

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CONTRACT STAFF (FGI)

Reference number: RCT-2020-00041

### Security Guard in Human Resources and Security Unit

Post (business title):	Security Guard <i>(a reserve list to be created)</i>
Sector/Unit/Division:	SEC/HRS/CGO
Function group / Grade / Post title:	Contract staff, FGI, Security Guard
Location:	Warsaw, Poland
Starting date:	To be confirmed
Level of Security Clearance:	SECRET UE/EU SECRET
Closing date for applications	<b><u>(MIDDAY) 23 June 2020 at 12:00 h<sup>1</sup>, Warsaw local time</u></b>

## 1. BACKGROUND

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) has been established under the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation<sup>2</sup>. The agency was created on the foundations of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (established under Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004), which has been coordinating operational activities at the EU external border since 2005.

Frontex is located in Warsaw, Poland and is in the process of significantly increasing the size of its staff from the current number of more about 750 to meet its expanding tasks.

The Agency's key tasks include:

- Operational and technical assistance to the EU member states at their external borders by coordinating joint border control operations including deployment of vessels, aircraft and other equipment and border and coast guards from EU countries;
- Coordination of border surveillance and law enforcement activities being part of maritime security in cooperation with national authorities and EU agencies such as Europol, EMSA and EFCA;
- Situation monitoring of EU's external borders and risk analysis of all aspects of border and coast guard management, including assessment of the EU Member States' border control authorities' ability to face migratory pressure and different challenges at their external borders;
- Assisting Member States in returning nationals of non-EU countries who do not have the right to remain on the territory of the EU;
- Development of training programmes for European border and coast guards;
- Monitoring new technological developments in the field of border control and acting as an interface between research institutions, industry and national border and coast guard authorities;
- Cooperation with EU and international organisations in the area of border and coast guard management, security, and prevention of cross-border crime (including terrorism);
- Assist non-EU countries in the context of technical and operational cooperation on border management including return of non-EU nationals, in the framework of the EU external relations policy.

<sup>1</sup> Date of publication: 08 May 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p.1).

For more information, please refer to our website: <http://www.frontex.europa.eu>.

## 2. THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY UNIT

### *Mission*

The mission of the Human Resources and Security Unit (HRS) is to effectively maintain and develop the three pillars of human resources management: planning, recruitment and selection, learning and development, and personnel administration. By attracting, engaging and retaining the best and diverse talents, supporting their development and providing optimal administrative support, the Unit maximises an effective performance culture in line with the Agency's vision, mission and values.

The Unit is also responsible for managing the three pillars of security expertise: personnel security and European Union classified information (EUCI) management, communication and information systems security, and physical security. It provides protection for all staff and visitors, as well as assets and information in line with identified risks, and ensures efficient and timely security when and where it is needed. The Unit also ensures a high degree of awareness of security matters throughout the Agency.

In addition, the Unit enables Frontex to operate in a secure environment. It provides recommendations and expertise to support the function of a Frontex security authority appointed by a decision of the executive director who is responsible for addressing and coordinating responses to horizontal security challenges. Such challenges stem from deployments in the fields inside or outside of the European Union, the presence of Frontex staff members outside the European Union (permanently or during missions), and the projects conducted by the ETIAS and Interoperability Task Force and the Task Force on the Permanent premises for the Frontex headquarters.

### *Main tasks*

- a) providing administrative support and strategic advice in all HR and security matters;
- b) contributing to the corporate planning and reporting cycle on HR topics including the budget;
- c) implementing and monitoring compliance with the Staff Regulations of Officials/Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the EU and the general implementing provisions in Frontex;
- d) ensuring the timely allocation of human resources to Frontex entities by organising, coordinating and monitoring recruitment and selection procedures, and traineeship programmes;
- e) administering financial and non-financial rights and entitlements;
- f) identifying and responding to staff learning needs for professional career development;
- g) coordinating the performance management, reclassification and mobility processes;
- h) developing, implementing, monitoring compliance with, and raising awareness on security regulations<sup>3</sup>, policies and procedures;
- i) safeguarding EU classified information from espionage, compromise or unauthorised disclosure;
- j) protecting Frontex staff, contractors and visitors from hazards.

## 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES LINKED TO THE POST

Reporting to the Head of Security Sector, the Security Guard will carry out the following tasks:

- Carry out surveillance of the premises and maintaining vigilance in the protection of Frontex information, persons, visitors and property by performing security, safety and counter surveillance patrols in and around all Frontex premises;
- Perform duties and security tasks at the main entrances, receptions and delivery bays of all Frontex premises as well as at Frontex internal and external events and meetings;
- Carry out tasks of x-ray, metal detector and CBRN (Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents prevention) operator;

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<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision 444/2015 on protection of EUCI, Council Security rules as adopted by Decision 488/2013 and any other applicable rules.

- Prevent unlawful entry and unauthorized removal of Frontex property;
- Be constantly on alert to guard against any threats that can damage the business continuity of Frontex, including taking appropriate action in case of incidents, breach of security, compromise of classified information and emergencies;
- Provide security protection, protection and destruction of information, mail handling, guidance, reporting and security awareness;
- Operating Security Control Rooms, including monitoring and control tasks by using CCTV, Access Control, Intrusion Detection and Safety incident detection systems;.

This position requires regular participation in shift-work and/or standby working arrangements including during weekends and nights as well as public holidays. This position might also require armed duties.

## 4. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

### 4.1. Eligibility criteria (for external applicants<sup>4</sup>)

To be eligible, an applicant shall:

- Possess a level of compulsory education attested by a diploma giving access to secondary education;
  - Only qualifications that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in EU Member States shall be taken into consideration.*
  - Only the required education will be taken into account.*
- Produce evidence of thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the European Union and of satisfactory knowledge of another language of the European Union to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: B2 level);
- Be a citizen of one of the Member States of the European Union or the Schengen Associated Countries and enjoy full rights as its citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws of the country of citizenship concerning military service.

### 4.2. Selection criteria

Suitability of applicants will be assessed against the following criteria in different steps of the selection procedure. Certain criteria will be assessed/scored only for shortlisted applicants during interviews (and or tests):

#### 4.2.1. Professional competences

1. Sound knowledge and proven professional experience of at least 5 years in the areas mentioned in the job duties in a law enforcement, or intelligence and public or private security organisation, army and/or other organisations engaged in security and crisis management;
2. Experience of at least 3 years in working with (physical) security management and communication systems including ability to monitor and operate a variety of detection devices and equipment simultaneously and to identify suspicious acts utilizing CCTV monitors;
3. Proficiency in using Microsoft Office applications (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook) and the internet;

**Besides, the following attributes would be considered advantageous:**

4. Additional professional certificates related to the duties and responsibilities of the post, such as certificates, diplomas or attestations issued by recognised European or National Organizations in the field of: First Aid and medical trauma treatment; X-Ray, metal detector, CCTV, Intrusion Detection, Access Control; Security System Monitoring; Safety, including fire prevention; Close protection; Advanced

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<sup>4</sup> For existing EU temporary staff 2(f) applicants (for whom Article 55 the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS) is applicable) the eligibility criteria are defined in Article 12(2) of the CEOS.

driver; Explosive Ordonnance Detection (EXO); Counter surveillance detection; CBRN (Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents prevention);

5. Knowledge of handling classified information;
6. Experience in guarding Critical National Infrastructure;
7. Proven professional experience of at least 3 years in the areas mentioned in the job duties in a high-risk environment in an International Organisation or European Institution or European Agency.

#### 4.2.2. Personal qualities and competences

8. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (ability to communicate clearly and precisely to different audiences both orally and in writing) in English,
9. Ability and confidence to communicate as well as build and maintain effective working relationships with stakeholders at all levels, internally and externally;
10. Problem solving skills, excellent work load and self-management skills, pro-active and service oriented approach aimed at delivering quality results in a timely and efficient manner;
11. Professional and ethical behaviour, ability to act with tact and discretion, high commitment, flexibility and adaptability;
12. Ability to act rationally and effectively in crisis, emergency, stressful and/or other complex situations; ability to work under pressure and respond to changes in a rapidly evolving work environment;
13. Ability to work effectively both independently as well as within a diverse team in a multicultural environment (good team-working & team-building skills).

## 5. INDEPENDENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The selected applicant(s) will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in Frontex' interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

## 6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Frontex applies an equal opportunities policy and accepts applications without distinction on grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

## 7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection procedure includes the following steps:

- After registration, each application is checked in order to verify whether it meets the eligibility criteria;
- All the eligible applications are evaluated by an appointed Selection Committee based on a combination of certain selection criteria defined in the Selection notice (some criteria will be assessed/scored only for shortlisted applicants during interviews and/or tests). Certain selection criteria may be assessed/scored jointly and some criteria may be assessed/scored in two or more steps of the selection procedure;
- Best-qualified applicants who obtain the highest number of points within the application evaluation and who are matching best the evaluated selection criteria will be shortlisted and invited for a competency test and an interview; the names of the members of the Selection Committee will be disclosed to the applicants invited for the test and interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted;
- The test and interview will be conducted in English;
- During the interviews and tests, the Selection Committee will examine the profiles of shortlisted applicants and assess their relevancy for the post in question. Certain selection criteria may be assessed/scored jointly and some criteria may be assessed/scored in two or more steps of the selection procedure;
- Applicants invited to the test and interview will be requested to present, on the day of the interview or test, originals of their diploma(s) and evidence of their professional experience clearly indicating the starting, finishing dates and scope of work and workload;

- As a result of the interview and test, the Selection Committee will recommend the most suitable applicant(s) for the reserve list to the Executive Director of Frontex. An additional interview with another relevant manager may be arranged before the Executive Director takes the final decision. The reserve list may also be used to fill similar vacant posts depending on the needs of Frontex. This reserve list will be valid for 2 years (the validity period may be extended). Each interviewed applicant will be notified in writing whether he/she has been placed on the reserve list. Applicants should note that the placement on the reserve list does not guarantee an employment offer.

The work and deliberations of the Selection Committee are strictly confidential and any contact of an applicant with its members is absolutely forbidden.

## 8. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The most successful applicant(s) will be selected and appointed by the Executive Director of Frontex when vacant position(s) are available.

In order to be engaged, the appointed applicant shall:

- Be available for the job at short notice (not later than 4 months after the job offer is made);
- Produce the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of duties (a criminal record certificate or equivalent certificate, not older than six months) and a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence;
- Be physically fit to perform the duties<sup>5</sup>.

The successful external applicant will be engaged as contract staff pursuant to Article 3(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities (CEOS). The temporary post in question is placed in the following function group and grade: FGI<sup>6</sup>. This is a non-managerial position.

**The final net calculation (amount payable) is as follows:**

Function group, grade and step	FGI Step 1
1. Basic net/payable salary (after all deductions, contributions and taxes are applied)	1 225 EUR 5 207 PLN
2. Other possible monthly entitlements/allowances, depending on the personal situation of the candidate (expressed as gross amount weighted by 71.1 correction coefficient applicable for Poland):	
b. Household allowance	162EUR 690 PLN
c. Expatriation allowance	395 - 397 EUR 1 681 - 1 689 PLN
d. Dependent child allowances for each child	297 EUR 1 264 PLN
e. Preschool allowance	73 EUR 309 PLN
f. Education allowance for each child up to	202 - 404 EUR 858 - 1 716 PLN

The staff member's remuneration consists of a basic salary and allowances. The staff member may be entitled to various allowances, in particular to an expatriation (16 % of basic gross salary) or to a foreign residence allowance (4 % of basic gross salary) - depending on particular situation, and to family allowances (depending on personal situation) such as household allowance, dependent child allowance, pre-school allowance, education allowance.

The remuneration is expressed in EUR, after the compulsory deductions set out in the Staff Regulations or in any implementing regulations is weighted by the correction coefficient for Poland (currently 71.1). It can be paid either in EUR or in PLN according to a fixed exchange rate (currently 4.2515 PLN/EUR).

<sup>5</sup> Before the engagement, the successful applicant shall be medically examined by the EU medical service to fulfil the requirement of Article 13 of Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 10), as lastly amended.

<sup>6</sup> Specific conditions about grading are defined on the title page of the Selection Notice. For existing EU temporary staff 2(f) the classification in grade and step should be established in line with Article 55 of the CEOS.

The remuneration of the staff members, the correction coefficient and the exchange rate are updated annually before the end of each year, with retroactive effect from 1 July, in accordance with Annex XI of the Staff Regulations.

Staff pays an EU tax at source and deductions are also made for medical insurance, pension and unemployment insurance. Salaries are exempt from national taxes. The rate of the solidarity levy is 6 %.

The headquarters agreement with the Polish authorities is effective as of 1 November 2017. Under this agreement the Polish authorities may provide the following main benefits to Frontex expatriate staff<sup>7</sup>:

- (a) reimbursement of tuition cost of each dependent child (as from the age of 2.5 years) attending a school (up to and including secondary school) on Polish territory up to a limit of 35 000 PLN per school year;
- (b) reimbursement of VAT on purchases of main household effects to assist a newcomer to settle in Warsaw;
- (c) reimbursement of VAT on a purchase of a private car (this entitlement is renewable after 36 months).

Additionally, this agreement foresees that (an accredited) European School will be set-up in Warsaw in the future to allow dependent children of all Frontex staff (including Polish nationals) to attend a (tuition-free) European-type multilingual education.

Staff is entitled to annual leave of two working days per each complete calendar month of service and to additional days of leave depending on the grade and age. Moreover, two and a half leave days are granted every year to the staff members entitled to the expatriation or foreign residence allowance for the purpose of visiting their home country. In addition, there are on average 18 public holidays per year. Special leave is granted for certain circumstances such as marriage, birth or adoption of a child, etc.

Frontex being a knowledge based organization acknowledges the importance of training provided to its staff. Frontex provides general and technical nature training as well as professional development opportunities that are discussed annually during the staff performance appraisal.

Throughout the period of service staff is a member of the EU pension scheme. The pension is granted after completing a minimum of 10 years' service and after reaching the pensionable age of 66 years. The pensionable age for staff recruited before 1 January 2014 varies between 60 and 65 years. Pension rights acquired in one or more national schemes before starting to work at Frontex may be transferred into the EU pension system.

Staff is covered 24/7 and worldwide by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS). Staff is insured against sickness, the risk of occupational disease and accident as well as entitled under certain conditions to a monthly unemployment allowance, the right to receive payment of invalidity allowance and travel insurance.

For further information on working conditions please refer to the Staff Regulations and the CEOS.

A contract of employment will be offered for a period of five years, with a probationary period of six months. The contract may be renewed.

Frontex requires selected candidates to undergo a vetting procedure executed by the National Security Authority of the candidates' state of citizenship in order to obtain a personnel security clearance. The level of the latter depends on the specific post/position. For this post, the **required level of clearance is specified on the title page of the Selection Notice**. Candidates who currently hold a valid personnel security clearance at the above-mentioned level (or higher) may not need to obtain a new one, pending confirmation from their respective National Security Authority. The National Security Authority of the candidate shall provide Frontex, with an opinion or a personnel security clearance in accordance with relevant national legislation. In case selected candidates do not currently hold a valid security clearance at the above-mentioned level, Frontex will request such from the National Security Authority of the candidates' state of citizenship. In case of a failure to obtain the required personnel security clearance or if the National Security Agency issues a negative opinion at the above-mentioned level after the signature of the contract of employment Frontex has the right to terminate the contract of employment.

## 9. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Frontex ensures that applicants' personal data are processed in accordance with Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural

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<sup>7</sup> Staff of non-Polish nationality and non-permanent residents.

persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data.

Please note that Frontex will not return applications to applicants. This is due, in particular, to the confidentiality and security of such data.

The legal basis for the selection procedures of temporary staff are defined in the CEOS<sup>8</sup>.

The purpose of processing personal data is to enable to properly carry out selection procedures.

The selection procedure is conducted under the responsibility of the Human Resources Sector of the Human Resources and Security Unit, within the Corporate Governance of Frontex (HR Sector). The controller for personal data protection purposes is the Head of the Human Resources and Security Unit.

The information provided by applicants will be accessible to strictly limited number of staff in Human Resources, to the Selection Committee members and to Frontex management. If necessary it will be provided to the staff of Legal and Procurement Unit, external parties directly involved in the selection process or to respective experts in ICT (in case of technical issues with the application).

There will be no automated decision making or profiling upon applicants' data.

No data is transferred to a third country or international organisation.

Processing begins on the date of receipt of the application. Data storage policy is as follows:

- For applications received from not-selected applicants: the data are filed and stored in archives for **2 years** and after this time the data are destroyed;
- For applicants placed on a reserve list but not recruited: the data are kept for the period of validity of **the reserve list + 1 year** and after this time the data are destroyed;
- For recruited applicants: the data are kept for a period of **10 years** after the termination of employment or as of the last pension payment and after this time the data are destroyed.

Applicants have the right to request access to and rectification or restriction of processing concerning the data subject or, where applicable, the right to object to processing or the right to data portability. In case of identification data, applicants can rectify those data at any time during the procedure. In the case of data related to the eligibility or selection criteria, the right of rectification can only be exercised by submitting/uploading a new application and it cannot be exercised after the closing date for submission of applications. Withdrawal of a consent to such data processing operations would result in exclusion of the candidate from the recruitment and selection procedure.

Should an applicant have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data and has substantiated request, he/she shall address them to the HR Sector at [jobs@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:jobs@frontex.europa.eu) or Frontex Data Protection Officer at [dataprotectionoffice@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:dataprotectionoffice@frontex.europa.eu).

Applicants may have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)).

## 10. APPEAL PROCEDURE

If an applicant considers that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision related to the selection procedure, he/she can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC No 259/68)<sup>9</sup>, mentioning the reference number of the selection procedure, at the following address:

Frontex  
Human Resources Sector  
Plac Europejski 6  
00-844 Warsaw  
Poland

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<sup>8</sup> In particular the provisions governing conditions of engagement in Title II, Chapter 3.

<sup>9</sup> OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1023/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013, OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p. 15.

The complaint must be lodged within 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure starts to run from the time the applicant is notified of the act adversely affecting him/her.

Applicants also have a possibility to complain to the European Ombudsman. Please note that complaints made to the European Ombudsman have no effect on the time period laid down in Article 91 of the Staff Regulations. Note also, that under Article 2(4) of the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, any complaint lodged with the Ombudsman must be preceded by the appropriate administrative approaches to the institutions and bodies concerned.

## 11. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

**Note: It is required to upload the digital application form saved in its original electronic dynamic PDF format (not scanned). Do not use any e-mail communication to submit your application (for exceptional circumstances see point 6 below) - such an application will be automatically disregarded and will not be recorded and further processed.**

Frontex Application Form is to be downloaded (as a dynamic PDF form) from Frontex website under the link provided next to the Reference Number of the post/position. This digital application form is specifically created only for this selection procedure (and shall not be reused for another procedure).

The Frontex Application Form must:

- Be opened in a PDF reader in a MS Windows equipped computer - the recommended version of the PDF reader is Adobe Acrobat Reader DC (version 2017.009.20044. You may download a free version here: <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>).
- **Not** be manipulated or altered. The form is digitally signed and protected against any manipulation or changes. Therefore, applicants shall not try to manipulate and/or alter it - in such a case the digital signature will disappear and the application form will become invalid for subsequent processing resulting in an automatic rejection of such submission.
- Be completed in English. Fields, where you may enter your input, are highlighted in light blue colour. Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) indicate a required input. You should be concise, the space for your input is limited by the size of the text boxes.
- Be saved and named as follows: 'SURNAME\_RCT-2020-00041'.
- **Be submitted to Frontex - after saving - by uploading it to this URL link:**  
<https://microsite.frontex.europa.eu/en/recruitments/RCT-2020-00041>
- In case you have technical issues with filling/saving/uploading your electronic application form, you may write to us (in advance of the closing date for submission of applications) at [jobs@frontex.europa.eu](mailto:jobs@frontex.europa.eu).

In case you submit more than one application for this procedure, Frontex will only assess the latest one and will automatically disregard all your previous applications.

If at any stage of the selection procedure it is established that any of the requested information provided by an applicant is false or misleading, the applicant in question will be disqualified.

Applicants shortlisted for an interview will be requested to supply documentary evidence in support of the statements made in the application. Do not, however, attach any supporting or supplementary documentation with your application until you have been asked to do so by Frontex.

Incomplete applications, applications uploaded after the deadline, sent by e-mail or applications using inappropriate or altered/manipulated application forms will be automatically disregarded by the system and will **not** be processed further.

Due to the large volume of applications, Frontex regrets that only applicants invited for the test and interview will be notified about the outcomes. The status of the recruitment procedure is to be found on Frontex website.

Due to high volume of selection procedures handled by Frontex, the period between the closing date for the submission of applications and the final shortlisting of applicants for an interview may take more than two months.

**The closing date (and time) for the submission of applications is provided on the title page of the Selection Notice.**

Please keep a copy of the automatically generated submission code that proves that you have submitted/uploaded your application to Frontex.

Applicants are strongly recommended not to wait until the last day to submit their applications.

Frontex cannot be held responsible for any last-minute malfunction due to an overload of the system or for other technical issues applicants may eventually encounter in the very last moment before the deadline.