

DIRECTOR DECISION 2022-05

of 4 May 2022

Amending Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

THE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/942 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (recast)¹(hereinafter referred to as ‘ACER’), and, in particular, Article 24 thereof,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of the Officials of the European Union (“Staff Regulations”) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (“CEOS”), laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68,²

Having regard to the Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 93/2017 of 5 May 2017 amending Annex IV (Energy) to the EEA Agreement [2019/205]³, and, in particular, Article 1(5)(k) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 2(1)(b) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, to be admitted to ACER’s traineeship programme, applicants shall be nationals of a Member State of the European Union, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.
- (2) ACER believes that some projects and related traineeship programmes may benefit from professional experience gained outside Member States of the European Union, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, as well as from access to other non-European languages.
- (3) In light of the above, ACER wishes to amend Article 2(1)(b) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06, in order to provide nationals of non-Member States, with the opportunity to apply for a traineeship programme at ACER, subject to availability of resources and ACER’s capacity to host them.
- (4) Article 2(1)(c), Article 3.4(3), Article 7.2(2)(A)(b) and Article 8(2) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 shall also be amended, in order to clarify languages requirements, travel allowances and insurance requirements for nationals of non-Member States,

¹ OJ L158, 14.6.2019, p. 22.

² OJ L 56/1, 4.3.68, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1023/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013, OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p.15.

³ OJ L 36, 7.2.2019, p. 44–51.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

**Article 1
Eligibility Criteria**

- (1) Article 2(1)(b) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is amended as follows:

“Be nationals of a Member State of the European Union, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein. Nationals of non-Member States may also be accepted subject to availability of resources and ACER’s capacity to host them;”

- (2) Article 2(1)(c) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is amended as follows:

“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 Union⁴ or Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, these levels being defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (hereinafter ‘CEFR’). Nationals of non-Member States must have thorough knowledge of their first language, equivalent to level C1 of the CEFR; as the internal working language of ACER is English, the second language must be English at a level equivalent to B2 of the CEFR.”

**Article 2
Notification**

- (1) Article 3.4(3) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is amended as follows:

“For the selected candidates, prior to the start of the traineeship, ACER may request a certificate of criminal record to assess the appropriate character references as to the suitability to perform their tasks and a certificate of coverage by a sickness insurance scheme. If a candidate is unable to provide the requested document(s) within the given deadline, ACER may withdraw the traineeship offer.”

**Article 3
Financial contributions**

⁴ 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.

- (1) Article 7.2(2)(A)(b) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is amended as follows:

“Travel expenses are paid half at the beginning and half at the end of the traineeship period for travel from the place of recruitment to the place of engagement and back. Travel allowances shall be calculated in accordance with Article 7 of Annex 7 of the Staff Regulations. If the trainee has his/her place of residence outside the territories of the Member States of the European Union, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, the allowance shall be calculated based on the geographical distance between Ljubljana and Brussels.”

Article 4 Insurance

- (1) Article 8(2) of Annex I of Director Decision 2020-06 on the rules governing the traineeship programme of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is amended as follows:

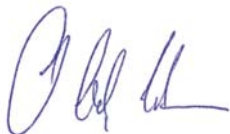
“At the latest on the first day of the traineeship period, trainees shall provide proof that they are covered by a sickness insurance scheme for the entire duration of the traineeship agreement. If a trainee fails to provide such a proof, the traineeship agreement will be terminated.

In exceptional circumstances, ACER reserves the right to cover the costs of a sickness insurance scheme for the entire duration of the traineeship.”

Article 5 Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption and it shall be applicable to traineeship agreements concluded after its adoption.

Done at Ljubljana, on 4 May 2022.



Christian Zinglensen
Director