

VACANCY NOTICE
F4E/FO/AST/2010/0131
(Permanent Post – AST 9/11)

POSITION TITLE	FINANCIAL AND BUDGET ASSISTANT(F/M)
GRADE	AST 9/11
LOCATION	BARCELONA, SPAIN
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS	06/01/2011

1. THE ORGANISATION

The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy ('Fusion for Energy' or F4E) plays a key role in realising fusion as a possible future source of energy by providing the European contributions to the ITER International fusion energy project and the Broader Approach Agreement with Japan as well as by preparing for the construction of a demonstration fusion reactor.

In its role as the Euratom Domestic Agency for ITER, F4E will:

- Oversee preparation of the ITER project site in Cadarache, France;
- Provide in kind components, equipment, materials and other resources to ITER;
- Manage procurement arrangements with ITER ;
- Coordinate Euratom's participation in the scientific exploitation of ITER;
- Provide for the implementation of R&D activities in support ITER;
- Provide Euratom's financial contribution to ITER;
- Provide arrangements to make human resources available for ITER.

In its role as the Implementing Agency for the Broader Approach Agreement with Japan, F4E will:

- Provide components, equipment and other resources for the Broader Approach (BA);
- Coordinate Euratom's participation in the Broader Approach implementation ;
- Provide for the implementation of associated R&D activities;
- Provide the Euratom financial contribution to the Broader Approach;
- Arrange to make human resources available for the Broader Approach.

In preparation for the construction of a demonstration fusion reactor (DEMO) and related facilities including the International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility (IFMIF), F4E will implement a programme of research, development and design activities.

For further information about the structure and tasks of F4E, please consult the website at <http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu>

2. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

This publication concerns a permanent position and, therefore, the candidate **must** be an **EU official in an EU Institution or Agency / Body**.

The place of employment is Barcelona, Spain.

Given the need of the organisation and upon the agreement of the candidate, the place of employment might also be any of the other F4E working places: Garching (Germany) or Cadarache (France).

3. JOB DESCRIPTION - RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member of the Budget and Finance unit of 'Fusion for Energy', the Budget and Finance Assistant will be in charge of the financial verification related to transactions of administrative and operational expenditure.

He/She will be responsible as coordinator of the financial verifying function within 'Fusion for Energy' and will promote and maintain sound and efficient management of budgetary resources within F4E.

The official will carry out the ex ante/ex post verification of financial and contractual operations (calls for tender, legal and budgetary commitments, payments, recovery orders, de-commitments and closure of commitments) to ensure conformity with regulations, internal procedures and sound financial management.

In the framework of a partially centralised model of financial circuit (Model 2), the Budget and Finance Assistant will contribute to monitoring financial transactions for compliance with the budgetary principles and rules. He/she will also contribute to financial reporting, provide training and replace the Head of Section in his/her absence when so requested.

The successful candidate will, among other tasks:

- Perform financial verification of commitments and payments related to all administrative and operational expenditure: verify and give an opinion on the sound financial management concerning financial transactions (budgetary commitment, payment order, forecast of revenue or recovery order and debit note, etc), and concerning contractual transactions (grants, procurement, contracts, etc);
- Coordinate a small group of financial assistants responsible for financial verification and ensure the adequacy to the regulatory framework and to best practice;
- Participate in the training of new financial officers;
- Advise on particularly complex financial transactions and contribute to ex ante or ex post control of cost claims;
- Assist the Court of Auditors by making available relevant documentation for the audit and ensure an appropriate implementation of the correctives actions;
- Issue monthly reports on budget execution, forecasting and payment deadlines;
- Follow up of financial aspects of procurements and grants;
- Follow up the financial procedures in the framework of F4E's Internal Control System and revise it when necessary.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Be an established EU official at grade AST 9/11 in a EU Institution or Agency/Body;
- At least 5 years of proven professional experience as a financial actor in an equivalent position;
- Very good knowledge of the EU institutional framework and working procedures, in particular as regards budgetary and finance rules;
- Good communication skills;
- Ability to work under pressure and respect deadlines;
- Aptitude to work both independently and in a small team;
- Good knowledge of ABAC, SAP;
- Good command of both written and spoken English, the working language of ITER Project.

Knowledge and/or experience of the following will be advantageous:

- Experience in budget planning and implementation;
- Working knowledge of audit processes;
- Knowledge of French and/or Spanish;
- Experience in managing a group of people;
- Experience in research projects.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

A Selection Board will be set up for the selection process.

The eligibility of candidates will be assessed by the board according to compliance with all formal requirements by the closing date for the submission of applications.

On the basis of the CV and taking into account this notice of vacancy, the Selection Board will decide which are the candidates best suited to be invited for an interview, which will be held mainly in English.

The interview sessions will be held in Barcelona, Spain, and candidates will be evaluated by the Selection Board.

When possible, a list of the most suitable candidates will be transmitted to the Appointing Authority, who will appoint the successful candidate.

As soon as this decision is taken, all candidates will receive an information letter.

The present vacancy notice is subject to the availability of budget and posts in the establishment plan of the Joint Undertaking, as decided by the EU budgetary authority.

Please note that applications will not be returned to candidates but will be kept on file by 'Fusion for Energy'. The information provided in your application is subject to EU legislation on protection of personal data and confidentiality of information.

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

Taking into account the nature of the duties, and in order to facilitate the selection process, all communications to candidates concerning this selection procedure will be in English.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

Commitment to promote equal opportunities

'Fusion for Energy' is an equal opportunities employer and strongly encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria without any distinction whatsoever on grounds of nationality, age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, gender or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or other family situation.

Approximate timetable

As a rough guide only, the selection procedure can take up to 3 months after the closing date for submission of applications.

Communication with applicants

Taking into account the nature of the duties, and in order to facilitate the selection process, all communications to candidates concerning the selection procedures will be by email and in English only. Applicants are advised to check their e-mail regularly to see whether they have received any communication and also update their profiles in the e-recruitment tool in the event of any change in their contact details. All enquiries or requests for information or documentation in relation to selection procedures should be addressed to 'Fusion for Energy' HR Selections Team by e-mail to:

hr-selections@f4e.europa.eu

Reimbursement of travel expenses

Travel expenses incurred for interviews will be reimbursed by 'Fusion for Energy' according to its [rules for the reimbursement of travel expenses](#) sent along with the letter inviting to an interview.

Protection of personal data - Privacy notice

'Fusion for Energy' as the body responsible for organizing the selection process, will ensure that applicants' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 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. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Personal data shall be processed solely for the purpose of the selection procedure.

Applicants have the right to access and rectify their data. In order to update your CV and/or Motivation Letter and rectify any incorrect or inaccurate data, please send an email to hr-selections@f4e.europa.eu **before the deadline for submission of the applications elapses.**

After the deadline for applications has elapsed, this right will be limited to the rectification of identification details and contact information only.

Should the applicant have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data, he/she shall address them to the following address: Resources-Controller@f4e.europa.eu

Appeal and Complaint procedures

Applicants that consider that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision regarding this selection can lodge a complaint. For further details on how to proceed, please consult the appropriate document published on our website.

7. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The online application process starts upon clicking "**CLICK TO APPLY**" next to a vacancy of your interest on the Open Positions page:

<http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/careers/vacancies.aspx>

Applicants must register their applications online through the F4E E-recruitment tool by creating a valid F4E user account.

Please note that the online e-recruitment application tool is the only acceptable means of sending in job applications.

Applicants are responsible for keeping their e-mail addresses and personal details up to date in their profile in F4E online application tool.

The mandatory fields in the profile marked with an asterisk should be duly filled in and the candidates are requested to submit the following 3 documents:

- A detailed curriculum vitae in **European format in English** (that can be obtained at the following address:
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads.csp>
- A motivation letter of 2 pages maximum in English including a clear mention of the post applied for and of your address for correspondence and for invitation to interview
- **Proof of your seniority in grade and step**

Applications must be complete and validly submitted by the closing date for submission of applications

no later than 06/01/2011 at 12h00 noon, Barcelona GMT+1.

Please, note that only complete applications containing the above mentioned documents and information required and submitted on time will be taken into account.

In case you encounter technical problems when trying to submit your application via the e-Recruitment tool, please make a screenshot and send it to:

e-recruitment@f4e.europa.eu

It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform 'Fusion for Energy' about any technical problem without delay within the deadline mentioned above.