

COMMISSION

RECRUITMENT OF STAFF FOR THE GALILEO JOINT UNDERTAKING

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The Galileo Joint Undertaking is currently seeking applicants (m/f) for various posts to be filled within the Undertaking.

The Galileo Joint Undertaking

The Galileo Joint Undertaking was set up by Council Regulation (EC) No 876/2002 of 21 May 2002 ⁽¹⁾. It is an operational structure comprising several dozen people who are responsible for implementing the development phase of the Galileo satellite radio navigation programme. Its effective establishment is imminent. The Undertaking's Director, Mr Rainer Grohe, was appointed on 16 June 2003 by its Administrative Board. Its headquarters are in Brussels, Belgium.

The Galileo programme

The Galileo satellite radio navigation programme is the first major programme to bring together the Community institutions and the European Space Agency. It is based on cutting-edge technology and enables users equipped with a receiver to receive signals from several satellites and thus determine their position in time and space at any given moment. Galileo is based on a constellation of 30 satellites placed in a medium earth orbit (at an altitude of approximately 24 000 km) continuously covering the entire surface of the earth. Ground stations complete the satellite array.

The European Space Agency is fully involved in the project. It is responsible for implementing the activities required during the development phase for the system's space segment and associated ground segment.

The Galileo Joint Undertaking's tasks

- To help mobilise the public and private funds needed; in particular to negotiate, by way of a competitive tendering process with the private sector, an overall agreement for the financing of the deployment (2006 to 2007) and operational phases,
- to launch the research and development activities necessary to make a success of the development phase (2002 to 2005) in the framework of the Sixth Framework Programme of Research and Development,
- to oversee the optimal integration of Egnos into Galileo,
- to oversee the execution of all the programmes.

Posts to be filled

The posts to be filled within the Galileo Joint Undertaking are for staff for the technical and administrative teams, engineers, lawyers, economists, commercial staff and secretaries. Applications must strictly be sent to the following electronic address:

recruitment.GJU@esa.int

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 138, 28.5.2002, p. 1.

The Galileo Joint Undertaking will only reply if applicants are being seriously considered for a post.

People who have applied for posts within the Galileo Joint Undertaking prior to the publication of this notice do not need to re-apply.

Qualifications and experience required for all posts to be filled

Candidates must:

- be a national of a European Union Member State or of a Member State of the European Space Agency,
- be capable of integrating into a multicultural and multidisciplinary team,
- be motivated to contribute to the success of a major European industrial project,
- have a thorough knowledge of one official language of the European Union and a satisfactory knowledge of a second official knowledge,
- have proven professional experience in the field concerned.

Appointment and conditions of employment

The staff of the Galileo Joint Undertaking are appointed by the Undertaking's Director. Appointments will be based on a contract which will expire on the date on which the Galileo Joint Undertaking is wound up.

The European Union takes particular care to avoid any kind of discrimination and particularly welcomes applications from women.

Additional information about the Galileo programme is available on the following website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/galileo/
