

Career opportunities with the European Institutions and EPSO selection procedures



### Your Career. Our European Union.





### Where can an EU career lead?





























### **Profiles**











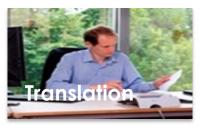
















### Grades

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Assistants = Non-university degree

AST/SC = secretaries

AST/1

AST/3
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Administrators = University degree

AD/5

AD/7



### Who are we looking for?



EU citizens Multilingual:
Minimum of 2 EU
languages

Enjoying
working in
multicultural
teams

Graduates + Non-graduates



### What do we offer?

Interesting & challenging work

International working environment

**Travel** 

Shaping Europe together



### What does the EU do for you?





### What do we offer?

Training courses:
languages,
skills,...

Job mobility

Work-life balance

Well-being initiatives



### What do we offer?

### **Social benefits**

- -pay
- -pension
- -family allowances
- -European schools
- -medical insurance

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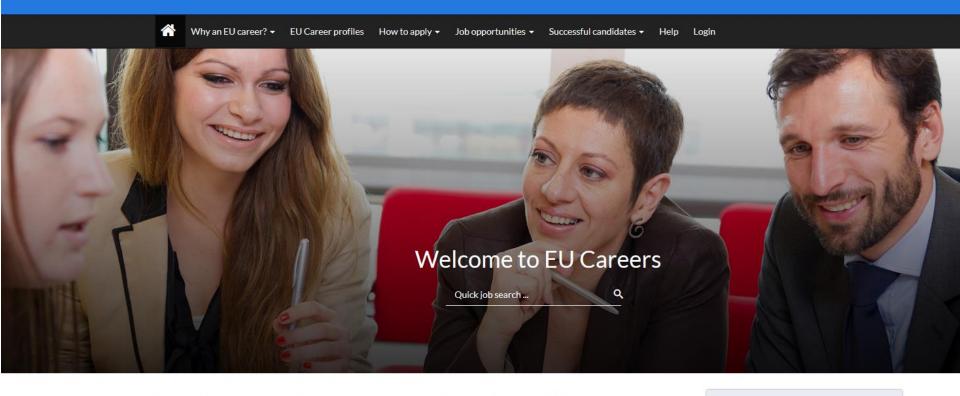
# Salary

Grade	Salary
AST/SC	+/- 2.500 €
AST/1	+/- 2.900 €
AST/3	+/- 3.700 €
AD/5	+/- 4.700 €
AD/6	+/- 5.300 €
AD/7	+/- 6.000 €
AD/8	+/- 6.800 €









Specialists in law and finance



2019 Graduate Administrators competition





Open for applications - Specialists in law and finance

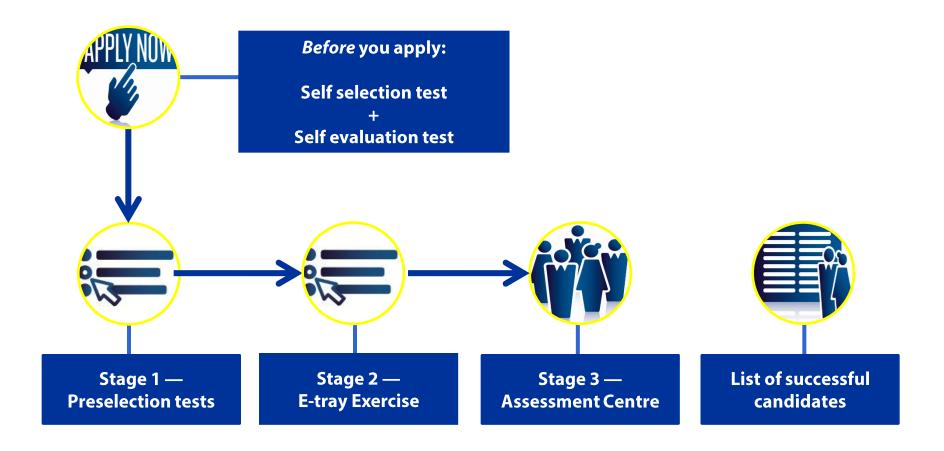
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Open for applications - Graduate Administrators

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### Overview





# AD5 competition — 1st part of the application form



Which EU languages do you know?



# AD5 competition — 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the application form

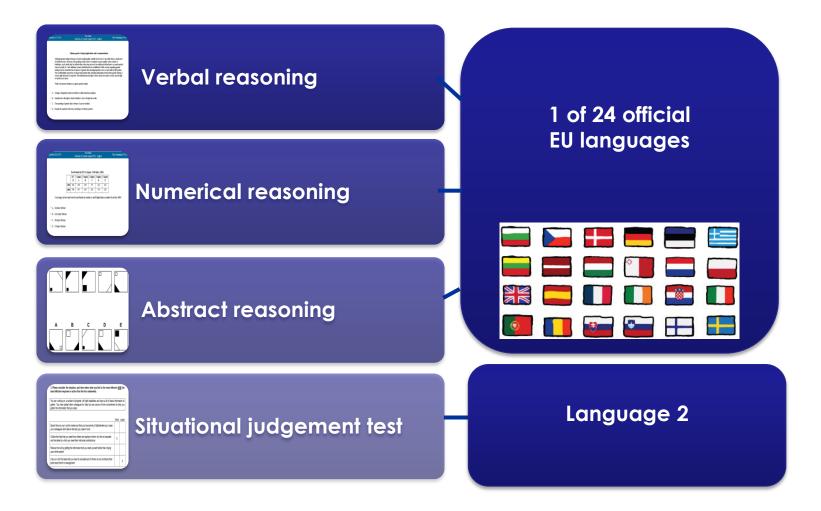


Full application in 1 of the 5 languages most frequently declared by applicants, based on the needs of the Institutions





### Computer Based Tests (CBT)





### **Example verbal reasoning**

Whilst European countries have a long way to go before they reach the obesity levels so apparent in the USA (where 31 % of the population is considered obese), there is a clear trend for average weight to be on the increase in Western Europe. More worryingly, the rate of increase is also accelerating, especially amongst children. Whilst the debate as to whether governments have the right to influence lifestyle is still ongoing, the EU has nonetheless taken an active involvement, launching the European Platform for Action on Diet and Physical Activity. This brings together key decision-makers working in the food, retail, catering, and advertising industries, with the main aim of ensuring that all foods sold in Europe have labels that clearly display the nutritional content.

Which of the following statements is correct?

- a) The EU's European Platform for Action on Diet & Physical Activity is a body which takes its members from a number of different stakeholder groups
- b) Food labelling is expected to lead to a slowdown in the growth of obesity in Europe
- c) Children seem to be more prone to obesity than adults
- d) Most people feel that a government has a responsibility for its citizens' health



### **Example numerical reasoning**

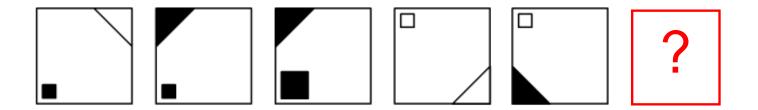
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)					
GDP GDP per capita population (in million) Working population (million)		Unemployment rate (percentage of the working population)	Female/male unemployment ratio		
Netherlands	480 000	30 000	7.53	5.9%	1.63
Belgium	305 000	29 500	4.75	12.0%	1.26
Austria	248 000	31 000	3.45	4.5%	0.97
Portugal	189 000	18 000	5.48	6.5%	1.60
Sweden	240 000	26 600	4.46	5.6%	1.25

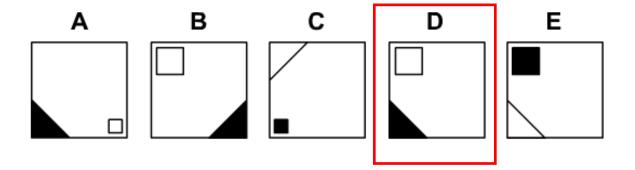
The working population makes up what percentage of Sweden's total population?

- OA. 45.3%
- OB. 47.6%
- OC. 49.4%
- OD. 52.2%
- OE. Cannot say



### **Example abstract reasoning**

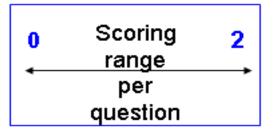






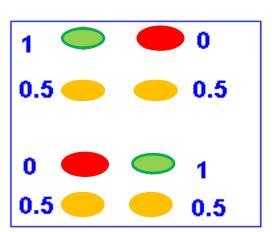
### Example situational judgement

You have recently been appointed to a position in a new project team. Although you are experienced in the technical aspects of the job, there are aspects of the work that you need to understand. Your job will eventually require internal liaison and collaboration with other project teams. Although your manager has proposed an induction and training period for you, many of the issues you are responsible for require urgent attention.



Most

- Immediately arrange meetings with those individuals you feel you will need to work with.
   (Most effective)
- Quickly try to establish how your objectives will relate to your project manager's objectives. (Neutral)
- In the initial stages, make sure that you are doing your job as you understood it from the job description. (Least effective)
- d. Spend time building your understanding of the team's objectives for the future. (Neutral)



Least





## E-tray exercise

### When are you invited?

If you pass all pre-selection tests

have one of the highest total scores in:
abstract reasoning +
situational judgement

Approximately 10 times the number of successful candidates sought will be invited for this stage.

#### E-tray exercise

15 to 20 questions

#### Assessing:

- Analysis and Problem solving
- Delivering quality and results
- Prioritising and organising
- Working with others

In Language 2



### **Example E-tray exercise**

From:	Aaren Sutton, Secretariat of the Committee or Industry, Research and Energy, EP
To:	Your name, Secretariat of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, EP
Date:	10/10/201X
Subject:	Integrated proposal



Dear (Your name),

On 7 December 201X-1, the Commission submitted a proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council to set emission performance standards for new passenger cars. This initiative forms part of the EU's integrated approach to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles.

The first reading has been completed and now I have to collect the opinions of the different stakeholders in order to propose a compromise solution to our Head of Unit at a meeting on 27 October 201X.

However, after today, I will be out of the office for the next two months (for medical reasons) and therefore will be unable to attend the meeting with our Head of Unit myself. Could you go in my place?

As a first step, I have asked Giuseppe Caligiuri from the Council to meet you in order to brief you thoroughly on the Council's position on the Commission's proposal.

Thank you for your flexibility.

Kind regards,

Aaren Sutton



### **Example E-tray exercise**

# How do you deal with the problem of the limited information you received from Mr Caligiuri? Rate the following actions on a scale ranging from totally disagree (--) to totally agree (++). A. When taking account of the Council's point of view in my compromise proposal, I use only to the information I received from Mr Caligiuri, as it is sufficiently specific. B. I ask Mr Caligiuri if any of his colleagues could provide me with a more in-depth briefing. C. I ask Mr Caligiuri for more documentation, just in case the Council's proposal conflicts with those of the other stakeholders. Previous Next





### **Assessment Centre**

### When are you invited?

If you scored one of the highest total marks for the e-tray exercise

You meet the eligibility requirements according to the data in your application file

Approximately 2 times the number of successful candidates sought will be invited for this stage.

#### **Assessment centre**



Case study



Group exercise



Structured interview



**Oral presentation** 



Motivational interview

In Language 2



# Assessment Centre Testing 8 competencies





## A day at the Assessment Centre





### **Successful Candidate**







## When to apply?



Spring

Graduates – Generalists profiles such as law, public administration, etc.



**Summer** 

Linguists - Translators, Conference interpreters \*languages vary per year



Winter

non-graduates with experience (Assistants)



Specialists when needed

(e.g. economists, building specialist, ICT, food safety, contractual staff when needed



# Upcoming

Field	Languages	Grade	Application period
Lawyer-linguists	DA EL FR HR PL	AD7	September 2019 *
Development cooperation	EU-28	AD7	October 2019 *
Conference operators	EU-28	AST-SC 2	Autumn 2019 *

\*dates to be confirmed



# Other Staff



### Other types of staff

Contract agent (CAST)

**Trainees** 



# Contract Agents

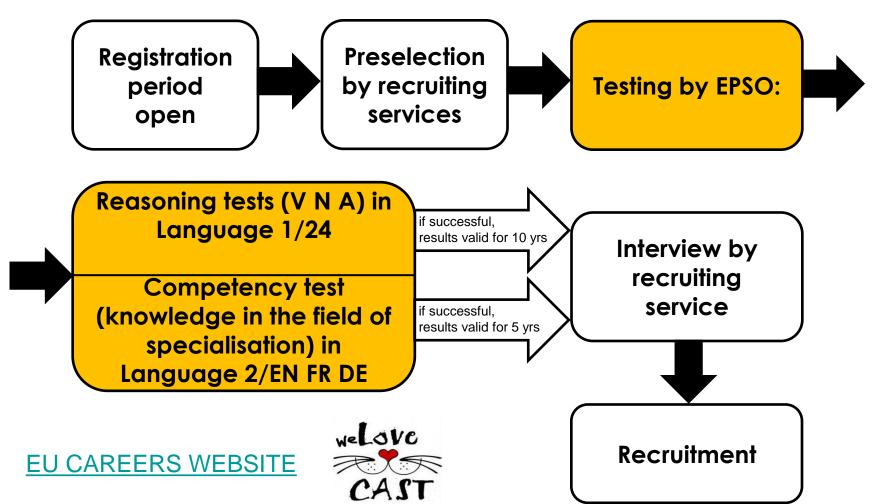


### **Profiles**

Field	<b>Function Group</b>	Registration period
Manual workers	1	Open
Secretaries/Clerks	II	Open
Child Care staff	II	Open
Administration/HR	II - III - IV	Open
Finance	II - III - IV	Open
Project/Programme Management	III – IV	Open
Communication	III – IV	Open
Political affairs	III – IV	Open
Law	III – IV	Open
ICT	III – IV	Open
Educational psychologists	IV	Open
Translators	IV	Open
Proofreaders	III	Open



## CAST PERMANENT Selection procedure





# **CAST Salary**

Grade	Salary
FG I	+/- 2.000 €
FG II	+/- 2.100 €
FG III	+/- 2.650 €
FG IV	+/- 3.400 €







### EC Traineeship – What is it?

- All Institutions offer traineeships not centralised
  - Most trainees work in the Commission
    - 1300 trainees per year

- Not a typical internship no 'photocopying', you are paid (± €1200)
- 5 months: Oct>Feb or March>July



### EC Traineeship – Who can apply?

### **Selection Criteria**

- ✓ You do not have to be an EU national
- √ There is no age limit
- ✓ No prior work experience within the Institutions

### You need:

- √ to have an undergraduate degree (Bachelor)
- √ to speak 2 EU Languages
- ✓ to apply in time ....



### EC Traineeship – key steps

Apply in January 2020 for the September 2020 traineeship

Online Eligibility Pre-Selection check Selection Application 2500 900 9000 pre-selected approx. applicants 'Blue Book' receive an offer (average)

Online application for EC Traineeship: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index\_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index\_en.htm</a>



### Questions?



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