

Vacancy Notice for the position of Accounting & Finance Correspondent (FGIV)

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1 Introduction

The Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (IHI JU) and Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT JU) are launching a joint selection procedure in order to recruit two (2) Accounting & Finance Correspondents; one for each JU.

1.1 About the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI JU)

The Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) aims to translate health research and innovation into real benefits for patients and society, and to ensure that Europe remains at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary, sustainable, patient-centric health research. Health research and healthcare increasingly involve diverse sectors. By supporting projects that bring these sectors together, IHI will pave the way for a more integrated approach to healthcare, covering prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and disease management.

IHI is a partnership between the European Union and European industry associations representing the pharmaceutical, medical technology, biotechnology, digital health and vaccine industries, namely COCIR, EFPIA, EuropaBio, MedTech Europe, and Vaccines Europe. IHI's total budget is EUR 2.4 billion. Half of this comes from Horizon Europe, the EU's research and innovation programme. The IHI industry partners have committed EUR 1 billion to IHI, and a further EUR 200 million can be committed by other organisations that decide to support the objectives of IHI in specific areas of research by becoming contributing partners.

For more information, please visit the IHI JU website: www.ihj.europa.eu.

1.2 About Key Digital Technologies (KDT JU)

Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT Joint Undertaking) is a public-private European Partnership aimed at leveraging investments in the electronics sector in Europe to research and develop innovative key digital technologies. The KDT Joint Undertaking fosters research and innovation collaboration between stakeholders such as industry, public authorities, academia, and research and technology organisations, pulling together and focusing efforts. The KDT Joint Undertaking's strategy is aligned with the Horizon Europe Framework Programme and the programmes of Participating States to attract private investments and contribute to the effectiveness of public support by avoiding unnecessary duplication and fragmentation of efforts, thus contributing to the development of a strong and globally competitive industry in the European Union.

The KDT Joint Undertaking addresses clearly defined topics that will reinforce the Union's technological autonomy in electronic components and systems, establishes the Union's scientific excellence and innovation leadership in emerging components and systems technologies, and ensures that components and systems will address Europe's societal and environmental challenges.

For more information, please visit the KDT JU website: www.kdt.europa.eu.

2 Job description

Under the responsibility and supervision of the respective Head of Administration and Finance, the Accounting & Finance Correspondent will support the preparation of the annual accounts, review the quality of the accounting data, and provide financial support related to accounts and financial management, in accordance with the financial rules of the respective Joint Undertakings, EC accounting rules and EC accounting guidance.

The Accounting and Finance Correspondent will be responsible for the following tasks:

- liaising with Joint Undertaking (JU) accounting officer regarding the annual accounts;

- contributing to the annual year closure and preparing the required documents and closure bookings in liaison with all JU operational services;
- performing regular controls under the EC accounting guidance on the accounting environment including accounting quality controls;
- performing periodical checks of databases versus SAP and monitoring year-end calculations including SAP bookings;
- performing the annual asset declassification exercise;
- monitoring monthly the transactions in workflow for legal commitments, budgetary commitments, invoices, payments and recovery orders;
- supporting the validation of the local system's exercise;
- producing various reports and preparing payment statistics;
- acting as the contact point within the entity on the application of accounting procedures and other accounting-related questions;
- contributing to the continuous improvement of financial and administrative procedures by assisting in the development of financial procedures and the elaboration of templates and other standard documents;
- providing assistance and support in the preparation of the audit files for external auditors in connection to the annual accounts;
- providing assistance in the preparation of the audit files for the Internal Audit Service and the European Court of Auditors;
- acting as an initiating and/or verifying agent for financial transactions including de-commitments, commitments, payments, recovery orders, credit operations in ABAC (Accrual Based Accounting System).

The successful candidate might undertake other tasks and activities as necessary under the responsibility of the relevant Head of Administration and Finance, as tasks may evolve according to the development of the IHI or KDT JU's structure or activities.

3 Qualification and experience required

Candidates will be considered for the selection phase on the basis of the following criteria to be fulfilled by the closing date for applications, and maintained throughout the selection procedure and appointment.

3.1 General conditions

- be a national of a Member State of the European Union;

- enjoy their full rights as a citizen¹;
- have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws concerning military service;
- meet the character requirements for the duties involved;
- be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post²;
- have a thorough knowledge of one of the official EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge (at least B2 level) of another of these languages to the extent necessary for the performance of their duties (candidates are invited to specify in their CV possible language certificates they have obtained and which can demonstrate their language skills).

3.2 Education

On the closing date for applications, the candidate must have a level of education that corresponds to completed university studies of at least three (3) years attested by a diploma³ and in addition to the above, at least three (3) years full-time proven experience, acquired after obtaining the degree.

4 Selection criteria

4.1 Essential

- suitability to perform the tasks described under point 2;
- proven professional experience of at least one (1) year in accounting (forming part of the minimum 3 years experience referred to under point 3.2);
- very good knowledge of SAP (applicants **must state in their applications how they have obtained this experience with specific examples**);
- very good command of both written and spoken English.

4.2 Advantageous

- very good knowledge of the EU Financial Regulation and EC accounting rules and instructions;
- excellent knowledge of accounting principles and rules (IPSAS, IAS, IFRS) - (**applicants must state in their applications how they have obtained this experience with specific examples**);
- studies in the field related to the job profile (economics, finance; accounting etc.).

¹ Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate of good conduct, confirming the absence of any criminal record.

² Before taking up his/her duties, the successful candidate will undergo a medical examination by one of the institutions' medical officers.

³ Only qualifications issued by EU Member State authorities and qualifications recognised as equivalent by the relevant EU Member State authorities will be accepted.

4.3 Candidates invited for an interview will also be assessed against the following criteria, which are essential to the post:

- knowledge and experience in performing the tasks listed under point 2 “job description”;
- team player with high sense of confidentiality, responsibility, diligence and initiative;
- good analytical and problem-solving skills;
- ability to collect, synthesise and structure information;
- excellent drafting and communications skills;
- resilience and ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines while maintaining high quality standards;
- excellent organisational and planning skills;
- proficiency in the use of electronic office tools (in particular advanced Excel).

In order to be evaluated in the best possible way, candidates are recommended to give **evidence of their knowledge with specific examples and/or detailed professional experience**. Candidates are invited to be as detailed and as clear as possible in the description of their professional experience and specific skills and competences in their application form.

Failure to comply with the eligibility and essential selection criteria will result in the disqualification.

5 Independence and declaration of interest

The successful candidate will be required to make a declaration of their 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. Candidates must confirm their willingness to do so in their application.

6 Selection and appointment procedure

6.1 Assessment of the application

For this selection process, a selection committee is nominated by the Executive Directors of IHI and KDT JUs.

After assessing the applications against the qualification and selection criteria in the vacancy notice, the selection committee will draw up a list of suitable candidates to be invited for an interview, which will be held either in Brussels or remotely.

The interview will consist of a written test and an interview in order to assess:

- the candidate’s motivation and understanding of the position;
- the candidate’s skills with reference to the job description;
- the candidate’s knowledge of the field in which the Joint Undertakings operate;

- the candidate's general aptitudes and language abilities as necessary for the performance of their duties.

The selection committee may also decide to include additional tests.

6.2 Appointment and reserve list

The recruitment will take place upon a decision of the respective Joint Undertakings' Executive Directors (the Appointing Authorities).

Each Executive Director will select a successful candidate from the reserve list and offer them the post. A binding commitment can only be made after the verification of all conditions⁴ and will take the form of a contract signed by the Appointing Authority of IHI or KDT.

The reserve list could be used to fulfil other positions within IHI and KDT.

The reserve list will be valid until **31 December 2024** and may be extended at the discretion of the Appointing Authorities.

Candidates should note that inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment. Recruitment will be based on the availability of posts and budget.

IHI and KDT may decide at any time during the procedure not to pursue the recruitment.

7 Equal opportunities

IHI and KDT, as European Union bodies, apply the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in accordance with article 1d of the Staff Regulations⁵.

8 Conditions of Employment

The successful candidate will be appointed as a **Contract Agent FG IV**, pursuant to Article 3(a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, for a period of 3 years. After an evaluation of the performance of the post holder's performance and, subject to budget availability, the term of office may be extended. The period of engagement will not in any case exceed the lifetime of the Joint Undertakings.

The place of employment will be Brussels, where the IHI and KDT JU premises are located.

⁴ Before the appointment, a successful candidate shall undergo a medical examination by the medical services of the Commission in order that IHI JU may be satisfied that she/he fulfils the requirement of article 28(e) of the Staff Regulation of the Officials of the European Communities.

⁵ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

Remuneration

The basic monthly salary for **FG IV, grade 13 (step 1)** is **EUR 3.710,50**. In addition to the basic salary, staff members may be entitled to various allowances, in particular expatriation allowance, household allowance, dependent child allowance and education allowance.

The salary is subject to an EU tax deducted at source, and staff members are exempt of national taxation.

9 Application procedure

Important information for candidates

For applications to be valid, candidates must submit an online application via the vacancy portal: <https://cloud.ih.europa.eu/web/ih-vacancies/ih-vacancies>.

To access the correct form, candidates should select the vacancy for which they wish to apply.

When filling in their application, candidates are requested to **provide examples** of their **professional experience** and **competences**.

When submitting more than one application for a position, any new application made by a candidate with the same e-mail address will automatically erase and replace the previous application for that position.

Candidates are advised to apply using an e-mail address that will remain valid for several months.

Candidates are asked to report any potential change of contact details in writing, without delay, to the following e-mail address: selections_JUs@ih.europa.eu

Please remember to quote the reference of the vacancy (or vacancies) for which you have applied in all correspondence.

Candidates are advised not to wait until the last few days before applying as heavy internet traffic or a problem with the internet connection could lead to your online application being interrupted. After the deadline, applications will no longer be accepted.

Application forms sent by e-mail, fax or post will not be accepted.

In order to facilitate the selection process, the application as well as all communications to candidates concerning this vacancy will be in English.

Candidates are reminded that the selection committee's **work is confidential**. It is forbidden for candidates to make direct or indirect contact with the selection committee members or to ask anybody else to do so on their behalf.

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 if requested.

Closing date

Applications must be completed and submitted by **26 August 2022, 23:59 CEST** (Central European Summer Time / Brussels time).

10 Protection of personal data

The personal information that the Joint Undertakings request from applicants will be processed in line 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (hereinafter referred to as the Data Protection Regulation).

Types of personal data

The following details are collected in the context of staff selection procedures:

- personal details: names, gender, date and place of birth, nationality, civil status, family situation and related supporting certificates, residence certificate, ID format photos;
- contact details;
- passport number/ ID number; financial identification form, bank account; legal entity form;
- degrees, diplomas or educational certificates concerning knowledge of languages, professional experience, current and previous employment contracts, recommendation letters, motivation letters;
- moral conduct - recent criminal record;
- declaration concerning conflicts of interest.

Purpose and technical means of personal data processing

The main purpose of the collection of the data above is to prepare selected candidates' files and to finalise the recruitment procedure to permit entry into service.

Recruitment files are stored electronically and access is protected by the management of access rights. Paper documents are archived in physical files and stored in a locked cabinet until their destruction.

Legal basis

- articles 12 - 15 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union;
- general implementing provisions on the procedure governing the engagement and the use of temporary agents at IHI JU.

Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

For the purposes detailed above, access to your personal data is given to the following people, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with European Union law.

Only authorised staff in the Joint Undertakings have access to your personal data for the purposes of screening, interviewing and recruiting candidates. The people to whom your data is disclosed include:

- members of the selection committee;
- IHI and KDT JU human resources staff.

Erasure

You may make a request for the erasure of your personal data under the conditions laid down by Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. In this case, you should send a written request to the e-mail address mentioned under “Access”.

We will respond to your request without undue delay and at the latest within one month.

You could further request cancellation of your application and deletion of all linked personal data by making use of the contact information mentioned above.

Restriction of processing

You may make a request for restricting the processing of your personal data under the conditions laid down by Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 for the following reasons: you would like to contest the accuracy of the personal data; you consider that the processing is unlawful and you would oppose the erasure of the personal data and request the restriction of the use of the personal data instead; when IHI and KDT JU as controllers no longer need your personal data for the purposes of the processing, but it is required by you as data subject for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims; or when you have objected to processing pursuant to Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, pending the verification of legitimate grounds.

In this case, you should send a written request to the e-mail address mentioned under “Access”.

Right to data portability

You have the right to receive the personal data, which you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format, and you may also request us to transmit this data to any other controller under the conditions of Article 22 of Regulation 201/1725. In this case, you should send a written request to the e-mail address mentioned under “Access”.

Right to object

You may object at any time to processing of your personal data under the conditions laid down by Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, on grounds relating to your particular situation. In this case, you should send a written request to the e-mail address mentioned under “Access”.

What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

Access

If you wish to access your personal information, you can contact IHI or KDT JU’s Data Protection Officer at Data-Protection@ihi.europa.eu and/or dpo@kdt-ju.europa.eu

You may make a request to access the IHI JU and the KDT JU register of data processing operations in order to obtain more detailed information on how we treat and protect your personal data, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Rectification

You can, if need be, rectify any inaccurate personal data throughout the entire selection process by sending a written request to the above-mentioned e-mail address.

You cannot, however, send us any changes of your personal data related to the admissibility criteria after the application deadline.

How long do we keep your personal data?

Recruitment files of successful candidates are stored for a period of ten years as of the termination of employment.

The files of non-recruited applicants are retained for up to two years following the recruitment procedure. The retention of files of non-recruited applicants on reserve lists is fixed in terms of the validity and the actual extension of the respective reserve lists.

The periods indicated above may be extended in the event of audits initiated prior to the applicable expiry dates.

Contact information

For any questions related to your rights, feel free to contact the Data Controller at Data-Protection@ihi.europa.eu, or at dpo@kdt-ju.europa.eu indicating 'Data Protection' in the subject and explicitly specifying your request.

Recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor

You have the right to submit a complaint at any time directly to the European Data Protection Supervisor:

Rue Wiertz 60 – MO 63

B-1047 Bruxelles

Belgium

Tel: +32 2 283 19 00

Fax: +32 2 283 19 50

E-mail: edps@edps.europa.eu

11 Appeal procedure

Candidates who consider that their interests have been prejudiced by any decision related to the selection procedure can take the following actions.

11.1 Request for review of the decision taken by the selection committee

Candidates may request a review of the decision taken by the selection committee by writing to selections_JUs@ihi.europa.eu, setting out the reasons for the request.

11.2 Appeals

If a candidate considers that they have been adversely affected by a particular decision, they can lodge a complaint under article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations within the time limits provided for at the following addresses:

Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking

For the attention of the Executive Director

KDT JU • TO 56 • 1049 Brussels

Belgium

and/or

Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking

For the attention of the Executive Director

IHI JU • TO 56 • 1049 Brussels

Belgium

The complaint must be lodged within three months, starting from the time IHI and KDT JUs inform the candidate of the decision by e-mail.

Should the complaint be rejected, the candidate may bring a case under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union before:

The Court of Justice of the European Union
Rue du Fort Niedergruenewald
L-2925 Luxembourg

https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/T5_6308

11.3 Complaint to the European Ombudsman

It is also possible to lodge a complaint with the European Ombudsman (<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>) pursuant to Article 228(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in accordance with the statute of the Ombudsman and the implementing provisions adopted by the Ombudsman. Before the Ombudsman can accept a complaint, it is necessary that the complaint is first addressed to IHI and/or KDT JU. Any complaint to the Ombudsman must be made within two years of receiving the Joint Undertakings' final position on the matter.