



## EUROJUST

### Vacancy notice for the post of:

**Proofreader/Copywriter**  
**Reference: 12/EJ/14**  
**Temporary agent – AST 3**  
**M/F**

Applicants are invited to apply for the post of **Proofreader/Copywriter**.

*Eurojust is a European Union body established in 2002 (Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 on the setting up of Eurojust, amended by Council Decision 2003/659/JHA of 18 June 2003 and by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust) to enhance the effectiveness of the competent authorities within Member States dealing with serious cross-border and organised crime.*

*The College of Eurojust is composed of 27 National Members, one nominated by each Member State. The College elects one of the National Members to be its President. The Administrative Director is responsible, under the supervision of the President, for the day-to-day administration of Eurojust and staff management.*

*For further information, please consult our website: [www.eurojust.europa.eu](http://www.eurojust.europa.eu)*

The **Proofreader/Copywriter** will report directly to the Head of the Press & PR Service. As the vehicular language of Eurojust is English, the successful applicant is expected to be fluent in the English language. The successful applicant will be responsible for checking the accuracy and consistency of documents and texts, ensuring that the spelling, punctuation and grammar of documents are correct. The successful applicant will also be responsible for writing texts of varying lengths on assigned topics, drawing on a wide range of sources.

Eurojust is undergoing an organisational structure review; depending on its outcome, the job's scope of accountabilities might be revised.

### **1. Key accountabilities**

The successful applicant will be responsible, among other duties, for:

#### **Proofreading:**

- Detecting and correcting errors in type, format, grammar, punctuation and spelling in all sorts of documents issued by Eurojust;
- Checking the accuracy of translations and the quality and consistency of type and logo;
- Checking for consistency of style as well as conformity to the document and design specifications of Eurojust;
- Comparing information or figures on one record against the same data on another record or original copy to detect errors;
- Consulting reference books for rules of grammar, punctuation and spelling;

- Liaising with post-holders requiring proofreading services and ensuring their documents are checked within the criteria of the required style and content;
- Providing awareness of common problems in spelling, grammar, punctuation and use of words, titles and headings; and
- Evaluating information against publishing standards.

#### **Copywriting:**

- Writing English-language basis texts for publications such as the Eurojust Annual Report, newsletters, press releases, etc.;
- Collecting and coordinating contributions from other authors;
- Editing the style and wording of the contributions;
- Editing these contributions to the requested scale;
- Providing consistency of all chapters and items;
- Writing and editing captions for illustrations, figures, tables and graphic elements, including notes, bibliographies, appendices and indices; and
- Finalising the Annual Report, newsletters, press releases, etc., as publications with a clear and presentable message to the reader.

In addition, performing any other task requested by the Head of the Press & PR Service.

## **2. Qualifications and experience required**

### **a) Eligibility criteria**

Candidates will be considered for the selection phase on the basis of the following criteria to be fulfilled by the closing date for applications:

- A level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma and after having obtained the diploma at least **3 years** of appropriate professional experience;

**OR**

- A level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education, and after having obtained the diploma at least **6 years** of appropriate professional experience;

**AND**

- Thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the Communities and a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the Communities to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties.

Furthermore, in order to be eligible, a candidate must:

- Be a national of one of the Member States of the Communities;
- Enjoy his/her full rights as a citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws on military service;
- Meet the character requirements for the duties involved; and
- Be physically fit to perform his/her duties.

## **b) Selection criteria**

Candidates selected on the basis of the above eligibility criteria will then be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

### **Essential**

- Experience and knowledge in the areas mentioned above under “Key Accountabilities”;
- Strong command of English, particularly English grammar, syntax and spelling, as all of the texts to be proofread and written are in English, which is the vehicular language of Eurojust;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Attention to detail;
- High level of accuracy;
- Ability to work independently;
- Ability to build effective relationships with co-workers, supervisors and outside media contacts;
- Ability to cope with repetitive tasks;
- Ability to conduct research related to writing assignments;
- Good time management skills;
- Strong computing skills, including MS Word, Outlook, Track Changes, PowerPoint, and Excel;
- Experience with document management systems;
- Proactive problem-solving skills; and
- High level of discretion and ability to maintain confidentiality.

### **Advantageous**

The following characteristics are considered as additional assets:

- Experience working in an international environment;
- Experience in dealing with proofreading/copywriting within an EU environment;
- A qualification in journalism, communication or advertising;
- Knowledge of French; and
- Knowledge of any additional official EU language.

## **3. Selection phase**

A Selection Board is nominated by the Appointing Authority. The Human Resources Unit assists the Selection Board by checking the fulfilment of all formal requirements and eligibility criteria. The responsibility for any decision made during this exercise lies with the Selection Board. Failure to comply with one of the formal requirements or eligibility criteria will result in a disqualification of the applicant concerned.

The Selection Board then takes the decision on who is to be considered an eligible applicant for the selection process, in accordance with the requirements outlined in the vacancy notice, and decides from among the eligible applicants those who are to be invited to attend an interview. Candidates invited for an interview will be asked to undergo a written test.

The selection phase consists of an interview with the Selection Board to evaluate the capacities of the candidates to perform the key accountabilities mentioned above. During the interview, special attention will be paid to the specific knowledge required for the post and the suitability and capacity of the candidate to adapt to a

multicultural environment. The work of the Selection Board ends with the drawing up of a list of applicants suitable and a list of applicants unsuitable to occupy the position advertised.

### **Reserve list**

The list of suitable applicants is submitted to the Appointing Authority, who decides on the establishment of a reserve list for the post advertised. Candidates should note that inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.

Recruitment will be based on availability of posts and budget.

The reserve list may be used by other units or services to fulfil the same or similar positions within Eurojust.

The reserve list for this post will be valid until **31 December 2012** and may be extended at the discretion of the Appointing Authority.

### **4. Contractual conditions**

The Appointing Authority will appoint the successful candidate as a member of the temporary [contract] staff pursuant to Article 2(a) [Article 3(a)] of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, to which he/she will be subject, for a period of **5 years**. The contract may be renewed.

Remuneration will be based on the Community scale of salaries. Pay is subject to Community tax and other deductions laid down in the Staff Regulations. Remuneration is, however, exempt from any national taxation.

The grade for this position is **AST3**. The basic monthly salary of a temporary agent in the first step at AST3 level, before any deductions or allowances, is approximately EUR 3397.

The place of employment will be The Hague, where Eurojust has its official seat.

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

- to provide Eurojust with original or certified copies of all relevant documents proving the candidate's eligibility criteria, including an extract from the candidate's police file; and
- to undergo a compulsory medical examination to establish that the candidate meets the standard of physical fitness necessary to perform the duties involved.

For further information on contractual and working conditions, please refer to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and its Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, which are available on the following web page: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/human-resources/publications\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/human-resources/publications_en.htm)

### **Confirmation of appointment**

Temporary staff members are required to serve a probationary period of **six** months.

### **Essential requirement for the selected applicants: Security Clearance**

Eurojust requires selected applicants to sensitive posts to undergo a security screening procedure and obtain a positive national opinion. The level of the latter

depends on the specific classified data that post-holders deal with. For this post, the required level of clearance is SECRET.

Applicants who currently hold a valid and positive national security screening opinion at the above-mentioned level do not need to obtain a new one. They shall then provide a copy of such opinion to Eurojust and specify the issuing authority, level and date of expiry. In case the temporal validity of the opinion expires within a year, the renewal procedure shall be initiated expeditiously.

In case selected applicants do not currently hold a valid and positive national security screening opinion at the above-mentioned level, Eurojust will require them to sign a pre-screening self-declaration. Eurojust will request such opinion from the National Security Agency of the applicants' state of nationality.

In case such agency issues a negative opinion at the above-mentioned level after the signature of the contract of employment, Eurojust has the right to terminate the latter.

### **Declaration of commitment to serve public interest independently**

The successful candidate will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

The successful candidate will be required to carry out his/her duties and conduct him/herself solely with the interests of the Communities in mind; he/she shall neither seek nor take instruction from any government, authority, organisation or person outside his/her institution. He/she shall carry out the duties assigned with objectivity, impartiality and loyalty to the Communities.

### **Equal opportunity**

Eurojust applies a policy of equal opportunity for men and women and accepts applications without distinction on grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic characteristics, and language, religious, political or other convictions or opinions, financial situation, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status or family situation.

## **5. Submission of applications**

**Your application must be sent to [applications@eurojust.europa.eu](mailto:applications@eurojust.europa.eu) by no later than 02.09.2012 at midnight CET.**

Please indicate the **reference number on the application form, in the heading of your e-mail and in all future correspondence relating to this application**. Candidates must use the E-application form available on the website of Eurojust and must mention the reference number and the title of the post for which they are applying. All questions on the form must be answered in full. The application form must be completed in English. Eurojust publishes multiple posts at the same time and if the candidate wishes to apply for more than one post, he/she must submit a separate application form for each post.

Should applicants be invited for an interview, in order for the application to be considered complete, they **must bring with them on the day of the interview originals or certified photocopies of all the supporting documents for their educational qualifications and employment (diplomas, certificates,**

**statements of employment, professional references, etc.) and photocopies of these documents necessary to prove that they fulfil the eligibility criteria.**

All documentary evidence of professional experience must indicate both start and end dates of previous positions and the start date of the position held currently.

**Eurojust has the right to disqualify applicants who fail to submit all the required documents on the date of the interview.**

Please note that any documents submitted will not be returned to the candidates.

Application forms sent by fax or by post **will not** be accepted, except for candidates who have a **proven** disability that prevents them from applying via e-mail. These candidates may submit by post, no later than the indicated closing date for the submission of applications (the postmark date will serve as proof), a printed version of the application form, and mail it, indicating the reference number of the selection procedure and title of the post, to: Eurojust Recruitment Office, P.O. Box 16183, 2500 BD The Hague, Netherlands.

**Closing Date:** Closing dates for the submission of applications are strictly adhered to. Your application must be sent to **[applications@eurojust.europa.eu](mailto:applications@eurojust.europa.eu) by 02 September 2012 at midnight CET**. In the heading of the e-mail, the reference number of the post and the title of the post for which a candidate is applying must be mentioned.

*To summarise:*

*The **application form** must be fully completed in English. Applications must be sent to [applications@eurojust.europa.eu](mailto:applications@eurojust.europa.eu) no later than the indicated closing date, mentioning the reference number and the vacancy and title of the position in the header of the e-mail.*

The Human Resources Unit will acknowledge receipt of applications. Due to the volume of applications, only candidates selected for the interviews will be contacted further. Candidates are invited to follow the recruitment process status on the Eurojust website.

***Please note that the Selection Board's work and deliberations are strictly confidential and that any contact, direct or indirect, with its members is strictly forbidden.***

All personal data collected for any selection procedure to be handled by Eurojust will only be used for its purposes and will in no case be transmitted to any third party. Any data provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and with high standards of security. All documents provided to Eurojust during any selection procedure will be kept in Eurojust's files and will not be returned to applicants. Applicants' documents will only be kept for as long as is mandatory to fulfil the requirements of existing auditing/control procedures applicable to Eurojust. The Head of the HR Unit of Eurojust acts as controller of such data, which will be collected and further processed in full compliance with all applicable data protection regulations and, in particular, with the rules on the protection and processing of personal data at Eurojust (OJ C 68/1, 19.3.2005). The rights of information, access, correction, blocking and deletion of personal data are guaranteed under these rules.

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