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Agency staff (also known as “intérimaires”) provide services within the Commission based on an inter-institutional framework contract concluded in 2016 with a number of providers.

The Commission fully complies with national law providing that agency staff shall receive the same salary as its own staff for similar positions.

The number of agency staff employed at any moment in time varies. However, this number has decreased. 1 142 interim staff worked at least half a day in the Commission in 2018, against 1 550 in 2013.

Interim staff are, unlike officials, financed through credits and fulfil non-structural support to the Commission service. Agency staff carry out tasks of a temporary or specific nature, for example in the case of maternity leave or a high workload. Agency staff always work under the supervision of a staff member of the Commission. They cannot act on behalf of the Commission.

The functions assigned to this category of staff and an estimate of the split per functions are provided in the table in Annex.