

VACANCY NOTICE

POSITION TITLE	FINANCIAL ASSISTANT (F/M)
SELECTION REFERENCE	F4E/CA/FGIII/2014/0092
GRADE	CONTRACT AGENT – FGIII
LOCATION	BARCELONA, SPAIN
RESERVE LIST – MAXIMUM NUMBER	10
VALIDITY OF THE RESERVE LIST	31/12/2015
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS	24/10/2014 AT 12.00 NOON, BARCELONA GMT+1

1. RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member of the Finance Team in the Finance Unit within the Administration Department of 'Fusion for Energy', the Financial Assistant's tasks will include:

- To prepare commitments and payments at the level of financial initiator (operational or administrative expenditure)
- To provide in-depth financial support to the project managers and their teams for managing contracts and grants at all stages of the relevant procedures (tendering stage, contract negotiation and drafting, implementation, follow-up and close-out).
- To act as financial initiator for missions and other types of reimbursements.
- To liaise with the budget team in the preparation of commitments.
- To ensure that operational and financial ex ante procedures have been followed.
- To prepare and produce financial documents in the context of commitments, payments, recovery orders and bank guarantees.
- To provide administrative support for accounting of the above financial transactions.
- To continuously contribute to the definition of financial procedures conducted by Quality Assurance and in accordance with the Internal Control Standards.

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2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A1. In order to be eligible the candidate must:

- Be a citizen of one of the Member States of the European Union or of a Third state fully associated with the Euratom fusion programme (Switzerland).
- Enjoy his/her full rights as a citizen.¹
- Have fulfilled the obligations imposed on them by the laws of their home country concerning military service.
- Meet the character requirements for the duties involved.
- Be physically fit to perform their duties².

A2. On the closing date for registration, the candidate must possess the following minimum qualifications:

A level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma

OR

A level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education and, after having obtained the diploma, appropriate professional experience of at least 3 years.

Only study titles that have been awarded by the Members of the Joint Undertaking or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the said Member States shall be taken into consideration.

A3. The candidate must possess a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union and a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the European Union to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties.

B. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

B1 Essential Selection Criteria

- Experience in financial initiation in a European institution or agency.
- Working knowledge of the Financial Regulation and its Implementing Rules applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.
- Practical knowledge of office automation tools such as MS Word, Excel and systems for the electronic management of documents.
- Strong communication skills.
- Good organisational skills and ability to work under pressure and as part of a team.
- Ability to integrate into an international and multicultural environment.

¹ Prior to any appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate issued by the competent authority attesting the absence of any criminal record.

² Before his/her appointment, the candidate shall be medically examined in line with requirement of Article 82(3)(d) of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities.

- Good command of both written and spoken English, the working language of the ITER Project.

B2 Advantageous Selection Criteria

- Sound understanding of EU public procurement rules.
- Experience in Research, high technologies project.
- Knowledge of Spanish and/or French.

3. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A contract offer will be made as a Contract staff member, pursuant to Article 3a) of the Conditions of Employment of other Servants of the European Communities, for an initial period of three years, with the possibility of renewal. The probationary period is 9 months.

For more information on the selection process of Contract Agents and on the contractual and working conditions, please, refer to:

- **Guide for Applicants:**
<http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/careers/Documents/Annex%20to%20the%20VN.pdf>
- **Conditions of employment of Other Servants of the European Communities:**
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/consleg/1962/R/01962R0031-20060701-en.pdf>

The successful candidate will be recruited in **function group III (FG III)**. The grade (8, 9 or 10) will be determined in accordance with the years of professional experience. **As an indication, the basic monthly salary, before any deductions or allowances for FG III (grade 8 step 1) is currently 2.457,08€.**

For further information on remuneration for contract agents, visit:
http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/job/contract/index_en.htm

In addition to the basic salary, staff members may be entitled to various allowances, in particular a household allowance, expatriation allowance (16% of basic salary and household allowance), dependent child allowance and education allowance. The salary is subject to a reasonable Community tax deducted at source and staff members are exempt of national taxation.

By way of an example and only as an indication, please see below the example of the monthly salary for a couple with 2 children including expatriation allowance (16%), dependent child (2 children under 6 years) allowance for 2 children:

FGIII/ grade 8/ step 1: 3.701,08€ net salary (including allowances, after taxes and pension contribution).

In addition, F4E offers social benefits with regards to schooling and a health insurance scheme.

Under certain circumstances, in particular where the jobholder is obliged to change his/her place of residence in order to take up employment, 'Fusion for Energy' may also reimburse various expenses incurred on recruitment, notably removal expenses.

The place of employment is **Barcelona, Spain.**

Given the needs of the organisation, the candidate may be offered an employment at any of the other F4E working places: Garching (Germany) or Cadarache (France).

For reasons related to the 'Fusion for Energy' operational requirements, the candidate will be required to be available at short notice.

4. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The online application process starts upon clicking "**CLICK TO APPLY**" next to a vacancy of your interest on the Open Positions page:

<http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/careers/vacancies/Default.aspx>

Applicants must register their applications online through the F4E E-recruitment tool by creating a valid F4E user account and submitting the documents mentioned below.

Please note that the online e-recruitment application tool is the only acceptable means of sending in job applications. Applicants are responsible for keeping their e-mail addresses and personal details up to date in their profile in F4E online application tool.

The mandatory fields in the profile marked with an asterisk should be duly filled in and the candidates are requested to submit the following 2 documents:

- A detailed Europass curriculum vitae in **English** (can be obtained at the following address: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>)
- A motivation letter of 2 pages maximum in English

Applications must be complete and validly submitted by the closing date for submission of applications

no later than 24/10/2014 at 12h00 noon, Barcelona GMT+1.

In case you encounter technical problems when trying to submit your application via the e-Recruitment tool, please make a screenshot and send it to: hr-selections@f4e.europa.eu

It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform 'Fusion for Energy' about any technical problem without delay within the deadline mentioned above.

Please, do not send any supporting documents (i.e.: copies of your ID-card, educational certificates, evidence of previous professional experience etc.) **with your application at this stage if not specified in the Vacancy Notice.**