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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG GROW D1 |
| Post number in sysper: | 350045 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Henning Ehrenstein, [henning.ehrenstein@ec.europa.eu](mailto:henning.ehrenstein@ec.europa.eu)  3rd quarter 2024  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: |
| Type of secondment |  |
| This vacancy notice is open to:    as well as  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries: ….  The following intergovernmental organisations: … | |
| Deadline for applications | Latest application date: 26-02-2024 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

We are the 'Skills, Services and Professions' Unit of DG GROW, responsible for developing EU policy on the services single market. Our goal is to create favorable conditions for businesses to provide services in another EU Member State and ensure that citizens seeking to work in a regulated profession in another Member State can have their professional qualifications recognized. As we move towards a green and digital economy, we assist businesses in upskilling and reskilling their workers to meet the challenges of these transitions. Our mission is at the heart of the EU single market project - to create new opportunities for citizens and companies in Europe.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose a position as legal officer / policy officer working with our professions and services teams.

The professions team is in charge of developing policy for the recognition of professional qualifications across EU Member States, enabling citizens to work in other parts of the Union and companies to fill skills gaps. The work of the team has a real impact on citizens, making their legal right to work in other parts of the Union a practical reality. It moreover contributes to filling skills gaps in the economy by improving the mobility of qualified professionals. Our dynamic professions team at present consists of 5 lawyers. As part of the team, the successful candidate would contribute to the development and implementation of policies and legislation in the areas of the regulation of professions and mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

The services team is in charge of the development and implementation of the Commission's policy agenda for deepening the single market for services and the contribution of services to the competitiveness and resilience of the EU economy and its green and digital transition. Our services team at present consists of two lawyers and one economist. As part of the team, the successful candidate would contribute to the development and implementation of policies and possibly legislation in the field of services.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

Prior professional experience with single market policies and the regulation in the administration of a Member State is desirable, in particular in relation to the services single market and the regulation of professions and the mutual recognition of professional qualifications. A good understanding of the political environment in which EU services policies are pursued as well as an understanding of services markets and their functioning are key advantages. Experience in working with the EU institutions and processes is an asset. Fluent written and oral English is a precondition.

**Eligibility criteria**

The secondment will be governed by the **Commission Decision C(2008) 6866** of 12/11/2008 laying down rules on the secondment to the Commission of national experts and national experts in professional training (SNE Decision).

Under the terms of the SNE Decision, you need to comply with the following eligibility criteria at **the starting date** of the secondment:

* Professional experience: at least three years of professional experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which are equivalent to those of function group AD.
* Seniority: having worked for at least one full year (12 months) with your current employer on a permanent or contract basis.
* Employer: must be a national, regional or local administration or an intergovernmental public organisation (IGO); exceptionally and following a specific derogation, the Commission may accept applications where your employer is a public sector body (e.g., an agency or regulatory institute), university or independent research institute.
* Linguistic skills: thorough knowledge of one of the EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties. If you come from a third country, you must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of the EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

**Conditions of secondment**

During the full duration of your secondment, you must remain employed and remunerated by your employer and covered by your (national) social security system.

You shall exercise your duties within the Commission under the conditions as set out by aforementioned SNE Decision and be subject to the rules on confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest as defined therein.

In case the position is published with allowances, these can only be granted when you fulfil the conditions provided for in Article 17 of the SNE decision.

Staff posted in a European Union Delegation are required to have a security clearance (up to SECRET UE/EU SECRET level according to [Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444). It is up to you to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**Submission of applications and selection procedure**

If you are interested, please follow the instructions given by your employer on how to apply.

The European Commission **only accepts applications which have been submitted through the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of your country, the EFTA Secretariat or through the channel(s) it has specifically agreed to**. Applications received directly from you or your employer will not be taken into consideration.

You should draft you CV in English, French or German using the **Europass CV format** ([[Create your Europass CV | Europass](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae)). It must mention your nationality.

Please do not add any other documents(such as copy of passport, copy of degrees or certificate of professional experience, etc.). If necessary, these will be requested at a later stage.

**Processing of personal data**

The Commission will ensure that candidates’ personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([[1]](#footnote-1)). This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

1. () Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)