



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG CONNECT – E.3
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Provisional starting date:	... 3 quarter 2025
Initial duration:	...2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as <input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: <input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ... <input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein,	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-04-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

DG CONNECT supports the digital transformation of our economy and society and conceives and implements the policies required to foster the internal market, to make Europe fit for the Digital age and to gain technological autonomy.

Unit CNECT.E.3 "Next-generation Internet" (NGI) coordinates the Next Generation Internet initiative and is responsible for the development and implementation of EU Internet Governance policy, with a view to shaping the development of the global Internet towards an open and secure,

human centric Internet. We are multidisciplinary team, with competences in policymaking, lawmaking and implementation, programme management, all passionate about the Internet and committed to improving it through policies and programmes.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We expect our new colleague to contribute advancing the overall internet policies the Unit coordinates, in particular in the area of internet governance. Tasks may include:

- Contributing to the definition of the Commission priorities and positions in global Internet Governance fora (including [ICANN](#), [IGF](#), [EuroDIG](#)), in particular ahead of the WSIS+20 review of the internet governance architecture;
- Contributing to the implementation of EU internet security policies as set out in the [2020 EU Cybersecurity Strategy and subsequent actions](#), and the future further development of such policies to maintain the internet resilient, secure and open, in particular in relation to the prevention and fight of DNS abuse.
- Preparing and coordinating the EU position on Internet governance:
 - across the Commission, on issues related to data protection, cybersecurity and cybercrime, IPR protection;
 - with EEAS on global digital cooperation and dialogues with third-countries;
 - with Member States and European stakeholders, in particular through the [High-Level Group on Internet Governance](#);
- Contributing to the implementation of the .eu Top Level Domain policy and legal framework, including the implementation of the [revised .eu Regulation](#) and the management of the service concession contract with the .eu Registry [operator](#).

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

An enthusiastic, highly motivated individual, and a team player. Proactive and ready to think outside the box, the ideal candidate will combine technical knowledge in the ICT field with an understanding of policy trends. Main characteristics sought:

Professional experience

- experience in strategy and policy development and implementation in the in the area of digital policies, with preference for areas related to internet technologies (e.g. Domain Name System) and internet governance.
- solid professional experience in stakeholder engagement and communication in the area of digital and internet policies.
- experience in inter-governmental cooperation in digital / internet policies
- experience in organising/participating in multi-stakeholder meetings and workshops and representing governmental positions in multi-stakeholder environments
- good understanding of the Internet and its main public policy challenges.

- previous experience or an interest in international relations would be a plus.

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](#)). 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 your CV in English, French or German using the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)). 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⁾. 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)