



VACANCY NOTICE FOR POSITION OF

Expert – Data Architect - Temporary Agent (AD7)

Reference no. EEA/AD/2026/8

Please send us your application by no later than 4 August 2026 at 23:59 (Copenhagen time), following the instructions in the [ANNEX](#).

THE AGENCY:

The EEA is an Agency of the European Union (EU) and one of the decentralised Union bodies. The EEA aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvement in Europe's environment, through the provision of timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policy-making agents and the public.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Under the responsibility of the Head of Unit 'Data Management', reporting to the Head of Department 'Digital' (see [organisational chart](#)), the Expert shall be responsible for tasks related to data architecture, and to tasks related to the preparation and sharing of EEA datasets.

The position will entail the following tasks:

- Developing and documenting conceptual, logical and physical data models to ensure interoperability and compliance with One Substance One Assessment (OSOA) and EEA's standards;
- Establishing and leading a collaborative network of data stewards, data custodians, IT specialists and thematic experts to align data architecture with business needs;
- Defining and maintaining methodologies for metadata management, data lineage and quality assurance to support dataset preparation for regulatory submissions;
- Identifying and implementing approaches for integrating diverse datasets across thematic areas and external systems;



- Preparing EEA datasets for submission under OSOA and other EU frameworks, ensuring compliance and readiness;
- Evaluating tools and platforms for data storage, processing, analytics and developing technical specifications for potential subcontracted activities;
- Coordinating work with contractors and European Topic Centres to deliver architecture-related tasks;
- Participating in relevant EU working groups, networks and projects to share best practices and strengthen the EEA's role in data governance;
- Actively engaging in the wider Digital Department, contributing to cross-cutting activities, and supporting organisational priorities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Candidates applying must satisfy the following eligibility criteria on the closing date for the submission of applications:

- a) a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least 4 years attested by a diploma OR have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least 3 years attested OR where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level;
- b) after obtaining the qualifications mentioned above, a minimum of 6 years (with a 4-year diploma) OR 7 years (with a 3-year diploma) of relevant professional experience.

In addition, in order to be eligible a candidate must:

- Be a national of one of the member countries of the EEA (Member States of the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Türkiye);
- Enjoy full rights as a citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by law concerning military service;
- Have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the EEA member countries and a satisfactory knowledge of another of these languages (corresponding to level B.2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages [CEFR](#));
- Meet the character requirements for the duties involved;



- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post.

Candidates should assess carefully and check before submitting their application whether they fulfil all the conditions for admission laid down in the vacancy notice, particularly in terms of qualifications and relevant professional experience.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

(In your application, please provide examples from current or past work experience where these competencies have been applied)

Essential:

- Demonstrated experience in designing and implementing data architecture in complex organisations or projects, with a demonstrated ability to develop and maintain conceptual, logical and physical data models;
- Demonstrated experience delivering data integration and interoperability across multiple systems and platforms;
- Sound knowledge and demonstrated experience with modern data platforms and technologies, such as cloud-based solutions, APIs and data lake/lake house architectures;
- Demonstrated experience in data security and compliance frameworks, including GDPR;
- Excellent project management skills, including time management, task management, quality control and organisational skills;
- Excellent command of written and spoken English language, at least at level C1 in all categories according to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Language](#).

Advantageous:

- Demonstrated experience with creating data catalogues, business glossaries, semantic modelling and advanced metadata management solutions;
- Knowledge and experience with analytics and AI-readiness architectures.

In addition to the requirements above, candidates invited to the written test and interview stage, will also be assessed against the following behavioural competencies:



- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to interact with a wide range of stakeholders and management levels while maintaining strong relationships;
- Ability to work collaboratively and share expertise to achieve common goals;
- Strong autonomy, with the ability to take responsibility for specific areas of work and to deliver to high standards
- Diversity awareness and sensitivity;
- Attention to detail and ability to summarise complex information;
- Well-developed solution-oriented and problem-solving approach;
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and ability to work under pressure;
- Service-oriented mind-set and ability to understand stakeholder needs and requirements to ensure the delivery of quality results;
- Ability to seek out learning opportunities proactively, to handle situations and problems with innovation and creativity.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS:

The successful candidate will be offered a Temporary Agent contract in accordance with Article 2(f) of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union](#). The selected candidate will be employed for an initial time period of four years, renewable.

Successful candidates who are recruited undergo an initial probation period of 9 months.

Should the successful candidate currently hold a Temporary Agent 2(f) contract and qualify for a transfer under the terms of the CEOS, the band width for this position which can be accommodated is in accordance with Annex I of the Staff Regulations.

For information on salary, please see information published under [Temporary Agents](#).

The place of work will be Copenhagen, Denmark.

It is brought to the particular attention of candidates that the provisions of Articles 11 to 26 of the Staff Regulations, concerning the rights and obligations of officials, shall apply by analogy to Temporary Agents. These rules specify that:



“An official shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the Union in mind. He shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government, authority, organization or person outside his institution. He shall carry out the duties assigned to him objectively, impartially and in keeping with his duty of loyalty to the Union.

An official shall not without the permission of the appointing authority accept from any government or from any other source outside the institution to which he belongs any honour, decoration, favour, gift or payment of any kind whatever, except for services rendered either before his appointment or during special leave for military or other national service and in respect of such service.

Before recruiting an official, the appointing authority shall examine whether the candidate has any personal interest such as to impair his independence or any other conflict of interest. To that end, the candidate, using a specific form, shall inform the appointing authority of any actual or potential conflict of interest. In such cases, the appointing authority shall take this into account in a duly reasoned opinion. If necessary, the appointing authority shall take the measures referred to in Article 11a(2).”

For further information on the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union see:

[Staff Regulations](#)

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

A Selection Committee is set up for the selection procedure. It consists of members designated by the Appointing Authority and the Staff Committee. The Selection Committee is bound by the principle of confidentiality as enshrined in Article 6 of Annex III to the Staff Regulations. This works in two ways: first, it imposes obligations to ensure equal treatment for candidates; and second, it seeks to protect the Selection Committee to ensure that its decisions are totally impartial.

The Selection Committee adheres strictly to the conditions of admission laid down in the vacancy notice when deciding whether or not candidates are eligible. Candidates admitted to a previous selection procedure will not automatically be eligible. **Candidates are strictly forbidden to make any contact with the members of the Selection Committee, either directly or indirectly. Any infringement of this rule will lead to disqualification from the selection procedure.**

In a spirit of transparency, and in order to align our working methods with current practice in certain Member States, the administration has decided to proceed with the publication of [names of Selection Committee members](#).



Should the Selection Committee discover at any stage in the procedure that the candidate does not meet one or more of the general or special conditions for admission to the selection procedure, the candidate will be disqualified.

The Selection Committee decides on those candidates who are admitted to the selection procedure in accordance with the requirements as specified under eligibility criteria. The applications of the candidates admitted to the selection procedure are reviewed to establish whether or not they show evidence of all requirements as specified under selection criteria.

The Selection Committee will invite to the interview and to the written test phase the best qualified candidates (maximum of 8). Should the case arise that there are various candidates scoring the same number of points in the 8th ranking, the number of candidates to be invited may be increased accordingly to accommodate this.

The interview will be held in English and the candidate's knowledge of other languages will also be assessed during the interview. Candidates invited for an interview will be asked to undergo a written test in English, in the area of expertise required for the post. The test and the interview will take place online.

At the end of the interviews the Selection Committee will submit the list of suitable candidates to the Appointing Authority who will decide on the appointment of the successful candidate and the establishment of a reserve list for the post advertised or similar posts that may become available. This usually follows from follow-up recruitment interviews conducted by the Appointing Authority with the suitable candidates. Candidates shall note that inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment. Recruitment will be based on availability of posts and budget.

The reserve list for this post will be valid until 31 December 2027 and may be extended at the discretion of the Appointing Authority.

For information regarding requests, complaints and appeals, please refer to the instructions in the [ANNEX](#).

Prior to contract signature, the successful candidate will be asked:

- to provide original or certified copies of all relevant documents proving his/her eligibility, including a police certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record;



- to undergo a compulsory medical examination to establish that he/she meets the standard of physical fitness necessary to perform the duties involved.