

VACANCY NOTICE - TEMPORARY STAFF 2(f)

Reference number: RCT-2023-00082

Public Access to Documents (PAD) Officer

Post (business title):	PAD Officer <i>(a reserve list to be created for 1 post to be filled)</i>	
Sector/Unit/Division:	Legal Services Sector/Legal and Procurement Unit / Governance Support Centre	
Function group / Grade / Post title:	Temporary staff 2(f), AD5, Administrator ¹	
Grade bracket	for internal mobility ² :	AD5 - AD12
	for inter-agency mobility ³ :	AD5 - AD12 ⁴
Location:	Warsaw, Poland	
Starting date:	April 2024 (desired)	
Level of Security Clearance:	EU SECRET	
Closing date for applications	<u>(MIDDAY) 4 December 2023 at 12:00 h⁵, Warsaw local time</u>	

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¹ Type of post: Administrator.

² Only for existing applicants being already EU temporary staff members engaged under Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (the "CEOS") to whom Article 55 of CEOS is applicable

³ Ibid 2

⁴ Engagement of an applicant in grade higher than AD5 is conditional upon the availability of respective grades in Frontex' Establishment Plan at the moment of appointment.

⁵ Date of publication: 6 November 2023.

1. BACKGROUND

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) has been established under the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation⁶. The agency was created on the foundations of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (established under Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004), which has been coordinating operational activities at the EU external border since 2005.

Frontex is located in Warsaw, Poland, and is in the process of significantly increasing the size of its staff to 2,500 to meet its expanding tasks.

The European Border and Coast Guard Regulation provides for the establishment of a European Border and Coast Guard Standing Corps, which will consist of up to 10,000 operational staff by 2027, and will be deployed along the external land, sea and air borders of the European Union and the Schengen Area.

With the establishment of the Standing Corps - the first European law enforcement uniformed corps - Frontex offers a unique, pioneering opportunity to form part of the EU's operational arm for European integrated border management. The establishment and operations of the Standing Corps gives rise to various novel legal challenges and risks. The selected candidate will have a chance to significantly contribute to the application of the EU law in this area by developing creative legal solutions in cooperation with internal and external partners.

The Agency's key tasks include:

- Operational and technical assistance to the EU member states at their external borders by coordinating joint border control operations including deployment of vessels, aircraft and other equipment and border and coast guards from EU countries;
- Coordination of border surveillance and law enforcement activities being part of maritime security in cooperation with national authorities and EU agencies such as Europol, EMSA and EFCA;
- Situation monitoring of EU's external borders and risk analysis of all aspects of border and coast guard management, including assessment of the EU Member States' border control authorities' ability to face migratory pressure and different challenges at their external borders;
- Assisting Member States in returning nationals of non-EU countries who do not have the right to remain on the territory of the EU;
- Development of training programmes for European border and coast guards;
- Monitoring new technological developments in the field of border control and acting as an interface between research institutions, industry and national border and coast guard authorities;
- Cooperation with EU and international organisations in the area of border and coast guard management, security, and prevention of cross-border crime (including terrorism);
- Assist non-EU countries in the context of technical and operational cooperation on border management including return of non-EU nationals, in the framework of the EU external relations policy.

In all its activities, Frontex enforces actions which are respecting fundamental rights as an overarching component of the European Integrated Border Management. Frontex and its staff are committed to the values of Professionalism, Respect, Cooperation, Accountability and Care.

For more information, please refer to our website under this [link](#).

2. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT CENTRE

Mission

The Governance Support Centre (GSC) is responsible for providing support to the Executive Management and for providing horizontal business support in the field of human resources as well as legal and procurement support while ensuring full compliance with relevant rules.

⁶ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p.1).

Organisation

The Division is led and managed by the Director of GSC (DGSC) who reports to the Executive Director. The GSC is divided into two Units: Legal and Procurement Unit and Human Resources Unit (HR). The tasks and activities of the Division are coordinated by the GSC Coordination Office (CGSC), which is part of the coordination structure of the Agency.

Legal and Procurement Unit (LPU)

Main tasks

The Legal and Procurement Unit (LPU) provides expertise, support and advice to the Agency and its management. It manages and minimises legal risks related to the compliance with the rules governing Frontex activities, procurements, decisions, and internal procedures. It mitigates the inherent legal risks entailed in the expanding operational footprint of the Agency and the European Border and Coast Guard standing corps on the ground. It ensures the successful establishment of contracts to procure goods and services.

The Transparency Office established by MB Decision 25/2016 of 21 September 2016 is embedded within LPU. It manages and decides on applications for PAD under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on behalf of the Agency and is supported by a cross-divisional network of case handlers in all Frontex entities.

LPU is divided into two sectors:

Legal Services Sector (LEG)

Main tasks

- a) Ensuring that legal risks related to Frontex activities are minimised through governance and operational legal support in particular by providing legal advice on strategic areas and making direct contributions to documents prepared by Frontex entities.
- b) Providing a legal helpdesk service for internal stakeholders for both operational and governance matters.
- c) Providing support for the development of operational plans and related operational issues.
- d) Verifying the legal correctness of written decisions of Frontex submitted to the LPU for 'visa', in particular draft decisions of the MB and ED.
- e) Providing support in the development and implementation of internal guidelines, rules and procedures.
- f) Defending and representing Frontex in legal proceedings in which it appears as applicant, defendant or intervener.
- g) Leading on discussing and analysing issues of legal importance in operational matters via the Network of National Legal Experts ('LEGNET').
- h) Ensuring the effective and efficient processing of PAD applications and the management of sensitive operational information in the Agency through the Transparency Office.

Procurement Sector (PROC)

Main tasks

- a) Coordinating the drafting, planning, execution and monitoring of the annual procurement plan based on the multiannual acquisition strategy.
- b) Providing advice on all procurement procedures to ensure compliance with the applicable legal and financial framework.
- c) Providing training and organising awareness raising activities to Frontex entities dealing with procurement.
- d) Providing expertise and support in the preparation, publication, opening and evaluation of tenders, contract award and signature.
- e) Coordinating the conduct of thorough market analyses in cooperation with the business entities.
- f) Advising on and coordinating the use of joint procurement procedures with contracting authorities of Member States to cover operational needs and the interinstitutional procurement procedures with other EU institutions, agencies, bodies.

3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES LINKED TO THE POST

Reporting to the Head of Legal and Procurement Unit (and under supervision of the respective Head of Sector), the main tasks of the PAD Officer are:

- Handling applications for PAD in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (Regulation (EC) NO 1049/2001) and in compliance with the relevant internal workflows including managing sensitive operational information;
- Preparing documents regarding PAD as required by Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 and the Frontex implementing framework;
- Coordinating the network of transparency correspondents across the Agency under the instruction and supervision of the relevant manager or his/her delegate;
- Overseeing and supporting the drafting or editing of opinions, briefs, reports and correspondence on legal and other issues referred regarding the PAD framework;
- Acting on behalf of Frontex before the supervisory bodies;
- Processing of incoming/outgoing correspondence and undertaking, as appropriate, consultations with internal and external sources regarding the PAD framework;
- Identifying and responding to training needs regarding the implementation of the PAD framework;
- Performing any other tasks relevant to the activities writing the PAD framework, as instructed by the senior staff.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be declared eligible, the applicant must:

General/common criteria⁷

1. Be a citizen of one of the Member States of the European Union or the Schengen Associated Countries and enjoy full rights as its citizen.
2. Have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws of the country of citizenship concerning military service.
3. Produce the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of his/her duties⁸.
4. Be physically fit to perform his/her duties.
5. Produce evidence of thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the European Union and of satisfactory knowledge of another language of the European Union to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: B2 level).

4.1. External applicants

Minimum qualifications (university diploma)

1. Possess a level of education which corresponds to **completed university studies** attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is **three years⁹ or more** (of full-time education).

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

⁷ Mandatory criteria for the engagement of temporary staff as laid down in Article 12(2) of the CEOS.

⁸ Prior to engagement the selected applicant will be required to provide appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of duties (such as a criminal record certificate or equivalent certificate, not older than six months) as well as a compulsory declaration before engagement in Frontex and a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

⁹ Diploma [recognized by any EU Member State](#) to be at EQF levels 7 or 8; only qualifications that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in EU Member States will be taken into consideration.

4.2. Inter-agency applicants

1. On the closing date for applications and on the day of filling the vacant post, be engaged as temporary staff under Article 2(f) of CEOS within their agency in a grade and function group corresponding to the published grade bracket.
2. Have at least two years' service within their agency before moving¹⁰.
2. Have successfully completed the probationary period as provided for in Article 14 of the CEOS in the relevant function group¹¹.

4.3. Internal applicants

On the closing date for applications and on the day of filling the post, be a member of temporary staff engaged under Article 2(f) of CEOS at Frontex in grade AD5 - AD12.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

Suitability of applicants will be assessed against the following criteria in different steps of the selection procedure. Certain criteria will be assessed/scored only for shortlisted applicants during interviews (and or tests):

5.1. Professional, specialist and technical competences

1. Good knowledge of the legal framework related to the administration and governance of an EU body or international organization or in a national authority, in particular in matters concerning PAD, transparency and other administrative matters;
2. Excellent drafting skills in English;
3. Very good written and oral communication skills in English with the ability to describe and explain complex issues to experts and non-experts;
4. Proficiency in main MS Office Software (Word, Excel, Outlook);
5. Experience of at least 3 years working on matters related to transparency at national or international level - in particular in relation to PAD;

Besides, the following attributes would be considered advantageous:

6. Experience of at least 3 years in handling applications for PAD within an EU institution, agency or body, or in an international organisation;
7. Very good knowledge of the legal framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents and the relevant case law;
8. University degree in law, political science, public administration, international relations or other related.

5.2. Personal qualities and competences

1. Very high professional and ethical behaviour, good sense of discretion and diplomatic tact;
2. Sound judgement and ability to prioritize (including strict adherence to deadlines), handle sensitive issues, including beyond legal review and analysis;
3. Forward-thinking, proactive approach, strong sense of initiative, ability to find creative legal solutions;

¹⁰ Any decision derogating from that principle shall be taken jointly by the two agencies concerned, having regard to the interest of the service of both agencies.

¹¹ Where, in exceptional circumstances, Frontex would engage a member of temporary staff engaged under Article 2(f) of CEOS who does not meet that condition, such member shall serve a full probationary period in Frontex, and the new contract will not be considered as a renewal of contract but an ex-novo contract.

4. Good inter-personal skills, strong sense for teamwork in a multi-cultural and cross-functional environment.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Frontex applies an equal opportunities policy and, subject to the limitations imposed by law, accepts applications without distinction on grounds of age, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, political, philosophical, religious or any other conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

Frontex encourages and invites to apply professionals of different backgrounds and origins who want to play an active role in a dynamic team in a multicultural organisation that is contributing to increased European safety.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection procedure includes the following steps:

- After registration, each application is checked in order to verify whether it meets the eligibility criteria;
- All the pre-eligible applications are evaluated by an appointed Selection Committee based on a combination of certain selection criteria defined in the vacancy notice (some criteria will be assessed/scored only for shortlisted applicants during interviews and/or tests). Certain selection criteria may be assessed/scored jointly, and some criteria may be assessed/scored in two or more steps of the selection procedure;
- Best-qualified applicants who obtain the highest number of points within the application evaluation and who are matching best the evaluated selection criteria will be shortlisted and invited for a competency test and an interview; the names of the members of the Selection Committee will be disclosed to the applicants invited for the test and interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted;
- The test and interview will be conducted in English;
- During the interviews and tests, the Selection Committee will examine the profiles of shortlisted applicants and assess their relevance for the post in question. Certain selection criteria may be assessed/scored jointly, and some criteria may be assessed/scored in two or more steps of the selection procedure. At least one part of the qualifying written test will be assessed based on anonymized answers;
- As a result of the interview and test, the Selection Committee will recommend the most suitable applicant(s) for the post in question to the Appointing Authority of Frontex. An additional interview with the Appointing Authority and/or another relevant manager may be arranged before the Appointing Authority takes the final decision.
- Suitable applicants will be proposed for a reserve list, which may also be used to fill similar vacant posts depending on the needs of Frontex. This reserve list will be valid for at least 1 year (the validity period may be extended). Applicants should note that the placement on the reserve list does not guarantee an employment offer.

Each interviewed applicant will be notified in writing on outcome of his/her application. **We expect all applicants to adhere to the principles of Professionalism, Respect, Cooperation, Accountability and Care when communicating with us.**

The work and deliberations of the Selection Committee are strictly confidential and any contact of an applicant with its members is strictly forbidden.

Applicants may be requested to present, at any stage of the selection, documents which will support the information contained in their application form such as originals of their diploma(s), evidence of professional experience clearly indicating the starting, finishing dates and scope of work and workload. Failure to provide such evidence may lead to disqualification of the applicant.

8. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The most successful applicant will be selected and appointed¹² by the Appointing Authority of Frontex.

In order to be engaged, the appointed applicant shall:

- Be available for the job at short notice (not later than 4 months after the job offer is made);
- Produce documents which support the information contained in his/her application;
- Produce appropriate character references (such as a criminal record certificate or equivalent certificate, not older than six months) and specific declarations prior to his/her engagement to finally assess his/her up-to-date suitability (or limitations) for the performance of duties;
- Be physically fit to perform his/her duties¹³.

The appointed external applicant will be engaged as temporary staff pursuant to Article 2(f) of the CEOS in function group and grade AD5¹⁴. A contract of employment will be offered for a period of five years, with a probationary period of nine months. The contract may be renewed.

The staff member's remuneration consists of a basic salary and allowances. The staff member may be entitled to various allowances, in particular to an expatriation (16 % of basic gross salary) or to a foreign residence allowance (4 % of basic gross salary) - depending on particular situation, and to family allowances (depending on personal situation) such as household allowance, dependent child allowance, pre-school allowance, education allowance.

The final net calculation (amount payable) is as follows:

Function group, grade and step	AD5 Step 1	AD5 Step 2
1. Basic net/payable salary (after all deductions, contributions and taxes are applied)	3 262 EUR 15 288 PLN	3 384 EUR 15 862 PLN
2. Other possible monthly entitlements/allowances, depending on the personal situation of the candidate (expressed as gross amount weighted by 75.6 correction coefficient applicable for Poland):		
b. Household allowance	244 EUR 1 144 PLN	248 EUR 1 160 PLN
c. Expatriation allowance	660 - 868 EUR 3 092 - 4 069 PLN	687 - 896 EUR 3 221 - 4 202 PLN
d. Dependent child allowances for each child	353 EUR 1 655 PLN	353 EUR 1 655 PLN
e. Preschool allowance	86 EUR 404 PLN	86 EUR 404 PLN
f. Education allowance for each child up to	479 EUR 2 246 PLN	479 EUR 2 246 PLN

The remuneration is expressed in EUR, after the compulsory deductions set out in the Staff Regulations of Officials (the "Staff Regulations")¹⁵ or in any implementing regulations is weighted by the correction coefficient for Poland (currently 75.6). It can be paid either in EUR or in PLN according to a fixed exchange rate (currently 4.6870 PLN/EUR).

The remuneration of the staff members, the correction coefficient and the exchange rate are updated annually before the end of each year, with retroactive effect from 1 July, in accordance with Annex XI of the Staff Regulations.

Staff pays an EU tax at source and deductions are also made for medical insurance, pension and unemployment insurance. Salaries are exempt from national taxes. The rate of the solidarity levy is 6 %.

An [accredited European School](#)¹⁶ operates in Warsaw as of September 2021 to allow dependent children of all Frontex statutory staff (including Polish nationals) to attend a (tuition-free) European-type multilingual

¹² Engagement of an inter-agency applicant in a grade higher than AD5 is conditional upon the availability of respective grades in Frontex' Establishment Plan at the moment of appointment.

¹³ Before the engagement, the successful applicant shall be medically examined by the EU medical service to fulfil the requirement of Article 13 of CEOS.

¹⁴ For existing EU temporary staff 2(f) the classification in grade and step should be established in line with Article 55 of the CEOS.

¹⁵ Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ P 45, 14.6.1962, p. 1385), as last amended.

¹⁶ More details on the European Schools system available here: [About the Accredited European Schools](#) (eursc.eu).

education. The school is opening gradually, and the complete education cycle (from Nursery to Secondary level finishing with the European Baccalaureate exam) will be available as of September 2024.

Moreover, the headquarters agreement with the Polish authorities¹⁷ is effective as of 1 November 2017. Under this agreement the Polish authorities may provide the following main benefits to Frontex expatriate staff¹⁸:

- (a) in case the appropriate education level is not available yet for a child in the accredited European School in Warsaw - reimbursement of tuition cost of each dependent child attending a school (up to and including secondary school) on Polish territory up to a limit of 35 000 PLN per year;
- (b) reimbursement of VAT on purchases of main household effects to assist a newcomer to settle in Warsaw;
- (c) reimbursement of VAT on a purchase of a private car (this entitlement is renewable after 36 months).

Staff is entitled to an annual leave of two working days per each complete calendar month of service and to additional days of leave depending on the grade and age. Moreover, two and a half leave days are granted every year to the staff members entitled to the expatriation or foreign residence allowance for the purpose of visiting their home country. In addition, there are on average 18 public holidays per year. Special leave is granted for certain circumstances such as marriage, birth or adoption of a child.

Being a knowledge-based organization, Frontex acknowledges the importance of training provided to its staff. Frontex provides general and technical nature training as well as professional development opportunities that are discussed annually during the staff performance appraisal.

Throughout the period of service staff is a member of the EU pension scheme. The pension is granted after completing a minimum of 10 years' service and after reaching the pensionable age. Pension rights acquired in one or more national schemes before starting to work at Frontex may be transferred into the EU pension system.

Staff is covered 24/7 and worldwide by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS). Staff is insured against sickness, the risk of occupational disease and accident as well as entitled under certain conditions to a monthly unemployment allowance, the right to receive payment of invalidity allowance and travel insurance.

For further information on working conditions please refer to the Staff Regulations and the CEOS.

Frontex requires selected applicants to undergo a vetting procedure executed by the National Security Authority of the applicants' state of citizenship in order to obtain a personnel security clearance. The level of the latter depends on the specific post/position. For this post, the **required level of clearance is specified on the title page of the Vacancy Notice**. Applicants who currently hold a valid personnel security clearance at the above-mentioned level (or higher) may not need to obtain a new one, pending confirmation from their respective National Security Authority. The National Security Authority of the applicant shall provide Frontex, with an opinion or a personnel security clearance in accordance with relevant national legislation. In case selected applicants do not currently hold a valid security clearance at the above-mentioned level, Frontex will request such from the National Security Authority of the applicants' state of citizenship. In case of a failure to obtain the required personnel security clearance or if the National Security Agency issues a negative opinion at the above-mentioned level after the signature of the contract of employment Frontex has the right to terminate the contract of employment.

9. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Frontex ensures that applicants' personal data are processed in accordance with 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.

Please note that Frontex will not return applications to applicants. This is due, in particular, to the confidentiality and security of such data.

¹⁷ Headquarters Agreement between the Republic of Poland and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) (Polish Official Journal of 2017, item 1939).

¹⁸ Staff of non-Polish nationality and non-permanent Polish residents.

The legal basis for the selection procedures of temporary staff is defined in the CEOS¹⁹, in the Management Board Decision No 14/2019²⁰ and in the Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2022-17²¹.

The purpose of processing personal data is to enable to properly carry out selection procedures.

The selection procedure is conducted under the responsibility of the Human Resources Unit within the Governance Support Centre. The data controller for personal data protection purposes is the Head of the Human Resources Unit.

The information provided by applicants will be accessible to a strictly limited number of staff within the Human Resources Unit and IT experts, to the members of the Selection Committee and to Frontex management. If necessary, it will be provided to the staff of the Legal and Procurement Unit, of the Inspection and Control Office, external parties directly involved in the selection process. For the purposes of safeguarding the financial interests of the Union, your personal data may be processed by the Frontex Internal Audit Capability, the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission, the European Court of Auditors, the Financial Irregularities Panel and/or the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

There will be no automated decision making or profiling based on the applicants' data.

No data will be transferred to a third country or an international organisation.

Processing begins on the date of receipt of the application. Data storage policy is as follows:

- For applications received from non-selected applicants: the data are filed and stored in archives for **2 years** and after this time the data are destroyed;
- For applicants placed on a reserve list but not recruited: the data are kept for the period of validity of **the reserve list + 1 year** and after this time the data are destroyed;
- For recruited applicants: the data are kept for a period of **10 years** after the termination of employment or as of the last pension payment **and** after this time the data are destroyed.

Applicants have the right to request access to and rectification or restriction of processing of their personal data or, where applicable, the right to object to that processing or the right to data portability. In case of identification data, applicants can rectify those data at any time during the procedure. In the case of data related to the eligibility or selection criteria, the right of rectification can only be exercised by submitting/uploading a new application and it cannot be exercised after the closing date for submission of applications. Withdrawal of the consent to such data processing operations will result in the exclusion of the applicant from the recruitment and from the selection procedure.

Should an applicant have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data and has substantiated request, he/she shall address them to the Human Resources Unit at jobs@frontex.europa.eu or Frontex Data Protection Officer at dataprotectionoffice@frontex.europa.eu.

Applicants may have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu).

10. REVIEW AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Each applicant may request feedback on assessment of his or her application as established by the Selection Committee. If deemed appropriate, he/she may ask for a formal review/reassessment of the original assessment. After Frontex takes a decision on applicant's application, he/she may lodge a complaint.

Details of these procedures are provided [here](#).

¹⁹ In particular the provisions governing conditions of engagement in Title II, Chapter 3.

²⁰ Management Board Decision No 14/2019 of 18 July 2019 laying down general implementing provisions on the procedure governing the engagement and use of temporary staff under Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

²¹ Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2022-17 on the recruitment and selection of temporary staff under Article 2(f) CEOS.

11. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Note: It is required to upload the digital application form saved in its original electronic dynamic PDF format (not scanned). Do not use any e-mail communication to submit your application (for exceptional circumstances see point 6 below) - such an application will be **automatically disregarded and will not be recorded and further processed.**

Frontex Application Form is to be downloaded (as a dynamic PDF form) from Frontex website under the link provided next to the Reference Number of the post/position. This digital application form is specifically created only for this selection procedure (and shall not be reused for another procedure).

The Frontex Application Form must:

1. Be opened in a PDF reader in a MS Windows equipped computer - the recommended version of the PDF reader is Adobe Acrobat Reader DC (*version 2021.001.20155. You may download a free version here: <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>*).
2. **Not be manipulated or altered.** The form is digitally signed and protected against any manipulation or changes. Therefore, applicants shall not try to manipulate and/or alter it - in such a case the digital signature will disappear, and the application form will become invalid for subsequent processing resulting in an automatic rejection of such submission.
3. Be completed in English. Fields, where you may enter your input, are highlighted in light blue colour. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) indicate a required input. You should be concise, the space for your input is limited by the size of the text boxes.
4. Be saved and named as follows: 'SURNAME_RCT-2023-00082'.
5. **Be submitted to Frontex - after saving - by uploading it to this URL link:**
<https://microsite.frontex.europa.eu/en/recruitments/RCT-2023-00082>
6. In case you have technical issues with filling/saving/uploading your electronic application form, you may write to us (in advance of the closing date for submission of applications) at jobs@frontex.europa.eu.

In case you submit more than one application for this procedure, Frontex will only assess the latest one and will automatically disregard all your previous applications.

If at any stage of the selection procedure it is established that any of the requested information provided by an applicant is false or misleading, the applicant in question will be disqualified.

Do not attach any supporting or supplementary documentation with your application until you have been asked to do so by Frontex.

Incomplete applications, applications uploaded after the deadline, sent by e-mail without prior consent of Frontex HR or applications using inappropriate, or altered/manipulated application forms will be automatically disregarded by the system and will **not** be processed further.

Due to the large volume of applications, Frontex regrets that only applicants invited for the test and interview will be notified about the outcomes. The status of the selection procedure is to be found on Frontex website.

Due to high volume of selection procedures handled by Frontex, the period between the closing date for the submission of applications and the final shortlisting of applicants for an interview may take more than two months.

The closing date (and time) for the submission of applications is provided on the title page of the Vacancy Notice.

Please keep a copy of the automatically generated submission code that proves that you have submitted/uploaded your application to Frontex.

Applicants are strongly recommended not to wait until the last day to submit their applications.

Frontex cannot be held responsible for any last-minute malfunction due to an overload of the system or for other technical issues applicants may eventually encounter in the very last moment before the deadline.

