

# VACANCY NOTICE - TEMPORARY STAFF 2(f)

Reference number: RCT-2024-00042

## Deputy Data Protection Officer

Post (business title):	Deputy Data Protection Officer <i>(a reserve list to be created for 1 post to be filled)</i>
Sector/Unit/Division:	Data Protection Office
Function group / Grade / Post title:	Temporary staff, AD8, Principal Administrator <sup>1</sup>
Grade bracket for internal mobility <sup>2</sup> :	AD8-AD12
Grade for inter-agency mobility <sup>1</sup> :	AD8-AD12 <sup>3</sup>
Location:	Warsaw, Poland
Starting date:	February 2025 (desired)
Level of Security Clearance:	SECRET UE/EU SECRET
Closing date for applications	<b><u>(MIDDAY) 15 November 2024 at 12:00 h<sup>4</sup>, Warsaw local time</u></b>

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) has been established under the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation<sup>5</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 to 2,500 to meet its expanding tasks.

<sup>1</sup> Type of post: Administrator.

<sup>2</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.

<sup>3</sup> Engagement of an applicant in grade higher than AD8 will be possible subject to availability of respective grades in the establishment plan at the moment of appointment.

<sup>4</sup> Date of publication: 11 October 2024.

<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p.1).

The 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 gives 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.

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**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: <http://www.frontex.europa.eu>.

## 2. THE DATA PROTECTION OFFICE (DPO)

### Mission

The Data Protection Office supports the Data Protection Officer (DPO) to ensure the application of the Data Protection Regulation for EU institutions (EUI DPR) and the relevant data protection legislation. The DPO also ensures that the rights and freedoms of the data subjects are not adversely affected by the processing of personal data. The DPO is appointed by the Management Board and is independent in the performance of his or her duties.

### Main tasks:

- Provides advice to the data controller and the responsible units, to the data processors or Frontex staff on how to comply with the EUI DPR;
- Raises awareness and provides training to Frontex Staff;
- Can be consulted by the Executive Director, management, staff committee or any individual on matters related to data protection;
- Provides advice in relation to personal data breaches;
- Maintains an inventory of processing operations upon personal data and keeps a public register of such operations, where the Records are placed;
- Keeps an inventory of complains or enquiries, data subject requests, international data transfers

- Performs investigations in matters and occurrences directly related to the tasks and powers of the DPO.
- Is the main point of contact for communication with the European Data protection Supervisor.

### 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES LINKED TO THE POST

Reporting to the Data Protection Officer, the Deputy Data Protection Officer will be responsible for, amongst others:

- Supporting the Data Protection Officer in the implementation and ongoing development of the Agency's data protection legal framework;
- Informing and advising the data controller, responsible business units, data processors and staff members who carry out processing operations of their obligations pursuant to the applicable legal regime in place for EU institutions, bodies and agencies;
- Monitoring compliance with the applicable legal regime in place for EU institutions, bodies and agencies, with internal data protection provisions and with the policies of the controller or processor in relation to the protection of personal data;
- Performing awareness-raising and training of staff involved in processing operations;
- Performing data protection related audits on processing operations upon personal data;
- Providing advice where requested as regards the data protection impact assessment and monitoring its performance;
- Preparing and drafting templates, guidelines and procedures for different processing operations, including data protection impact assessments;
- Cooperating with the supervisory authority and acting as contact point when necessary;
- Representing the Data Protection Officer both within the agency and in external meetings;
- Ensuring business continuity in the absence of the Data Protection Officer.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be declared eligible, the applicant must:

#### General/common criteria<sup>6</sup>

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 duties<sup>7</sup>.
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).

#### 4.1 External applicants

<sup>6</sup> Mandatory criteria for the engagement of temporary staff as laid down in Article 12(2) of the CEOS.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

#### 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 years<sup>8</sup> or more** (of full-time education).

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 years<sup>9</sup> (of full-time education).

#### Required professional experience

2. Possess (by the closing date for applications) at least **9 years** of proven full-time professional experience acquired after the diploma was awarded and (at the same time) after the condition(s) described in the criterion above are fulfilled<sup>10</sup>.

*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 after achieving the minimum qualification shall be taken into consideration as professional experience subject to provided evidence.*

### 4.2 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 CEOS<sup>11</sup> 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 moving<sup>12</sup>.
3. Have successfully completed the probationary period as provided for in Article 14 of the CEOS in the relevant function group<sup>13</sup>.

### 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.

## 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):

### 5.1 Professional, specialist and technical competences

1. A university degree in law.

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<sup>8</sup> Diploma recognized by any EU Member State to be at EQF levels 7 or 8; 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.

<sup>9</sup> Diploma recognized by any EU Member State to be at EQF level 6; 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

2. Hands-on experience in data protection and privacy acquired in a law firm or EU institution, body or agency.
3. Excellent knowledge and understanding of the latest EU and international data protection laws, in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) or Data Protection Regulation for EU institutions (EUI DPR).
4. Knowledge of the EU legislative and decision-making process.
5. Understanding of risk assessments related to privacy.
6. Good knowledge on how technology impacts on privacy.

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

7. Familiarity with law enforcement environment.
8. Knowledge of national application of the Law Enforcement Directive.

## **5.2 Personal qualities and competences**

9. Excellent written and verbal communication skills (ability to work cross-functionally and articulate a complex subject, preparation and delivering presentations).
10. Capacity to work in an independent manner and in a team with excellent organisational and interpersonal skills.
11. Ability to work in a fast-paced environment, prioritizing conflicting demands from multiple units, and to provide sound advice on tight deadlines.
12. Results-oriented, ability to find practical and creative solutions to data protection and privacy issues

## **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 pre-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;
- 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 relevance 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. At least one part of the qualifying written test will be assessed based on anonymised answers;
- As a result of the interview and test, the Selection Committee will recommend the most suitable applicant(s) for the post in question to the Appointing Authority of Frontex. An additional interview with the Appointing Authority and/or another relevant manager may be arranged before the Appointing Authority takes the final decision.

- Suitable applicants will be proposed for a reserve list, which 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 strictly 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 applicant.

## 8. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The most successful applicant will be selected and appointed<sup>14</sup> by the Appointing Authority of Frontex.

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 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 duties<sup>15</sup>.

The appointed external applicant will be engaged as temporary staff pursuant to Article 2(f) of the CEOS in function group and grade **AD8**<sup>16</sup>. 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. <b>Basic net/payable salary</b> (after all deductions, contributions and taxes are applied)	<b>4,954EUR</b> <b>22,042PLN</b>	<b>5,130EUR</b> <b>22,825PLN</b>
2. Other possible monthly entitlements/allowances, depending on the personal situation of the candidate (expressed as gross amount weighted by 80.7 correction coefficient applicable for Poland):		
b. Household allowance	312 EUR 1,388PLN	318 EUR 1,413PLN
c. Expatriation allowance	1,061-1,299EUR 4,720- 5,780PLN	1,105 - 1,345EUR 4,918- 5,982PLN
d. Dependent child allowances for each child	392 EUR 1 745 PLN	392 EUR 1 745 PLN
e. Preschool allowance	96 EUR 426 PLN	96 EUR 426 PLN

<sup>14</sup> Engagement of an inter-agency applicant in a grade higher than AD8 is conditional upon the availability of respective grades in Frontex' Establishment Plan at the moment of appointment.

<sup>15</sup> Before the engagement, the successful applicant shall be medically examined by the EU medical service to fulfil the requirement of Article 13 of CEOS.

<sup>16</sup> For existing EU temporary staff 2(f) the classification in grade and step should be established in line with Article 55 of the CEOS.

f. Education allowance for each child up to	532 EUR 2 368 PLN	532 EUR 2 368 PLN
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The remuneration is expressed in EUR, after the compulsory deductions set out in the Staff Regulations of Officials (the “Staff Regulations”) or in any implementing regulations is weighted by the correction coefficient for Poland (currently 80.7). It can be paid either in EUR or in PLN according to a fixed exchange rate (currently 4.4490 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 the solidarity levy is 6 %.

An [accredited European School](#)<sup>17</sup> operates in Warsaw as of September 2021 to allow dependent children of all Frontex statutory staff (including Polish nationals) to attend a (tuition-free) European-type multilingual education. The school is opening gradually, and the complete education cycle (from Nursery to Secondary level finishing with the European Baccalaureate exam) will be available as of September 2024.

Moreover, the headquarters agreement with the Polish authorities<sup>18</sup> is effective as of 1 November 2017. Under this agreement the Polish authorities may provide the following main benefits to Frontex expatriate staff<sup>19</sup>:

- (a) in case the appropriate education level is not available yet for a child in the accredited European School in Warsaw - reimbursement of tuition cost of each dependent child attending a school (up to and including secondary school) on Polish territory up to a limit of 35 000 PLN per 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).

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.

Being a knowledge-based organization, Frontex 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. 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.

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

<sup>17</sup> More details on the European Schools system available here: [About the Accredited European Schools](#) (eursc.eu).

<sup>18</sup> Headquarters Agreement between the Republic of Poland and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) (Polish Official Journal of 2017, item 1939).

<sup>19</sup> Staff of non-Polish nationality and non-permanent Polish residents.

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 CEOS<sup>20</sup>, in the Management Board Decision No 14/2019<sup>21</sup> and in the Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2022-17<sup>22</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 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 non-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](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. 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.

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<sup>20</sup> In particular the provisions governing conditions of engagement in Title II, Chapter 3.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2022-17 on the recruitment and selection of temporary staff under Article 2(f) CEOS.



- 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

Frontex Application Form is to be downloaded (as a dynamic PDF form) from Frontex website under the link

**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.**

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 2021.001.20155*. 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-2024-00042'.
5. **Be submitted to Frontex - after saving - by uploading it to this URL link:**  
<https://microsite.frontex.europa.eu/en/recruitments/RCT-2024-00042>
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](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.

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.