

**Vacancy Notice for the post of**

**Infrastructure Regulation Officer (Grade AD5)  
in the Electricity Department**

**of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators**

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**External**

**Title Function**

**Infrastructure Regulation Officer**

**Parent Directorate-General / Service**

**DG ENER (BXL)**

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**1. WE ARE**

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) is a European Union (“EU”) body, legally established by Regulation (EC) No 713/2009<sup>1</sup> and operational since 2011. Based in Ljubljana (Slovenia), the Agency is central to the liberalisation of the EU's electricity and natural gas markets.

The purpose of the Agency is to assist National Regulatory Authorities (“NRAs”) in exercising, at Union level, the regulatory tasks that they performed in the Member States and, where necessary, to coordinate their action.

In this respect, the Agency:

- a) Complements and coordinates the work of NRAs;
- b) Participates in the creation of European network rules;
- c) Takes, under certain conditions, binding individual decisions on terms and conditions for access and operational security for cross border infrastructure;

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 1)

- d) Gives advice on electricity and natural gas related issues to the European institutions;
- e) Monitors the internal markets in electricity and natural gas and reports on its findings.

The main areas on which the Agency's activities focus are:

- supporting European market integration: this is mainly done through the development of common network and market rules as well as through the coordination of regional initiatives which are concrete efforts from market participants to work towards greater integration,
- advising the EU Institutions on trans-European Energy infrastructure issues: the Agency issues opinions on ten-year network development plans to ensure that these are in line with priorities set at EU level,
- energy market monitoring: the Agency has a general mission in terms of market monitoring at the EU level and has, since the end of 2011, a very specific responsibility when it comes to oversight of the wholesale energy trading.

Regulation (EU) No 1227/20112 on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT) has introduced new rules prohibiting abusive practices affecting wholesale energy markets. According to REMIT, ACER has to collect both transactional and fundamental data necessary to monitoring of wholesale energy markets, in close collaboration with national regulatory authorities (NRAs), in order to detect and deter market abuse.

The Agency currently has a staff of more than 80 people and an approved annual budget of €15.8 million in 2016. The Agency's internal structure comprises four Departments (Electricity, Gas, Market Monitoring and Administration) and the Director's Office.

The Agency is located in Ljubljana (Slovenia).

## **2. WE PROPOSE**

The Agency is looking for an Infrastructure Regulation Officer who will be assigned to the Electricity Department of the Agency and will operate under the direction of and report to the Infrastructure Regulation Officer - team leader.

The duties of the Infrastructure Regulation Officer will include the following:

- Assess the regional lists of proposed projects of common interest and contribute to the preparation of the opinions on them;
- Monitor progress in the implementation of projects of common interest (as well as of Ten Year Network Development Plan, of regional investment plans and of parts

of national plans pertaining to investments with cross-border influence<sup>2</sup>) and help make recommendations to facilitate implementation;

- Assist National Regulatory Authorities in their tasks related to Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and to infrastructure issues of Regulations (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) 715/2009 and Directives 2009/72/EC and 2009/73/EC<sup>4</sup>, as appropriate and necessary;
- Prepare the Agency's decisions on cross-border cost allocation;
- Prepare the Agency's internal monitoring report on G-charge;
- Prepare the Agency's monitoring report on congestion revenues;
- Coordinate and contribute to the tasks and activities of the Agency's working groups, task forces and expert groups, as well as external groups;
- Contribute to the elaboration of the Agency's opinions and other documents related to electricity infrastructure;
- Contribute to the preparation of the annual report on the activities of the Agency;
- Contribute to the preparation of the annual work programme.

The tasks involve regular liaison with other departments within the Agency, NRAs, the European Commission, the European Networks of Transmission System Operators (ENTSOs) and other competent authorities at EU and national level, as well as communicating with other external stakeholders.

The Infrastructure Regulation Officer may be required, at times, to assist in other areas of work of the Agency and the Electricity Department, according to needs and priorities, as defined by the Director of the Agency and the Head of the Electricity Department.

### **3. WE LOOK FOR**

#### **A) Eligibility criteria**

Candidates will be considered eligible for selection phase on the basis of the following formal criteria to be fulfilled by the deadline for applications:

1. To have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least three years, attested by a diploma;

*(Only study titles that have been awarded in the EU Member States or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the said Member States shall be taken into consideration).*

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<sup>2</sup> Articles 8 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 15). Articles 8 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 36)

2. To have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union<sup>3</sup> and a satisfactory knowledge of a second of these languages (level B2) to the extent necessary to perform his/her duties;
3. To be a national of a Member State of the European Union;
4. To be entitled to his or her full rights as a citizen;
5. To have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws concerning military service;
6. To be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post<sup>4</sup>.

## **B) Selection criteria**

The following criteria will be assessed when selecting the candidates for the interviews:

### Technical knowledge:

1. University degree in a field relevant to this post (economics, engineering, law, mathematics or similar academic area);
2. By the closing date for applications candidates must, after obtaining the qualifications mentioned in point 3.A.1, have acquired at least **3 (three) years of relevant professional experience<sup>5</sup> related to the tasks listed in point 2;**
3. Detailed knowledge of and experience in regulation and policies for electricity sector at national or at European level;
4. In-depth ability to use electronic office equipment (spread sheets, word processing, presentations, electronic communication), to treat data and to analyse documents;
5. Professional experience in the field of electricity and/or gas infrastructures.

### Communication and other personal skills:

6. Excellent written and oral command (level C26) of the English language;
7. Command equivalent to level B26 of a second official language of the European Union including the mother tongue;

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<sup>3</sup> The languages of the EU are: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, and Swedish.

<sup>4</sup> Before the appointment, a successful candidate shall be medically examined by one of the institutions' medical officers in order for the Agency to be satisfied that he/she fulfils the requirement of article 28(e) of the Staff Regulations of the Officials of the European Union.

<sup>5</sup>The candidate will be asked, at a later stage, to provide supporting documents confirming the length and the level of his/her professional experience.

<sup>6</sup> cf. Language levels of the Common European Framework of Reference:  
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/LanguageSelfAssessmentGrid/en>

8. Excellent organisational and analytical skills;
9. Experience of working in an international environment dealing with a very diverse range of projects and stakeholders.

Candidates are invited to briefly explain in their motivation letter in which positions they acquired their knowledge and professional experience in the specified areas.

#### **4. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT**

A Selection Committee will evaluate the applications and select those candidates meeting the eligibility criteria and best matching the selection criteria. The Selection Committee will endeavour to invite a minimum of six candidates and a maximum of eight candidates to an interview and written test. However such numbers may be increased in the case of a larger number of high-scoring candidates participating in the selection procedure or reduced in the case of a limited number of eligible applicants and/or a limited number of high-scoring candidates participating in the selection procedure.

The interview and test will focus on the following aspects:

- Specific competences and knowledge of languages with reference to the applicants' profiles in line with the selection criteria of the present Vacancy Notice.
- General aptitudes and language abilities to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties in accordance with article 12.2.e of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS);
- Knowledge of structures of EU bodies, and the Agency.

A reserve list of the most suitable candidates will be drawn up by the Agency. Candidates achieving the qualifying mark in the competency test and interview of a minimum of 70% will be placed on the reserve list. The reserve list will be valid until 31/12/2017. Its validity may be extended by decision of the Director of the Agency.

All candidates will be informed about the outcome of the procedure.

#### **5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The Agency applies an equal opportunities policy and accepts and treats applications without distinction on grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation.

## 6. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The successful candidate will be appointed by the Director as a temporary staff at grade AD5, pursuant to Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, for a period of 5 years, which may be renewed in the interest of the service.

### Pay and welfare benefits

The pay of staff members consists of a basic salary, allowances and other benefits. Depending on the individual family situation and the place of origin, the successful jobholder may be entitled to: expatriation allowance (16% of the basic salary), household allowance, dependent child allowance, education allowance, pre-school allowance, installation allowance, reimbursement of removal costs, initial temporary daily subsistence allowance and other benefits. Salaries are exempted from national tax; instead a Union tax at source is paid.

Grade/step	Minimum requirements for classification in step (required level of university studies + minimum number of years of experience after university graduation)	Monthly basic salary	Monthly net salary, including specific allowances <sup>7</sup>
AD5 step1	3 years' university degree in a field relevant for this position + up to 3 years' experience in some or all of the fields covered by the job description	4,489.61 €	4,164.00 €
AD5 step2	3 years' university degree in a field relevant for this position + more than 3 years' experience in some or all of the fields covered by the job description	4,678.27 €	4,305.01 €

Additional benefits:

- Annual leave entitlement of two days per calendar month plus additional days for age, grade, 2,5 days home leave if applicable, and in addition on average 19 ACER holidays per year;
- EU Pension Scheme (after 10 years of service);
- EU Joint Sickness and Insurance Scheme (JSIS), accident and occupational disease coverage, unemployment and invalidity allowance and insurance.

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<sup>7</sup> An estimation of net salary, including the deduction for tax, correction coefficient (currently at 81.2 %). and social security and adding the allowances (this estimation has been calculated with expatriation allowance, household allowance and with one dependent child allowance). Allowances depend in any case on the personal situation of the candidate.

## **7. DATA PROTECTION**

The Agency will ensure that your personal data is processed as required by Regulation (EC) No 45/2001<sup>8</sup> on the protection of personal data.

The information submitted during the selection process will be used solely for that purpose. The legal basis is available in the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS) and, in particular, in Articles 12-15 and 82-84 of CEOS.

The Agency will ensure, on its part, that applicant's personal data is processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001<sup>6</sup> on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Only Agency's staff directly involved in the selection procedure in question shall have access to this data. In some cases, an external expert, equally bound by the same data protection principles, may assist the Agency in the selection of candidates.

When an applicant is selected for inclusion on the reserve list, his/her personal data will be stored for the duration of the validity of the reserve list while, for non-recruited candidates, the information will be stored for a maximum period of two years. Documents related to recruited candidates are kept in the agent's personal file, which are kept until 10 years after the jobholder has terminated employment at the Agency.

Any party submitting personal data to the Agency is entitled to access and to rectify that data (after the closing date of the application deadline, rectification is limited to identification data). To exercise these rights, contact the Data Protection Officer at [DPO@acer.europa.eu](mailto:DPO@acer.europa.eu).

Furthermore, you also have the right to recourse, at any time, to the European Data Protection Supervisor

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<sup>8</sup> Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000, OJ L8, 12.1.2001, p.1.

## 8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

For applications to be valid, candidates must submit:

- a detailed curriculum vitae in [European CV format](#) **in English**
- a letter of motivation (1 page sheet maximum) **in English** explaining in which positions they acquired their knowledge and professional experience in the specified areas identified in Section 2 of this vacancy notice.

Candidates must clearly indicate in the application, for which profile the application in made.

Applications that are incomplete, or do not indicate the profile applied for will be rejected.

Together with the application, candidates are also invited to provide in the CV the names and contact details of at least two most recent professional references (preferably your direct hierarchical superiors without personal link) who may be contacted for references.

Applications should be sent by email to [SELECTIONS-ACER-2016-13@acer.europa.eu](mailto:SELECTIONS-ACER-2016-13@acer.europa.eu) quoting the reference number of the vacancy notice.

Supporting documents (e.g. certified copies of degrees/diplomas, references, proof of experience etc.) should **not** be sent at this stage but must be submitted at a later stage of the procedure if requested.

In order to facilitate the selection process, all communications to candidates concerning this vacancy will be in English.

Under no circumstances should candidates approach the selection committee, directly or indirectly, concerning this recruitment. The authority authorised to conclude a contract reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who disregards this instruction.

**Applications must be sent by e-mail by 10 July 2016 (23:59 Ljubljana time).**

**If at any stage in the procedure it is established that any of the information a candidate provided is incorrect, the candidate in question will be disqualified.**

For more information on the selection procedure please consult the Guide for Applicants on the Agency's website:

[http://www.acer.europa.eu/en/The\\_agency/Working\\_at\\_ACER/Documents/GUIDE%20FOR%20APPLICANTS-HR%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.acer.europa.eu/en/The_agency/Working_at_ACER/Documents/GUIDE%20FOR%20APPLICANTS-HR%20FINAL.pdf).

## **9. APPEALS**

Pursuant to Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Union, a candidate may submit a complaint against an act affecting him/her adversely. The complaint must be lodged within 3 months from the date of notification to the following address:

Human Resources Officer  
Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)  
Trg republike 3 – 1000 Ljubljana – Slovenia

Should the complaint be rejected, pursuant to Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, a candidate may request judicial review of the act. The appeal must be lodged within 3 months from the date of notification to the following address:

European Union Civil Service Tribunal  
Boulevard Konrad Adenauer  
L-2925 Luxembourg  
Luxembourg

Any citizen of the European Union or any natural or legal person residing in a Member State may make a complaint for maladministration pursuant to Article 228(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The complaint must be lodged within two years of becoming aware of the facts on which the complaint is based to the following address:

European Ombudsman  
1, Avenue du President Robert Schuman - BP 403  
F-67001 Strasbourg Cedex  
France

Please note that complaints to the European Ombudsman do not have the effect of suspending the period mentioned in Articles 90 and 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants for lodging complaints or submitting an appeal pursuant to Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.