



NOTICE OF RECRUITMENT N° AD/04/2025

**Italian-language PRESS OFFICER
Temporary Agent administrator- grade AD 5**

Type of contract	Temporary agent 2c) of CEOS
Category and grade	AD5
Duration of contract	Open-ended
Place of employment	Brussels
Publication	30 June 2025
Deadline for applications	14 July 2025
Written tests	October 2025
Oral tests	December 2025
Recruitment	Start of 2026

approximate timetable

INTRODUCTION

General

The Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D Group) opens a procedure for **1** post for Italian-language Press officer - administrator, Temporary Agent at grade **AD 5**, pursuant to article 2(c) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS), for its secretariat in Brussels.

Equal opportunities

The S&D Group is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from qualified men and women candidates who fulfil the conditions for admission, excluding any discrimination. Explain your special requirements on the application form. We will require proof of a candidate's disability.

Place of employment

Brussels. Frequent travel outside Belgium is required, in particular during the plenary session in Strasbourg.

Recommendations

Before filling in the application form with due care and attention, candidates are requested to please read the notice of recruitment carefully.

Under no circumstances should candidates approach any members of the Selection Board, either directly or indirectly. The Appointing Authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment (AECE) reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who disregards this instruction.

I. NATURE OF THE DUTIES AND PROFILE

The position requires relevant experience, technical skills and general competences, to be carried out in line with the political priorities and values of the S&D Group. The press officer provides assistance and support to the Members of the European Parliament of the S&D Group in the carrying out of tasks, the nature of which varies according to the needs of the specific Press and Communication department, and may include the following under the supervision of the respective management:

- Draft Press Releases, lines-to-take, opinion-pieces, speeches, speaking points and video scripts
- Conceive, plan and implement communication plans and strategies.
- Liaise with the accredited press corps in Brussels and in Italy, and pitch stories to the media.
- Ensure that information is appropriately targeted on relevant specialist media.
- Draft and place articles for the S&D Group including the leadership in national and European media.
- Liaise with policy advisors, social media team, audio-visual team, web and publications team and others on the communication in relevant policy areas.
- Organise and moderate press events, press briefings and interviews.
- Advise on content to be published on the website.
- Write in English as well as in Italian, Press Releases and Communications for the Group when required.
- Contribute to the regular maintenance and update of the media database and distribution lists, as well as to the monitoring of the media impact and coverage of the Group.
- Cooperate closely with the Head of Unit and Head of Department to ensure the smooth running of the Department, especially proposing media initiatives.

The post of press officer demands availability and flexibility, a methodological approach, discretion, loyalty, confidentiality and a capacity for rapid adaptation to varying duties in a political environment. Candidates must show initiative, both independently and while working in a team, and be able to adapt to a multicultural environment. Lastly, they must be ready to carry out professional training throughout their career.

II. ELIGIBILITY

At the closing date for applications, under article 12 (2) of the CEOS, candidates must:

- be a national of a Member State of the European Union;
- enjoy full rights as citizens;

- have fulfilled any obligations imposed by national laws on military service;
- produce the appropriate character references as to the suitability for the performance of their duties.

In addition, to fulfil the qualifications and professional experience required, candidates must have:

A. Qualifications and professional experience required

- a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma;
- at least two years' professional experience as a press officer or journalist, relating to the nature of duties laid out, acquired after a university degree as set out in the first indent;
- very good knowledge of Community mechanisms and the European institutions;
- proven ability to carry out conceptual and analytical work;
- capacity for team work in a multinational and multicultural environment;
- a very good knowledge of the Italian and European Union legal, institutional and political systems.

B. Knowledge of languages

For the requirements of the post (Article 12(2) CEOs), candidates must have a thorough knowledge of English and Italian (C1 level). For the requirements of the post, a good knowledge of one of the following working languages of the S&D Group: Spanish, French or German is required (B2 level). Knowledge of other official languages of the EU will be an asset.

III. PROCEDURE

A. General conditions

The selection procedure will be held on the basis of qualifications and tests.

Candidates will be eliminated automatically if they:

- forward their application after the closing date (as evidenced by the application date)
- do not use and duly complete the official application form, and/or
- do not fulfil the general conditions for eligibility.

B. Pre-selection based on qualifications

Among applicants meeting the conditions for eligibility under point II, the pre-selection procedure will select candidates who have the best qualifications and the most relevant professional experience with regards to the criteria described under Point I “Nature of the duties and profile”. In particular, the selection is carried out based on applicants’ supporting documents and CV, with the following criteria:

Essential criteria:

- Suitability to perform the tasks described under Point I;

- Proven experience of at least two years linked to the job profile described under Point I;
- Thorough knowledge of Italian and English (level C1);
- Good knowledge of either German, French or Spanish (B2 level);
- Excellent knowledge of standard computer applications (Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, platforms such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, WebEx); as well as social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Telegram, and mailing and data base systems such as Mailchimp.

Advantageous criteria:

- Professional experience of at least two years acquired in functions performed in international and multicultural environments mainly linked to the duties described;
- Professional experience in working at least two years in press officer, journalist or equivalent positions in the EU institutions;
- Professional experience in working at least two years as a journalist in EU affairs;
- University degree in journalism or communication;
- Satisfactory knowledge of other EU languages than the ones listed above.

IV. APPLICATION

Before applying, candidates should carefully check whether they meet all the eligibility criteria.

Candidates must use the official form on the website of the S&D Group <https://www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu/working-with-us/jobs/competitions> where more information can be found on the supporting documents required. They will receive an acknowledgement email confirming their application. Should this not be the case, please make sure to check the spam folder. Any urgent communication from the candidates must be transmitted to s-d.AD-04-2025-PRESS-IT@europarl.europa.eu

Candidates must **fill in** the application form and enclose supporting documents to show that they meet the conditions governing admission to the selection procedure to enable to verify the claims made on the application form. If the candidates fail to do so, they will be disqualified.

Supporting documents required:

With regard to the qualifications and diplomas outlined in point II, submission of an official translation in either English, French, German or Spanish would be appreciated.

With regard to professional experience, this must be justified by one or more supporting documents from among those listed for guidance below:

- Employment contracts, indicating the exact nature of the activity performed and the dates on which the professional experience began and, where relevant, ended;
 - Proof of activity as self-employed (for example register of commerce);
 - Knowledge of languages must be confirmed by a diploma or an official certificate.
- Languages and their levels must be referred to on the application form.

In addition, a Curriculum Vitae is required in English and in [EUROPASS](#) format.

The candidates' attention is drawn to the fact that it is up to the candidate alone to decide which supporting documents to attach to the application form.

The application form and supporting documents must be uploaded **by 14 July 2025** (18:00 Brussels time) at the latest.

The S&D Group cannot be held responsible for delays in electronic mailing or platform access.

A. Admission

The Selection Board will consider the application files and draw up a list of candidates who meet the conditions set out in Section III.A and B and will therefore be admitted to the procedure.

If, at any stage in the procedure, it is established that the information given in the application form is incorrect or is not substantiated by supporting documents, or that all the conditions set out in the recruitment notice are not met, candidates will be disqualified.

B. Assessment of qualifications

The Selection Board will consider the applications on the basis of the supporting documents enclosed in the candidate's application file and select those candidates whose qualifications and duly attested periods of professional experience best match the duties to be carried out, as described in point I: **“NATURE OF THE DUTIES AND PROFILE”**.

The top 15 best candidates resulting from this evaluation of qualifications will be selected to take part in the written tests.

V. TESTS

Candidates are informed that the language options for test 1 is Italian and for test 2 is English. For test 3 the language option shall be one of the following languages: German, French or Spanish. The language options have been laid down in the interest of the service, by virtue of the duties involved. Candidates must indicate the languages chosen for these tests in their application form.

A. WRITTEN TESTS

Test 1: Multiple Choice Question

Candidates must respond to 60 questions.

Language: Italian

This test aims to assess the knowledge of the Italian and EU political and legal systems and the European institutions.

Duration of test: 40 minutes

Marking: 0 to 20 points - Minimum pass mark: 10 points.

Test 2: Drafting skills

This test aims at assessing the capacity of candidates to understand, analyse and communicate based on documents outlining EU policies.

Language: English

Duration of test: 2.5 hours

Marking: 0 to 40 points - Minimum pass mark: 20 points

Test 3: Language test in German, French or Spanish.

This test aims at assessing the knowledge and the ability to write in another working language (B2 level).

Duration of the test: 1 hour

Marks: 0 to 20 points - Minimum pass mark: 10 points.

The 5 best candidates that obtain the minimum mark required in each of the three tests will be invited to take part in the oral test.

B. ORAL TEST

The oral test will take the form of a structured interview to assess the applicant's motivation, competences, knowledge and suitability to perform the tasks listed under Point I within the secretariat of the S&D Group.

The interview will be primarily in English, Italian, and languages as declared in the application form:

a/ Professional knowledge and aptitude to carry out the duties described in point I.

Marks: from 0 to 50 points.

Minimum pass mark: 25 points.

b/ Soft skills and, in particular, ability to work under pressure, to work in a team, capacity of reasoning and judgement, precision and resilience, interpersonal skills, capacity to adapt to technological changes, motivation and ability to adapt to a multicultural environment.

Marks: from 0 to 40 points

Minimum pass mark: 20 points

c/ Knowledge of languages as indicated in the application form.

Marks: from 0 to 10 points

NB : The reimbursement of part of travel and accommodation costs will be calculated according to the guidelines provided by EPSO and based on the postal address as indicated in the application form¹.

VI. INCLUSION ON THE LIST OF SUITABLE CANDIDATES

The list of suitable candidates will include, in order of merit, taking into account the overall scores in the written and oral tests, the names of those candidates who have obtained at least 50% of the total points available and have passed each test. Candidates will be informed individually of their inclusion of the list of suitable candidates. Once established, the validity of the list will be

¹ It is the candidate's responsibility to inform in writing and in good time, of any change in personal data and/or address.

two years; it may be extended. The successful candidates will be informed individually of their results, and the list of suitable candidates will be posted on the S&D website.

Inclusion on the list of suitable candidates does not confer any right to or guarantee recruitment.

VII. CONDITIONS OF RECRUITMENT

The vacant post will be filled following the order of merit of the list of suitable candidates.

Candidates who are not selected for this post will remain included on a reserve list and will be eligible to be recruited in the event of further vacancies. The AECE (Authority Empowered to conclude Contract of Employment) will select from the candidates on the reserve list, the person best fitting the post to be filled.

The selected candidate for the post will be recruited as a temporary agent in the AD5 grade, pursuant to article 2(c) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS). The salary step in which they will be appointed (by the administration) will depend upon the provisions in force in this regard.²

If the successful candidate is a European civil servant of one of the EU institutions, the S&D Group will request the secondment to the S&D Group in the interest of the service, in accordance with articles 37 and 38 of the Staff Regulations of the European Institutions.

VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Selection Board

A selection board is appointed for the selection procedure. Please note that the selection board's internal proceedings are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is strictly forbidden. Under no circumstances should candidates approach the selection board, either directly or indirectly, concerning the selection procedure. Any infringement of this rule will lead to the disqualification from the selection procedure.

B. Job environment

The place of employment is Brussels. Travel outside Belgium is required, in particular during the plenary sessions in Strasbourg. The successful candidates will work in a multicultural, respectful and inclusive environment where collaboration and open and constructive dialogue is encouraged. Working time is based on a 40-hour working week. The S&D Group offers flexible working arrangements such as teleworking, part-time schemes and flexible working hours.

C. Remuneration

The staff member's remuneration consists of a basic salary and allowances, according to the Staff Regulations of officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

² Under Article 45(2) of the Staff Regulations, all officials (whatever their function group and grade), and all temporary staff recruited under Article 2(c) of the CEOS working for the political groups (Article 16 of the CEOS), are required to demonstrate, **prior to their first promotion after recruitment**, their ability to work in a third language.

D. Requests for review

Candidates may ask the selection board to review its decision when it has decided:

- not to admit them to the competition/selection procedure;
- not to invite them to a (written or oral) test;
- not to include them on the list of suitable candidates.

Requests for review must be sent within ten calendar days from the date of notification of the email containing the results³. The request must be sent to the following address : s-d.AD-04-2025-PRESS-IT@europarl.europa.eu

Your request will be forwarded to the Chair of the selection board and you will receive a reply as soon as possible.

A decision adopted following a request for review will replace the original decision. For this reason, if candidates decide to submit a request for review of a decision of the selection board, they are asked to wait for the selection board's decision before lodging any complaint or judicial appeal against the decision adversely affecting them.

E. Complaints and judicial appeals

If you consider that you have been adversely affected by a decision of the selection board or the appointing authority, you may lodge a complaint, at any stage of the competition/selection procedure, under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union.

The complaint may be addressed by post to:

LE TEXIER Emmanuelle, Head of Human Resources, S&D Secretariat

ZWEIG 5L036 - Rue Wiertz 60 - B- 1047 Brussels

You may file a complaint by email to s-d.AD-04-2025-PRESS-IT@europarl.europa.eu. If you opt to submit your complaint via email, you accept that all communications and the final decision will be sent to your email address. Furthermore, please note that if you send your complaint by email, it is not necessary to also send it by post.

You should note that the Appointing Authority/AECE does not have the power to amend the decisions of a selection board. The Court has consistently held that the wide discretion enjoyed by selection boards is not subject to review by the Court unless the rules which govern the proceedings of selection boards have clearly been infringed.

Candidates have a right to 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.

Like all citizens of the European Union, you can make a complaint to:

³ Since the Staff Regulations apply to every stage of a selection procedure, please note that all the proceedings of the selection committee are covered by the confidentiality requirement laid down in Annex III of the Staff Regulations.

European Ombudsman

1 avenue du President Robert Schuman

CS 30403

F-67001 Strasbourg Cedex

<https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/home>

Note that complaints made to the Ombudsman have no suspensive effect on the period laid down in Articles 90(2) and 91 of the Staff Regulations for lodging administrative complaints or for submitting judicial appeals.

F. Protection of personal data

Any personal data generated in connection with the recruitment procedure shall be processed pursuant to 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 Union institutions and bodies, offices and agencies, and on the free movement of such data. Any personal data shall be processed only for the purpose and in the framework of the present recruitment procedure.

Closing date for applications: 14 July 2025 (18:00 Brussels time)