

VACANCY NOTICE - TEMPORARY STAFF 2(f)

Reference number: RCT-2026-00023

Head of Return Facilities Sector

Post (business title):		Head of Return Facilities Sector (a reserve list to be created for 1 post to be filled)
Short Job Overview:		The role provides great opportunity to join the Return Division, at a time when return is considered one of most important pillars of the EU migration policy. As Head of Return Facilities Sector, the job holder will be responsible for building, maintaining and managing the relationships with Member States’ authorities responsible for pre-return activities. She/he will work with the dedicated team to provide tailored support to the Member States, including through targeted deployments of Standing Corps Return Specialists. The job holder will work with diverse range of internal and external stakeholders, identifying good practices to promote, spotting any gaps to fill, as well as identifying high value initiatives to deliver for the benefit of all Member States.
Sector/Unit/Division:		Return Facilities Sector/ Pre-Return Unit/ Return Division
Function group / Grade / Post title:		Temporary staff 2(f), AD8, Head of Sector ¹
Grade bracket	for internal mobility ² :	AD8-AD12
	for inter-agency mobility ³ :	AD8-AD12 ⁴
Location:		Warsaw, Poland
Starting date:		Fourth quarter of 2026 (desired)
Level of Security Clearance:		SECRET UE/EU SECRET
Closing date for applications		<u>(MIDDAY) 17 August 2026 at 12:00 h⁵, Warsaw local time</u>

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¹ Type of post: Administrator.

² 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.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Engagement of an inter-agency applicant in grade higher than AD8 is subject to availability of respective grades in the establishment plan at the moment of appointment.

⁵ Date of publication: **15 July 2026**.

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While Frontex selects its new staff based on their merits and without distinction as to race, political, philosophical or religious beliefs, sex or sexual orientation and without reference to their marital status or family situation, Frontex is a very inclusive workplace that strives to improve the gender and geographical balance⁶ among its staff to the widest possible extent, as well striving to foster diversity, amongst others, in terms of race, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, disability, age, etc. Therefore, female candidates as well as candidates with any diverse background that are fulfilling the selection criteria are strongly encouraged to apply.

Frontex is looking for talented women and men to establish a reserve list of experienced professionals with high level of personal integrity, responsibility, confidentiality, adhering to EU values, the principles of equal opportunities and equal treatment as well as fundamental rights.

1. BACKGROUND

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) has been established under the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation⁷. 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 to 3,000 to meet its expanding tasks.

The new European Border and Coast Guard Regulation provides for the establishment of a European Border and Coast Guard Standing Corps, which will consist of up to 10,000 operational staff by 2027, and will be deployed along the external land, sea and air borders of the European Union and the Schengen Area.

With the establishment of the Standing Corps - the first European law enforcement uniformed corps - Frontex offers a unique, pioneering opportunity to form part of the EU's operational arm for European integrated border management. The establishment and operations of the Standing Corps give rise to various novel legal challenges and risks. The selected candidate will have a chance to significantly contribute to the application of the EU law in this area by developing creative legal solutions in cooperation with internal and external partners.

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.

⁶ Under-representation is specifically observed amongst the following nationalities: Austrian, Belgian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Icelandic, Irish, Italian, Liechtensteiner, Norwegian, Slovak, Swedish, Swiss.

⁷ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p.1).

In all its activities, Frontex enforces actions which are respecting fundamental rights as an overarching component of the European Integrated Border Management. Frontex and its staff are committed to the values of Professionalism, Respect, Cooperation, Accountability and Care.

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

2. RETURN DIVISION

Mission

The mission of the Return Division is providing operational, technical and financial support to Member States and, where applicable, to third countries, ensuring an efficient and sustainable implementation of returns within the framework of the Union policy on return and in accordance with the Agency's mandate.

The Division is led by the Director of Return Division who reports to the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, and it is composed of the following entities:

- a) Return Operations and Voluntary Returns Unit (RVR)
- b) Pre-Return Unit (PRE)
- c) Post-Return Unit (POST)
- d) Return Knowledge Office (RKO)

The main tasks and responsibilities of the Return Division are as follows:

- 1. Providing technical and operational assistance to Member States in all stages of the return process;
- 2. Supporting Member States in the organisation and coordination of return operations, including by means of Frontex-organized return operations;
- 3. Providing assistance to Member States in relation to (assisted) voluntary returns;
- 4. Acting, at HQ level, as single point of contact for strategic and operational return matters for the relevant Frontex contingents, other agencies and national authorities;
- 5. Supporting efficient implementation of EU's policy on return.

The Return Division is tasked with the following horizontal responsibilities:

Managing return data;

- a) Providing return analytical capability;
- b) Overseeing business-level management of return IT systems;
- c) Performing any other tasks not listed above that are necessary to achieve the goals and implement the mission of the Directorate/Division in the field of return, with due considerations to the dynamics of the organisation, its reorganisation process and final outcomes, as well as instructions expressed by the Executive Management of the Agency.

Pre-Return Unit

- a) The Pre-Return Unit (PRE) is led by the Head of Unit who reports to the Director of the Division.
- b) Pre-Return Unit (PRE) is composed of the following entities:
- c) International Cooperation for Return Sector (INTCOR)
- d) Return Facilities Sector (RETFAS)

The main tasks and responsibilities of the Pre-Return Unit (PRE) are as follows:

- a) Supporting Member States in development, organisation, and implementation of pre-return activities;
- b) Providing extended operational support and capacity building of Member States returns systems, including through deployment of Standing Corps Return Specialists;
- c) Planning and evaluation of deployment of Standing Corps Return Specialists profile of the Standing Corps;
- d) Supporting, monitoring and providing operational guidance to the R2 Contingent;

- e) Developing and implementing a coherent and comprehensive approach towards third countries in the field of return;
- f) Developing and implementing technical assistance projects for third countries on return, readmission and reintegration in line with EU's policy on return and readmission;
- g) Providing technical and operational support to Member States in relation to identification and documentation of returnees and with the deployment of return liaison officers;
- h) Developing of operational policies and standard operating procedures, sharing knowledge and best practices, and improving contacts of Member States return experts through knowledge and other products, events and exchange programmes, including but not limited to the return of vulnerable groups, detention and alternatives to detention, identification and documentation, and returnees with a criminal background;
- i) Facilitating and providing training in the field of return for activities under Specific Activity Plan for Return Specialists and Standing Corps' operational training programme;
- j) Contributing to development of strategies and activities in the field of pre-return activities, in line with relevant EU's policy and based on the EIBM multiannual strategic policy cycle and the EIBM Technical and Operational Strategy in close cooperation with STRAT Division.

Return Facilities Sector

The Return Facilities (RETFAS) is led by the Head of Sector who reports to the Head of Unit.

The main tasks and responsibilities of the Return Facilities Sector are as follows:

- a) Planning, developing, managing and evaluating projects and activities in the area of pre-return in support of Member States;
- b) Contributing to the development of training content and implementing training sessions in the field of pre-return, including the activities under Specific Activity Plan for Return Specialist deployments, and of Standing Corps operational training programme in cooperation with the EBCG Academy and other relevant entities;
- c) Developing operational concept, operational planning and prioritisation of deployment of Standing Corps Return Specialists;
- d) Providing daily support, monitoring and operational guidance to the R2 Contingent;
- e) Setting up strategic objectives and indicators related to Return Specialist operational activities, evaluating operational deployment of Return Specialists and relevant technical equipment;
- f) Supporting development and innovation in the area of pre-return on EU level, including in IT related matters;
- g) Facilitating cooperation with Member States in the field of pre-return, pooling and sharing of information and good practices, developing common standards and procedures in the field of pre-return;
- h) Contributing to development of the Frontex IT platform for return and related modules.

3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES HEAD OF RETURN FACILITIES SECTOR

Duties and responsibilities of Head of Sector, Return Facilities (RETFAS):

Reporting to the Head of Pre-Return Unit, the Head of Return Facilities Sector will be responsible for:

- Leading and managing the sector and its staff, on both operational and tactical levels, as well as through proposing strategic directions to the Head of Unit based on the Sector's expertise, and implementing the agreed lines from the management;
- Drafting of and contributing to strategic documents, work plans, policies, processes and procedures in the domain of pre-return as well as supporting the interfaces to other related activities;
- Overseeing, developing and improving the overall processes in the remit of the Sector;
- Planning and prioritisation of Sector's work: distributing responsibilities within the sector (including setting objectives for staff members) and assigning specific tasks and deadlines to staff, including monitoring and execution of the work done;

- Overseeing of the performance of the Sector and quality control of its work, including contribution to KPI achievement and risk management;
- Supervising and coordinating the planning and evaluation of Standing Corps Return Specialists deployments, including cooperation with Standing Corps Return Specialists Contingent and with other entities within Frontex responsible for setting internal plans, policies and procedures related to Standing Corps deployments;
- Supervising and providing direction to research and innovation activities in the field of pre-return;
- Liaising and coordinating with other entities within and outside Frontex within the remit of tasks assigned (such as other Return Division and Frontex entities, EU/Schengen Member States, and other stakeholders);
- Identifying key challenges, needs and good practices in the pre-return domain in the EU and beyond;
- Overseeing the financial activities at Sector level, supporting the Head of Unit in strategic allocation of resources and ensuring the effective budgetary monitoring and implementation;
- Fulfilling the roles of Authorizing Officer (financial responsibility) and Reporting Officer (human resources management);
- Managing the development, implementation, and evaluation of (pilot) projects and activities;
- Ensuring the respect for fundamental rights, the Frontex Codes of Conduct as well as the Agency's Anti-Fraud Strategy;
- Advising and supporting the Head of Unit in coordinating and managing the Unit's cross cutting tasks and activities, including, when appointed, deputising for the Head of Unit during her/his absence;
- Performing any other task as required by the Head of Unit.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be declared eligible, the applicant must:

4.1. General/common criteria⁸

1. 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.
2. Have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws of the country of citizenship concerning military service.
3. Produce the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of his/her duties⁹.
4. Be physically fit to perform his/her duties.
5. 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).

4.2. External applicants

Minimum qualifications (university diploma)

1. Possess a level of education which corresponds to **completed university studies** attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is **four years¹⁰ or more**

or

Possess a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma **followed by at least one year full-time professional experience**, when the normal period of university education is **at least three years¹¹**.

⁸ Mandatory criteria for the engagement of temporary staff as laid down in Article 12(2) of the CEOS.

⁹ Prior to engagement the selected applicant will be required to provide appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of duties (such as a criminal record certificate or equivalent certificate, not older than six months) as well as a compulsory declaration before engagement in Frontex and a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

¹⁰ Diploma recognized by any EU Member State to be at EQF level 6 or higher; 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 will be taken into consideration.

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Required professional experience

2. Possess (by the closing date for applications) at least **9 years** of proven full-time professional experience in positions corresponding to the nature of duties of the vacant post acquired after the diploma was awarded and (at the same time) after the condition(s) described in the criterion above are fulfilled¹².

ANY GIVEN PERIOD OF STUDIES OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE MAY BE COUNTED ONLY ONCE. In order to be calculated as eligible, years of studies or professional experience to be taken into account shall not overlap with other periods of studies or professional experience (e.g. if the applicant had a full-time job and did freelance consultancy work in the evenings and weekends, the days spent on the latter will not be added to the period). In case of part-time work, the professional experience will be calculated pro-rata in line with the workload stated by the applicant. Compulsory military service or equivalent civilian service accomplished before or after achieving the minimum qualification shall be taken into consideration as professional experience subject to provided evidence.

4.3 Internal applicants

On the closing date for applications and on the day of filling the post, be a member of temporary staff engaged under Article 2(f) of CEOS at Frontex in grade AD8 - AD12, or - in view of possible reclassification - in grade AD8 (having seniority of at least two years in that grade).

4.4 Inter-agency applicants

1. On the closing date for applications and on the day of filling the vacant post, be engaged as temporary staff under Article 2(f) of CEOS¹³ within their agency in a grade and function group corresponding to the published grade bracket.
2. Have at least two years' service within their agency before moving¹⁴.
3. Have successfully completed the probationary period as provided for in Article 14 of the CEOS in the relevant function group¹⁵.

5. 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):

Professional qualifications, competences and experience:

1. At least 6 years of relevant experience at the European, regional or national level in dealing with duties related to the tasks assigned.
2. At least 3 years of experience in leading and managing teams.
3. Very good knowledge of the EU legal and policy framework on return, migration, Frontex and fundamental rights in the context of migration.
4. Excellent knowledge of English language - at least at the level of C1 as defined in the Common European Framework of Reference for languages and excellent drafting and communication (including presentation) skills in English.

Besides, the following attributes would be considered advantageous:

5. Experience in putting in place complex processes and procedures, as well as drawing up policies and plans.
6. Experience in managing change.
7. Experience in working across remits, including influencing outside of the direct management chain.

¹² Professional experience will be taken into account after the award of the minimum qualification certifying the completion of the level of studies required. Only duly documented professional activity is taken into account.

¹³ Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials (the "Staff Regulations") and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (the "CEOS") of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ P 45, 14.6.1962, p. 1385), as last amended.

¹⁴ Any decision derogating from that principle shall be taken jointly by the two agencies concerned, having regard to the interest of the service of both agencies.

¹⁵ Where, in exceptional circumstances, Frontex would engage a member of temporary staff engaged under Article 2(f) of CEOS who does not meet that condition, such member shall serve a full probationary period in Frontex, and the new contract will not be considered as a renewal of contract but an ex-novo contract.

Personal qualities and competences:

1. Detecting possible optimisations, deriving workable solutions for obstacles in daily processes and formulating alternatives. Daring to see situations from a different perspective.
2. Monitoring the sector by setting milestones on the medium and long term and making sure that they are met. Developing and evaluating processes across various fields of expertise in the sector/office to ensure continuous improvement.
3. Boosting individual performance by assigning the right responsibilities to the right people based on their competencies. Providing guidance by giving customized feedback and addressing individual training needs.
4. Encouraging collaboration across teams by embracing diversity and fostering collective ownership. Building an internal network.
5. Generating results by assuming responsibility for the sector/office, recognising opportunities and acting appropriately. Convincing others by being a role model and encouraging them to persevere.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Frontex applies an equal opportunities policy and, subject to the limitations imposed by law, accepts applications without distinction on grounds of age, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, political, philosophical, religious or any other conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

Frontex encourages and invites to apply professionals of different backgrounds and origins who want to play an active role in a dynamic team in a multicultural organisation that is contributing to increased European safety.

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 vacancy 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;
- Up to 20 applicants who are best matching the evaluated selection criteria and provided they have achieved 65% during CV screening will be invited for a written competency test and interview. At least one part of the qualifying written test will be assessed based on anonymised answers. A separate threshold of 60% achieved on the written test is required. Candidates who will not meet this threshold won't be considered for the placement on a reserve list.
- The names of the members of the Selection Committee will be disclosed to the applicants invited for the competency test and interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The test and interview will be conducted in English;
- The most suitable applicant(s) for the post who have achieved minimum 70% of a combined score in the written competency test and interview will be proposed for a reserve list. An additional interview with the Appointing Authority and/or another relevant manager may be arranged before the Appointing Authority takes the final decision.
- A reserve list may also be used to fill similar vacant posts depending on the needs of Frontex. This reserve list will be valid for at least 1 year (the validity period may be extended). Applicants should note that the placement on the reserve list does not guarantee an employment offer.

Each interviewed applicant will be notified in writing on outcome of his/her application. We expect all applicants to adhere to the principles of **Professionalism, Respect, Cooperation, Accountability and Care** when communicating with us.

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

Applicants may be requested to present, at any stage of the selection, documents which will support the information contained in their application form such as originals of their diploma(s), evidence of professional

experience clearly indicating the starting, finishing dates and scope of work and workload. Failure to provide such evidence may lead to disqualification of the respective part of the application.

8. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The most successful applicant (considering the interests of Frontex) will be selected and appointed¹⁶ by the Appointing Authority of Frontex.

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 documents which support the information contained in his/her application;
- Produce appropriate character references (such as a criminal record certificate or equivalent certificate, not older than six months) and specific declarations prior to his/her engagement to finally assess his/her up-to-date suitability (or limitations) for the performance of duties;
- Be physically fit to perform his/her duties¹⁷.

The successful external applicant will be engaged as temporary staff pursuant to Article 2(f) of the CEOS in function group and grade **AD8**¹⁸. A contract of employment will be offered for a period of five years, with a probationary period of nine months. The contract may be renewed.

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 final net calculation (amount payable) is as follows:

Function group, grade and step	AD8 Step 1	AD8 Step 2
1. Basic net/payable salary (after all deductions, contributions and taxes are applied)	5 389 EUR 22 838 PLN	5 580 EUR 23 648 PLN
2. Other possible monthly entitlements/allowances, depending on the personal situation of the candidate (expressed as gross amount weighted by 82,30% correction coefficient applicable for Poland):		
b. Household allowance	345 EUR 1 463 PLN	351 EUR 1489 PLN
c. Expatriation allowance	1 173 - 1 437 EUR 4 973 - 6 089 PLN	1 223 - 1 487 EUR 5 182 - 6 302 PLN
d. Dependent child allowances for each child	434 EUR 1 838 PLN	434 EUR 1 838 PLN
e. Preschool allowance	106 EUR 449 PLN	106 EUR 449 PLN
f. Education allowance for each child up to	589 EUR 2 495 PLN	589 EUR 2 495 PLN

The remuneration is expressed in EUR, after the compulsory deductions set out in the Staff Regulations of Officials (the "Staff Regulations")¹⁹ or in any implementing regulations is weighted by the correction coefficient for Poland

¹⁶ Engagement of an inter-agency applicant in grade higher than AD8 is conditional upon the availability of respective grades in Frontex' Establishment Plan at the moment of appointment.

¹⁷ Before the engagement, the successful applicant shall be medically examined by the EU medical service to fulfil the requirement of Article 13 of CEOS.

¹⁸ Specific conditions about grading are defined on the title page of the Vacancy 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.

¹⁹ Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ P 45, 14.6.1962, p. 1385), as last amended.

(currently 82.30%). It can be paid either in EUR or in PLN according to a fixed exchange rate (currently 4.2378 PLN/EUR).

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 solidarity levy is 6%.

Staff is entitled to an 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.

An accredited European School²⁰ operates in Warsaw to allow dependent children of all Frontex statutory staff (including Polish nationals) to attend a (tuition-free) European-type multilingual education. The school offers the complete education cycle (from Nursery to Secondary level finishing with the European Baccalaureate exam). Frontex staff children enjoy priority admission to this school, however it may happen that the required class/level is full at the moment of admission, and the school cannot enrol the child. In such a case, education allowance may be granted up to a single ceiling provided that an enrolment took place at another fee-paying school. The admission process is exclusively being handled by the school and it's subject to school's internal policies²¹; therefore, it is strongly advisable that parents interested get promptly in contact directly with the school to receive thorough information²².

Moreover, the Polish authorities²³ may provide benefits to Frontex expatriate staff²⁴, which are available after starting the employment at Frontex, and after certain eligibility criteria are met:

- (a) reimbursement of VAT on purchases of household goods and furniture to assist a newcomer to settle in Warsaw;
- (b) reimbursement of VAT and excise tax (if applicable) on a purchase of motor-vehicle.

Frontex requires selected applicants to undergo a vetting procedure executed by the National Security Authority of the applicants' 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 Vacancy Notice**. Applicants 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 applicant shall provide Frontex with an opinion or a personnel security clearance in accordance with relevant national legislation. In case selected applicants do not currently hold a valid security clearance at the above-mentioned level, Frontex will request such from the National Security Authority of the applicants' 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 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 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 is defined in the CEOS²⁵, in the Management Board Decision No 14/2019²⁶ and in the Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2024-106²⁷.

²⁰ More details on the European Schools system available here: [About the Accredited European Schools](https://eursc.eu) (eursc.eu).

²¹ e.g. the school may require the pupil concerned to set language competency exams, etc.

²² You may find contact details by accessing: [International European School*Warsaw](#).

²³ Under the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Agency and Polish authorities in 2017.

²⁴ Polish citizens and permanent residence holders are excluded.

²⁵ In particular the provisions governing conditions of engagement in Title II, Chapter 3.

²⁶ Management Board Decision No 14/2019 of 18 July 2019 laying down general implementing provisions on the procedure governing the engagement and use of temporary staff under Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

²⁷ Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2024-106 on recruitment and selection of temporary staff under Article 2(f) and contract staff under Article 3a of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union.

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 Unit within the Human Resources and Corporate Services Division of Frontex. The controller for personal data protection purposes is Frontex, the responsible Unit being the Human Resources Unit. The information provided by applicants will be accessible to a strictly limited number of staff within the Human Resources Unit and IT experts, to the members of the Selection Committee and to Frontex management. If necessary, it will be provided to the staff of the Legal Services and Procurement Unit, of the Inspection and Control Office, external parties directly involved in the selection process. For the purposes of safeguarding the financial interests of the Union, your personal data may be processed by the Frontex Internal Audit Capability, the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission, the European Court of Auditors, the Financial Irregularities Panel and/or the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

There will be no automated decision making or profiling based on the applicants' data.

No data will be transferred to a third country or an 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 5 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 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 and after this time the data are destroyed.

Applicants have the right to request access to and rectification or restriction of processing of their personal data or, where applicable, the right to object to that 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 the consent to such data processing operations will result in the exclusion of the applicant from the recruitment and from the 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 Human Resources Unit at jobs@frontex.europa.eu or Frontex Data Protection Officer at dataprotectionoffice@frontex.europa.eu.

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

10. REVIEW AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

- Each applicant may request feedback on assessment of his or her application as established by the Selection Committee.
- If deemed appropriate, he/she may ask for a formal review/reassessment of the original assessment.
- After Frontex takes a decision on applicant's application, he/she may lodge a complaint.

Details of these procedures are provided [here](#).

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:

1. 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 2023.008.20555. You may download a free version here: <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>).
2. **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.
3. 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.
4. Be saved and named as follows: 'SURNAME_RCT-2026-00023'.
5. **Be submitted to Frontex - after saving - by uploading it to this URL link:**
<https://microsite.frontex.europa.eu/en/recruitments/RCT-2026-0023>
6. 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.

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.

Do not 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 without prior consent of Frontex HR 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 selection 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 Vacancy 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.