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Call for interest – Seconded Traineeships at the European Union Agency for Railways for the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

In accordance with the Administrative Arrangement on Cooperation between the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community and the European Union Agency for Railways, the Permanent Secretariat, in collaboration with the European Union Agency for Railways, invites all interested individuals from the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine to apply for seconded traineeships at the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA).

These seconded traineeships will be funded under grant NDICI-GEO-NEAR/2023/452-688 awarded to the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community, related to the participation of Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine in the Transport Community. The initiative is part of a capacity-building program designed to enhance the institutional capabilities of stakeholders in key areas of the Transport Community and to support the integration of Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine into the European transport framework.

Open date

19 December 2025

Closing date

15 January 2026

Who can apply?

The seconded traineeship programme is open to anyone who meets the following requirements:

- Be a national of the Republic of Moldova or Ukraine;
- Have a university degree or equivalent (minimum 3 years of study) or previous work experience in railways;
- Have a very good knowledge of English language (at least B2 level).

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Applicants can be employees from ministries in charge of transport, organisations playing a major role in the implementation of the railway reforms in the field of rail safety and interoperability, e.g. NSAs and NIBs, railway companies (with preference given to infrastructure managers to avoid any potential conflict of interest), or universities.

Successful candidates for a seconded traineeship will be requested to provide a secondment letter from their respective employers confirming their acceptance of secondment.

Successful candidates for a seconded traineeship shall provide, where applicable, proof that they comply with the visa-related obligations for the entire traineeship period.

What do we offer?

The traineeship can last up to three months and will be based on individual traineeship agreements to be concluded with the selected candidates. The indicative starting period is April 2026.

A mentor will guide you during your traineeship. You will receive a monthly grant, reimbursement of travel expenses, and training opportunities reserved for the ERA's staff. Additional expenses, such as insurance and visa-related costs, will not be covered.

How to apply?

You need to fill in the application form below and send it to piu@transport-community.org by the closing date.

Requests for additional information should be submitted to the same email address, no later than seven days before the closing date.

Selection

The selection process will be conducted by the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community. Applications will be reviewed to confirm that candidates meet requirements, including nationality relevant education or work experience in railways, and strong English skills. Priority will be given to applicants employed by organisations playing a major role in the implementation of the railway reforms in the field of rail safety and interoperability, e.g. NSAs and NIBs. Eligible applicants will be invited to an online interview, scheduled in cooperation with ERA. ERA will be consulted on the list of selected candidates and available mentors. The Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community and ERA reserve the right to request additional supporting documentation or information, including on English skills, for the purpose of selection and organisation of the seconded traineeships.

Disclaimer

The obligations of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community referred to under this call will only commence upon conclusion of written agreements with the selected candidates. By such time, the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community reserves the right to cancel this procedure without the candidates being entitled to any claim or compensation.