

**Amendment to the Call for Expression of Interest
for the Traineeship Programme in the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy
Regulators (ACER)**

REFERENCE: ACER/TRAINEE/2019/OC

With respect to the Call for Expression of Interest for the Traineeship Programme in the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, following the Director Decision 2020-06 amending the Director Decision 2017-13,

as of 1 September 2020 the following changes will apply:

3. A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be admitted to the Traineeship Programme, applicants shall, by the starting date of a specific traineeship period:

2. Be nationals of a Member State of the European Union, Norway, Iceland or Lichtenstein;
3. Have language skills at level C1 for the first language (thorough knowledge) and at level B2 for the second language (satisfactory knowledge) of the official languages of the European Union¹ or Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, these levels being defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR);
4. Have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma, when the normal period of university education is three years or more².

6. CONDITIONS OF TRAINEESHIP

The conditions of the Traineeship Programme are governed by the Agency's Director Decision 2020-06.

The traineeship period start on 1 March and on 1 September each year, and run for a fixed period of six months. In exceptional and duly justified cases the starting date of the traineeship period may be deferred. In the latter case the starting date is the 1st or 16th calendar day of the month and the traineeship runs until the end of the relevant traineeship period.

Trainees not receiving any salary, scholarship or other form of financial support from other sources for the completion of the Traineeship Programme shall be awarded a monthly grant during the entire duration of the traineeship period.

¹ The languages of the EU are Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, and Swedish.

² ECTS points are not accepted as equivalent degree, the proof of completion of the full university degree needs to be provided by the start date of the traineeship.

The amount of the monthly grant is set at the 25 % of the basic salary of a Temporary Staff member in grade AD 5 step 1 corrected to country correction coefficient³. In the year 2020, this amount corresponded to 1,032.78 €.

In the year 2021, this amount corresponds to 1,058.45 €.

In addition to the monthly grant, trainees may be paid the following contributions depending on their place of recruitment:

A. Accommodation allowance

Accommodation allowance is no longer granted as it has been removed from the financial contribution set in new Director's Decision.

All remaining conditions of the call remain unchanged.

³ The grant is adjusted to new correction coefficient as of January of the current year.