination, promotes supervisory convergence and provides advice to the Union institutions in the areas of banking, payments and e-money regulation and supervision, and related corporate governance, auditing and financial reporting issues.

As an integral part of the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS), the EBA works closely together with her sister authorities, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) and the European Securities Market Authorities (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: www.eba.europa.eu.

¹ According to the Article 3(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS)

² 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) and OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2018/1717 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018.

The European Banking Authority is seeking a suitable candidate for the position of Sustainable Finance Data Specialist in the Banking Markets, Innovation and Products Unit, to provide support to senior management at the EBA.

Job description

Main purpose

Under the responsibility of the Head of the Banking Markets, Innovation and Products Unit, the Sustainable Finance Specialist will contribute to the EBA's work related to the capital market union with particular focus on sustainable finance. He/she will support policy work related to the EBA's mandates on incorporating the environmental, social and governance related risks (ESG risks) in the regulatory and supervisory framework for the EU banking sector.

Main responsibilities:

- Contributing to the EBA's work on sustainable finance, as part of the broader work on the capital market union, following the mandates given to the EBA after the publication of the European Commission's Action Plan: Financing Sustainable Growth;
- Contributing to the development of the EBA's monitoring and analysis to identify and assess material ESG related risks, in particular identifying, accessing and analysing relevant environmental and social and market data in relation to risk management in the EBA's work on ESG related risks;
- Contributing to the preparation of policy stances, technical standards, guidelines and reports related to capital market union and sustainable finance;
- Contributing and providing support to internal committees and subgroups and their chairpersons;
- Supporting and contributing to the other activities of the Banking Markets, Innovation and Products Unit.

Requirements

1. Eligibility Criteria

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

1.1 General

- Be a national of a Member State of the European Union, or a national of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway);
- Be entitled to his/her full rights as a citizen³;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws on military service;

³ Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a police certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record.

- Have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union⁴ and a satisfactory knowledge⁵ of another language of the European Union;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post⁶.

1.2 Specific

1.2.1 Qualifications

To be eligible, a candidate must have a level of education, which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma⁷.

1.2.2 Knowledge of languages

For working purposes, as English is the working language of the EBA⁸, an excellent knowledge of the English language, both written and spoken, is required.

Native English speakers will be tested to prove their second language skills, in accordance with section 1.1.

2. Selection criteria

In addition to the above, the following selection criteria will be used:

- At least one year of professional experience in financial regulation, financial supervision or research related to sustainable finance after completing the education as mentioned in 1.2.1;
- Proven knowledge of EU banking regulation or supervision, preferably on topics related to sustainable finance and/or capital market union;
- Experience in working with large databases and analysing and explaining outcomes based on the use of key data or information from them;
- Proven experience in drafting policy documents and/or reports: please give specific examples of the documents you have drafted in your application;
- Experience in providing information and giving presentations to management or similar: please give specific examples in your application.

It would be advantageous for candidates to:

- Have knowledge or experience with using databases related to the environment, climate change and/or social data.

⁴ The official languages of the European Union 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.

⁵ The knowledge is required at least at B2 level. The assessment at B2 level is done in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sites/default/files/cefr-en.pdf>)

⁶ 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).

⁷ 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) and a document attesting so must be submitted with the application by the closing date.

⁸ Decision EBA DC 003 of the Management Board on Internal Language Arrangements.

Applications will be assessed based on the Eligibility and Selection criteria specified in parts 1 and 2.

For this position, candidates are expected to fulfil the following competencies which may be assessed during interviews:

- A strong sense of diplomacy, responsibility, commitment and co-operation;
- Excellent organisational skills, and the capacity to prioritise work effectively, dealing with multiple tasks and meeting tight deadlines;
- The flexibility to take over other tasks in view of a dynamic and evolving institutional environment;
- A proactive attitude;
- The ability to manage own their workload and work without close supervision.

3. Equal opportunities

As a European Union Authority, the EBA will apply a policy of equal opportunities and will take care to avoid any form of discrimination in its recruitment procedures.

4. Selection procedure

The selection procedure will include the following:

4.1. A selection committee will be established for each vacancy notice whose members are of the same or higher grade than the advertised position. Candidates invited to interviews and to sit written tests shall be informed of the composition of the selection committee in the invitation.

4.2. The selection committee will analyse the application documents (curriculum vitae, motivation letter, and eligibility criteria grid) of applicants with reference to the eligibility and selection criteria and will establish a shortlist. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to interviews and to sit written tests.

Written tests will be carried out in English and will be related to the job and designed to test the ability to communicate in written English, knowledge and competencies related to the job, and drafting skills. Total mark for written test: 10 points. The minimum score to pass: 6 points.

The interview will aim to assess the motivation and the professional knowledge of the candidates as well as their suitability to perform the duties mentioned under main responsibilities. The interview will be held in English. The total mark for the interview: 10 points. The minimum score to pass: 6 points.

Successful candidates with a total score equal to and above 12 points will be placed on the reserve list, which will be valid until **31 December 2021**. It may be renewed. Inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment. The successful candidate will be selected from the established reserve list which may also be used for the recruitment of a similar post depending on the needs of the EBA. When a vacancy becomes available, candidates on the reserve list may be contacted for an additional interview.

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 the conflict of interest before recruitment.** 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. To that end, the successful candidate, using a specific form shall inform the Executive Director of any actual or potential conflict of interest.

Please note that the selection committee'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 in order to influence the members of the selection committee in relation to the selection constitutes grounds for disqualification from the selection procedure.

5. Appointment and conditions of employment

5.1 Contract type, duration and starting date:

The successful candidate will be offered a contract agent⁹ fixed-term contract of three years with a probation period of nine months and the possibility of extension.

The estimated starting date is **1 April 2020**.

5.2 Function group and grade:

The successful candidate shall be recruited as a contract agent in function group IV. The estimated monthly basic salary is from € 3,531.26.

Example: A contract agent with professional experience of less than 5 years (recruited in function group IV, grade 13, step 1), marital status - single, entitled to expatriation allowance earns an estimated monthly net salary of € 4,061.21.

The details of the whole remuneration package are provided in Articles 62 – 70 and Annex VII to the Staff Regulations. For more information, please refer to Careers page of the EBA: <http://www.eba.europa.eu/about-us/careers>

5.3 Summary of the conditions of employment

- Salaries are exempted from national tax; instead a Union tax at source is paid;
- The correction coefficient applicable to the remuneration of officials and other servants under Article 64 of the Staff Regulations for France shall apply;
- Depending on the individual family situation and the place of origin, staff members may be entitled to the following: expatriation allowance, household allowance, dependent child allowance, education allowance, installation allowance and reimbursement of removal costs, initial temporary daily subsistence allowance, and other benefits;

⁹ See footnote 1

- Annual leave entitlement - two days per calendar month plus additional days for age, grade, and 2.5 days of supplementary home leave granted to staff entitled to the expatriation allowance or foreign residence allowance;
- EU Pension Scheme (after 10 years of service);
- EU Joint Sickness and Insurance Scheme, accident and occupational disease insurance coverage, unemployment and invalidity allowance;
- Travel insurance when travelling on missions.

5.4 Place of employment

The offices of the European Banking Authority are located on Floors 24 - 27, Europlaza, 20 Avenue André Prothin, 92927 Paris, La Défense, France.

6. Submission of Applications

Applications including a **curriculum vitae in the Europass format¹⁰, a motivation letter, and a filled eligibility criteria grid**, dated and signed should be submitted in English to the following address: EBA-Applications@eba.europa.eu **by 7 February 2020 at 12.00 noon Paris time. Please indicate the reference number of this selection, your name and surname in the subject of your email.**

EBA will disregard any application received after deadline. Applicants are strongly advised not to wait until the last day to submit their applications, since heavy internet traffic or fault with the internet connection could lead to difficulties in submission. The EBA cannot be held responsible for any delay due to such difficulties.

Only complete applications will be accepted and considered. In order for the application to be considered complete candidates must send all documents: curriculum vitae in the Europass format, motivation letter, and eligibility criteria grid dated and signed and a copy of the document formally recognising your qualification within the EU, if applicable, (see footnote 7) before the deadline.

Candidates should assess and check before submitting their application whether they fulfil all the requirements as specified in the vacancy notice, particularly in terms of qualifications and relevant professional experience.

Professional experience indicated on the curriculum vitae 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. 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.

Start and end dates of all previous positions and whether they were full time or part time must be indicated on the curriculum vitae. Freelance or self-employed candidates must provide either a copy

¹⁰ <http://www.eba.europa.eu/about-us/careers/practical-information>

of the entry in the relevant trade register, or any official document (for example a tax return document) showing clearly the length of the relevant professional experience. Details of any professional experience, training, research or studies must be given on the application form. Candidates must be able to provide of supporting documents clearly showing duration and nature of experience upon request.

The address indicated on the curriculum vitae will be used as the location from which the candidates invited to interviews travel.

At this stage, please do not send supporting documents (copies of ID cards, passports, diplomas, etc.) unless it is to demonstrate the recognition of your qualification within the EU, if applicable, (see footnote 7).

7. Data protection

EBA will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.¹¹ This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

8. Appeal Procedure

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

8.1 Request for review of the decisions taken by the Selection Committee

Within ten days of the date of the letter notifying the candidate of a decision taken by the Selection Committee, 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: vacancies@eba.europa.eu.

8.2 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: BMIC BMIP CA 1/2020**
DEFENSE 4 – EUROPLAZA
20 Avenue André Prothin
CS 30154
92927 Paris La Défense CEDEX

¹¹ 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)

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 of how to submit an appeal, please consult the website of the General Court: <http://curia.europa.eu/>

8.3 Complaint to the European Ombudsman

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 duties¹².

For details of 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.

¹² OJ L 113 of 4 May 1994.