

Call for Expression of Interest
Communication Assistant
(Contract Agents – Function Group III)
Ref. BEREC/2021/01

Type of contract	Contract Agent
Function group and grade	FG III
Duration of contract	3 years (with the possibility of extension)
Maximum number of candidates to be placed on the Reserve List	6
Place of employment	Riga, Latvia
Partner Directorate General	DG CONNECT - Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology
Deadline for applications	19/04/2021 at 12:00 (midday), Riga time

Applications are invited for the establishment of a reserve list for the post of Communication Assistant at the Agency for Support for BEREC.

1. Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)

The BEREC Office has been set up to provide administrative and professional support to BEREC, the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications. The BEREC Office is located in Riga, Latvia.

The BEREC Office is an Agency of the European Union (EU) managed by a Director under the supervision of a Management Board composed of the heads of the EU national regulatory authorities (NRAs) in charge of the monitoring of the telecom markets and a European Commission representative.

The BEREC Office is responsible, in particular, for collecting information from NRAs and exchanging and communicating information in relation to the role and tasks of BEREC, disseminating regulatory best practice among NRAs, assisting the Chair of the BEREC Board of Regulators in the preparation of his/her work, and setting up and providing support to expert working groups.

The Staff Regulations of Officials of European Communities, the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities and the rules adopted jointly by the EU institutions for the purpose of applying these Staff Regulations and Conditions of employment apply to the staff of the Office.

For further information, please consult the BEREC website: www.berec.europa.eu.

2. The post

The job holder will be responsible, among others, for the following tasks:

- Provide overall support to the communications activities of BEREC and the BEREC Office, assist in drafting and implementing BEREC communications strategies and plans (external or internal);
- Organise communications and stakeholders' events, meetings, interviews, press events or other events related to the activity including by taking into account any budgetary, procurement or contract management aspects;
- Update and maintain contact lists of BEREC stakeholders and media, support the management of media and stakeholders relations, assist the organisation of the work of the communication expert group, etc.;
- Assist in the preparation of publications of BEREC and the BEREC Office and with the delivery of digital or other promotional materials or publications;
- Draft information items (website news, press releases, newsletters, social media posts, publications, internal information, etc.) and update the content of the website and other online external or internal communications tools or applications;
- Verify the delivery of the goods and services necessary for the activity against the conditions of the legal commitments (service level agreement, memoranda of understanding, contracts, etc.) and prepare technical specifications for the procurement procedures linked to communication activities;
- Participate in the evaluation of the impact of the communication strategies, plans and tools in place;
- Perform his/her tasks in line with the rules on data protection, intellectual property rights and access to documents;
- Assist in the implementation of activities related to the development of the local society in the host member state in accordance with the Headquarters Agreement.

The above tasks and responsibilities will be conducted in the English language.

The jobholder will work under the supervision of his/her line manager at the BEREC Office located in Riga, Latvia and may be assigned other duties appropriate to the grade in the interest of the service.

3. Eligibility criteria

Candidates will be eligible for this selection procedure if they fulfil the following formal criteria at the time of the application deadline:

- 3.1. Be a national of a Member State of the European Union (EU) and enjoy his or her full rights as a citizen;
- 3.2. Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by applicable laws concerning military service;
- 3.3. Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post¹;
- 3.4. Produce the appropriate character references as to suitability for the performance of the duties²;
- 3.5. Languages: Have a thorough knowledge of one of the official EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge of a second EU language to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties;
- 3.6. Qualifications and work experience:
 - a. Have a level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma³; or
 - b. Have a level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education, and appropriate professional experience of at least three years.

4. Selection criteria

If the eligibility criteria set out in the section “Eligibility criteria” are met, the candidates’ application forms, CVs and motivation letters will be evaluated on the basis of the selection criteria below. The most suitable candidates will be invited to an interview and written test.

When filling in the application form, candidates are expected to include elements that demonstrate that their profile matches the requirements below.

¹ Before being hired, a contract agent shall be medically examined by one of the institution's medical officers to verify if (s)he fulfils the requirements of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the EU.

² Prior to appointment, successful candidates will be asked to provide a certificate issued by a competent authority attesting the absence of a criminal record.

³ Only diplomas and certificates that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are the subject of equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the Member States will be taken into consideration. In the latter case, the AACC reserves the right to request proof of such equivalence.

4.1. Essential:

4.1.1. Knowledge and/or experience relevant to the tasks and responsibilities described in the section “The Post”, in particular:

- a. Communication (external and internal) and publication;
- b. Programme / project / contract and budget management.

4.1.2. At least 2 years of relevant professional experience in a similar role in the domain of the post.

4.1.3. Thorough knowledge of written and spoken English.⁴

4.2. Advantageous:

- a. Professional education, training and/or certifications in the field of communication;
- b. Experience and/or knowledge in events organisation and/or communication activities;
- c. Knowledge of Latvian.

4.3. Evaluation during interviewing and written test process

Candidates invited to the interview and written test will be evaluated based on their professional and personal competencies, as well as their knowledge of English as a working language and their motivation and commitment to work for the BEREC Office in Latvia.

5. Stages in the selection procedure

The BEREC Office sets up a Selection Committee. This Committee will make a comparative assessment of all eligible applications, and identify a number of candidates whose profiles best match the selection criteria listed above. These candidates will be invited for a written test and an interview with the Selection Committee.

The selection procedure will be organised in accordance with the following steps:

5.1. Admission to the selection procedure

After the deadline for applications, the complete applications submitted (application forms, CVs and motivation letters) will be checked against the eligibility criteria. Only eligible applications will be then assessed against the selection criteria (essential and advantageous).

⁴ Level B2 or above of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). As established in the BEREC Office Management Committee Decision MC/2016/02, the working language of the BEREC Office is English.

5.2. Assessment of eligible applications

The Selection Committee will analyse the motivation letters, together with the application forms and the CVs of eligible applicants with reference to the elements indicated in the selection criteria section (essential and advantageous). In addition, the Selection Committee will assess the motivation and the overall suitability of each eligible application on the basis of the requirements of the post.

5.3. Interview and written test

Upon completion of the assessment of eligible applications, the most suitable candidates will be invited for a written test and an interview. The maximum total number of candidates invited to attend the interview and written test will be 10.⁵ The interview and written test will take place remotely.

Candidates are kindly invited to indicate in their application any special arrangements that may be required, if invited to attend the written test and interview.

The interview will aim to assess the suitability of the candidates to perform their duties, their professional knowledge, their skills and competencies relevant to the post and their motivation. The interview shall cover an analysis of the language abilities and the personal and professional competences of each applicant. The interview will be held in English. Candidates with English as their mother tongue will be tested in another official EU language to check that the eligibility criteria is met (i.e. satisfactory knowledge of a second official EU language).

The written test will be in English. It will be related to the tasks and responsibilities related to the post, and be designed to test candidates' ability to communicate in written English, and their job-related knowledge and competences.

The content of the questions asked during the interviews will be set in accordance with the level and profile of the position advertised.

The Selection Committee will propose a maximum of 6⁶ candidates with the highest scores achieved in the interview and written test for placement on the reserve list.

5.4. Establishment of a reserve list

On the basis of the outcome of the interviews and written tests, the authority authorised to conclude contracts of employment may draw up a reserve list of maximum 6⁷ candidates.

⁵ Where a number of candidates tie for the last available place in the list of candidates to be invited for interviews, they will all be invited.

⁶ Where a number of candidates tie for the last available place on the reserve list, they will all be proposed.

⁷ Where a number of candidates tie for the last available place on the reserve list, the AACC may decide to include all of them in the reserve list.

The reserve list will be valid until 31 December 2021. Its validity may be extended by the authority authorised to conclude contracts of employment. Inclusion on a reserve list does not imply any entitlement to employment in the BEREC Office. Moreover, recruitment will be subject to budget availability.

6. Possible job offer(s), verification of documents and scrutiny

If a post in the relevant function group and job field related to the current call for expression of interest becomes vacant, a job may be offered to a suitable candidate⁸.

The information provided in the applications of the successful candidates will be checked against the supporting documents to confirm its accuracy and eligibility.

If, at any stage in the procedure, it is discovered that the information given in an application has been knowingly falsified, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection process.

Candidates will also be disqualified if they:

- do not meet all eligibility criteria;
- do not provide all the required supporting documents, including to substantiate the facts and statements in their applications.

7. Conditions of employment

The Communication Assistant will be appointed by the authority authorised to conclude contracts of employment as a contract agent in function group III pursuant to Article 3a of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities for a period of three years. The authority authorised to conclude contracts of employment may renew the contract according to the modalities indicated in the relevant general implementing rules valid at the BEREC Office.

The period of engagement will not in any case exceed the lifetime of the BEREC Office.

8. Application procedure

For their applications to be valid, candidates must submit:

1. A covering letter outlining their reasons for applying;
2. A curriculum vitae (CV), preferably drafted using the Europass CV format⁹;
3. The application form in the annex.

⁸ The CVs and motivation letters of the candidates on the reserve list will be assessed towards the requirements of the vacant post. A second interview with the AACC and/or one or more delegated staff member(s) may be organised.

⁹ The Europass CV can be downloaded from the website <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> .

Applicants are explicitly requested to highlight and give a brief account of their experience and expertise relevant to the job and the start and end dates of employment contracts. Applicants are invited to indicate, apart from the duration of studies, the legal length of the diplomas that they hold.

Applications will not be assessed if the dossier is incomplete or submitted after the deadline.

Supporting documents (e.g. certified copies of degrees/diplomas, references, proof of experience, etc.) should not be sent at this point but must be submitted at a later stage of the procedure, when requested.

Applications, preferably in English, should be sent only by e-mail to: recruitment@berec.europa.eu.

The reference (BEREC/2021/01 Communication Assistant) must always be indicated in the subject line of e-mails.

Candidates are asked to report any potential change of address in writing without delay to the address above.

Closing date for applications

Applications must be sent by email. The deadline is **19/04/2021 at 12:00 (midday) Riga time** (11:00 a.m. Central European Time). The Agency strongly advises candidates not to wait until the last few days before the deadline to apply. It is the sole responsibility of each applicant to submit his/her completed application by the deadline for submission. Any information or documentation provided after the deadline will not be taken into account.

Approximate timetable

The selection process may take several months; information will be released at the end of each stage.

9. Independence and declaration of interests

The Communication Assistant may be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration in relation to any interests that may be considered prejudicial to his/her independence. Candidates must confirm their willingness to do so in their application.

10. Other important information

Candidates are reminded that the work of the Selection Committee of the BEREC Office is confidential. It is forbidden for applicants to make direct or indirect contact with members of the Committee or for anybody else to do so on their behalf. Any infringement of this rule will lead to disqualification from the selection procedure.

11. Equal opportunities

The BEREC Office applies a policy of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in accordance with Article 1d of the Staff Regulations.

12. Protection of personal data

The BEREC Office will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC¹⁰.

13. Requests for information and appeal procedures

Applicants who would like further information, or consider that they have grounds for a complaint concerning a particular decision, may, at any point in the selection procedure, email a request for further information to recruitment@berec.europa.eu.

A candidate who feels that a mistake has been made regarding eligibility may ask to have his/her application reconsidered by sending a request for review within 20 calendar days of the date of the email notifying the candidate of the outcome, quoting the reference of the selection procedure, to the Chairperson of the Selection Committee at the following address:

BEREC Office
Human Resources
Z. A. Meierovica Bulv. 14
Riga, LV-1050
LATVIA

The Selection Committee will reconsider the application and notify the candidate of its decision within 45 calendar days of receipt of the letter.

If a candidate considers that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision, he/she can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, at the above address.

The complaint must be lodged within three months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure starts from the time the candidate is notified of the act that adversely affects him/her.

Candidates can submit a judicial appeal under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities to:

¹⁰ 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, Text with EEA relevance, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39–98

Court of Justice of the European Union

L - 2925 Luxembourg

Details of how to submit an appeal can be found on the website:

<http://curia.europa.eu/>

It is also possible to complain to the European Ombudsman pursuant to Article 228 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Decision of the European Parliament of 9 March 1994 on the Staff Regulations and the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 113 of 4 May 1994:

European Ombudsman

1 Avenue du Président Robert Schuman

CS 30403

67001 Strasbourg Cedex

France

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>

Please note that complaints made to the Ombudsman have no suspensive effect on the period laid down in Articles 90(2) and 91 of the Staff Regulations for lodging, respectively, a complaint or an appeal with the Court of Justice of the EU under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

Please also note that, under Article 2(4) of the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, any complaint lodged with the Ombudsman must be preceded by the appropriate administrative approaches to the institutions and bodies concerned. Therefore, before contacting the Ombudsman, candidates must have submitted a complaint/appeal to the BEREC Office and received a negative reply from the BEREC Office.

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESERVE LIST FOR
COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT AT THE BEREC OFFICE

BEREC/2021/01

1. **Surname**¹¹:

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2. **Forename:** Title: (e.g. Mr, Ms, Dr)

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3. **Date of birth:** dd/mm/yyyy

4. **Gender:** Male Female

5. **Address for correspondence**¹²:

Street, No, etc.:	
Postal code:	Town:
Country:	
Office Telephone N°:	Mobile N°:
E-mail address: Professional:	
E-mail address: Personal:	

6. **Nationality** (please circle or mark):

BE	BG	CY	CZ	DK	DE	EL	ES	ET	FR	HU	HR	IE	IT
LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	FI	SE	SK	SV	

¹¹ IMPORTANT: your application will be registered under this name. Please use it in all correspondence. Any other name (e.g. maiden name) appearing on diplomas or certificates accompanying this application should be indicated below:

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¹² Please inform recruitment@berec.europa.eu of any change of address.

7. First university degree, with title, date of conferral and indication on the legal duration:

8. Other studies:

9. Knowledge of languages:

Place the following numbers (1, 2 or 3) in the appropriate box or boxes:

1 - mother tongue or thorough knowledge;

2 - very good knowledge;

3 - satisfactory knowledge.

BG	CS	DA	DE	EL	EN	ES	ET	FI	FR	GA	HR
HU	IT	LT	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SV	SK	SL

Other language(s):

10. Current employer (indicate if you are self-employed or unemployed):

Name	
Address	
Position	

Information to be used for the evaluation of the selection criteria

A. Essential

11. Summarise your knowledge and /or experience in the area of communication and publication (300 words max.):

12. Elaborate on your knowledge and/or experience in the area of program / project / contract and budget management (300 words max.):

13. Summarise your professional experience which is relevant to the post or professional experience in a similar role in the domain of the post (300 words max):

B. Advantageous:

14. Provide information about any professional education, training and/or certifications in the field of communication, if applicable (100 words max):

- 15. If you have experience and/or knowledge of in events organisation and/or communication activities, please describe briefly the level of your knowledge or your experience (100 words max.)**

Additional information concerning the application

- 16. Give details of anything else you consider relevant to your application:**

17. If you have a recognised disability which necessitates any special arrangements in the context of this selection procedure, please indicate below:

18. Declaration:

1. I declare on my word of honour that the information provided above is true and complete and I am aware that any incorrect statement may invalidate my application at any point in the selection process.
2. I further declare on my word of honour that:
 - (i) I am a national of one of the Member States of the European Union and enjoy my full rights as a citizen;
 - (ii) I have fulfilled any obligations imposed on me by laws concerning military service.
3. I undertake to produce on request documents to support my application and accept that failure to do so may invalidate my application.
4. I confirm that I am willing to make complete declarations of any direct or indirect interests that might be considered prejudicial to my independence.

Date and name:

Signature:

Along with this application form, candidates must submit:

- A covering letter describing the reasons and their motivation for the application
- A CV preferably drafted using the Europass CV format which can be found at: <http://www.europass.cedefop.europa.eu>