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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG CNECT Unit G3 Accessibility, Multilingualism and Safer internet
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input checked="" 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, Norway)	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date:25-07-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CNECT) develops and implements policies to make Europe fit for the digital age by investing in research, innovation, deployment and uptake of trustworthy and green digital technologies that improve our economy, competitiveness and people's lives.

The mission of the Safer Internet sector of CNECT.G.3 is to define and implement policies under the European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children ("BIK+") Strategy. This currently covers a mix of policies, support to legislation and programme/funding activities, notably:

- Implement and monitor the BIK+ Strategy;
- Support and complement the implementation of the Digital Services Act (DSA) provisions on protection of minors;
- Develop and implement the Action Plan against cyberbullying;
- Develop an EU approach to age verification;
- Coordinate the Safer Internet topic under the DIGITAL programme (the Safer Internet Centres network, the EU Better Internet for Kids platform and the IT system supporting cooperation by the hotlines for removing child sexual abuse material and the age verification solution);
- Support coordination and exchange of experiences with Member States through the Safer Internet expert group and through the WG on Protection on Minors of the DSA Board, particularly on age verification matters;
- Promote visibility of the BIK+ Strategy and cooperation between stakeholders at EU, national and international level through events such as the Safer Internet Forum and Safer Internet Day.

This dynamic and committed sector is based in Luxembourg with a staff of around 7. There is a strong team spirit and a friendly atmosphere.

The CNECT.G.3 unit (Accessibility, Multilingualism and Safer Internet) is also responsible for digital accessibility for persons with disabilities ('Web Accessibility Directive'), for research and deployment of language technologies. CNECT.G.3 works as well to increase girls' and women's participation in ICT studies and professions. It aims to support the digital decade by making life online more accessible, multilingual and inclusive, as well as better for children.

Job Presentation (We propose)

Unit CNECT.G.3 offers an interesting and challenging position as a seconded national expert in the Safer Internet sector. The successful candidate will contribute to policy development, support to legal framework implementation and project management particularly to the design of the Action plan against cyberbullying and in relation to the practical implementation of more effective tools for child safety online, including on age verification.

The position offers an opportunity to support the sector by:

- Strategic thinking and policy development in the field of Safer Internet, in particular supporting the implementation of the Better internet for kids strategy (BIK+);
- Contributing to the preparation and implementation of the Action plan against cyberbullying;
- Contributing to implementation of DSA provisions on the protection of minors;
- Contributing to briefings and speeches for the hierarchy and the Commissioners, drafting replies to Parliamentary questions and queries from citizens on this topic.
- Maintaining and sharing expert and up-to-date knowledge of developments in this area of BIK by legal analysis, liaising with stakeholders, contributing and participating in key conferences, seminars and networks.
- Drafting Safer Internet contributions to annual work programmes and other legal texts as required;

The work entails regular contacts with a range of stakeholders, including other Commission services, other EU institutions, Member States, academia, industry, law enforcement, international organisations, civil society, and youth representatives.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

The ideal profile for the job is a candidate who is motivated to develop, oversee and implement EU actions under the BIK+ strategy (through a mix of funding measures/policy/legal instruments) and to promote a safer internet for children.

Good knowledge of legal and policy aspects of child protection online and children's rights is an essential requirement for candidates. A legal background or practical experience of legal analysis is an asset as well as experience of interacting with and managing multi-stakeholder groups.

S/he is able to work independently, accepts responsibility, knows how to prioritise, finds pragmatic solutions to problems, enjoys drafting and presenting, can deliver good quality results to short deadlines, is flexible, and communicates easily with colleagues and stakeholders.

Much of the work is carried out in English, therefore candidates should have an excellent command of the language, both orally and in writing.

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)