

Job Title: Institutional Programmes Officer

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Vacancy in the Directorate of Telecommunications and Integrated Applications.

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Post Institutional Programmes Officer

This post is classified A2-A4 on the Coordinated Organisations' salary scale.

Location
ESA Headquarters, Paris, France.

Description

Institutional Programmes Officer in the Institutional and European Programmes Office, Telecommunications Technologies, Products and Systems Department, Directorate of Telecommunications and Integrated Applications.

Reporting to the Head of the Office, the postholder will be responsible for setting up and managing future Institutional and European Telecommunications Programmes in close coordination and cooperation with the relevant EU institutions and with national initiatives placed in an European context.

Duties

Specific duties include managing preparatory actions and implementing coordination and cooperation with the relevant EU institutions, in particular:

- DG GROW for space research programmes to foster a cost-effective, competitive and innovative satellite communications industry including manufacturers, service-providers and operators and related partnership schemes with industry such as for joint technology initiatives, in-orbit validation and demonstration;
- DG Connect for communications networks, content and technology in support to the digital economy and society and the digital transformation of European space industry, including digital space communications infrastructures such as those related to 5G or to overcoming the digital divide;
- DG Move for Air Traffic Management, including development and validation of satellite-based solutions in support of the Single European Sky ATM Research (SESAR) and related deployment of a space component;
- other DGs and institutions for user-oriented programmes which may benefit from satellite communications solutions in domains such as border control, maritime safety, societal requirements.

The above responsibilities extend to corresponding programme lines of national space agencies and institutions in so far as relevant in a European framework.

In the context of the above, the postholder will be responsible for supporting the decision-making on programmatic solutions, distinguishing three levels where ESA may:

- coordinate its activities with those of the European Commission and national space agencies to maximise synergies, e.g. with ESA's ARTES Competitiveness & Growth, ARTES Pioneer and EC's IOV/IOD;
- leverage Commission activities in support to its own programmes, e.g. Satellite for 5G;
- act as system architect and implementation agency on behalf of the EC, e.g. in ATM deployment.

The postholder will work in close coordination with DG-EU and other relevant ESA entities interfacing with EU programmes.

The postholder will provide support to governmental secure satcom programmes and Office programmes for optical communications as required and will be supported by resources at Department level in the areas of Phase A activities and technology development.

Technical competencies

Knowledge of the ESA institutional framework, policies and/or programmes (technology, science, launchers, manned space and/or applications)
Knowledge of the European and international space sector (institutional, commercial and/or industrial)
Experience in satellite telecommunications sector

Behavioural competencies

Communication
Relationship Management
Responsible Decision-Making
Systems & Broader Business Thinking
Teamwork
Leading change

Education

Master's degree or equivalent qualification, preferably in engineering or management.

Additional requirements

Knowledge of satellite communications and applications would be an asset.
Direct experience of working in an institutional context at European or national level would be a distinct advantage.

Other information

For behavioural competencies expected from ESA staff in general, please refer to the ESA Competency Framework.

The working languages of the Agency are English and French. A good knowledge of one of these is required. Knowledge of another Member State language would be an asset.
The Agency may require applicants to undergo selection tests.

The closing date for applications is 19 June 2018.

If you require support with your application due to a disability, please email contact.human.resources@esa.int.

Please note that applications are only considered from nationals of one of the following States: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Canada and Slovenia.

According to the ESA Convention the recruitment of staff must take into account an adequate distribution of posts among nationals of the ESA Member States. When short-listing for an interview, priority will first be given to internal candidates and secondly to external candidates from under-represented Member States. (<http://esamultimedia.esa.int/docs/careers/NationalityTargets.pdf>)

In accordance with the European Space Agency's security procedures and as part of the selection process, successful candidates will be required to undergo basic screening before appointment.

Recruitment will normally be at the first grade in the band (A2); however, if the candidate selected has little or no experience, the position may be filled at A1 level.