



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	COMM C2
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Type of secondment	☒ With allowances ☐ Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: ☒ EU Member States as well as ☐ The following EFTA countries: ☐ Iceland ☐ Liechtenstein ☐ Norway ☐ Switzerland ☐ The following third countries: ☐ The following intergovernmental organisations: ... ☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norw...	
Deadline for applications	☒ 2 months ☐ 1 month Latest application date: 19-12-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

Unit COMM C2 “Local Engagement, EUROPE DIRECT & Networks” is a dynamic and friendly team of currently 22 persons. The Unit ensures that citizens in all EU Member States have access to localised information about EU policies and activities and that their voices are heard at European level. The Unit's key responsibilities include:

Managing a range of networks that play a crucial role in engaging with citizens, including:

- (1) The EUROPE DIRECT network across the EU.
- (2) The EU Local Councillors network, jointly managed with the European Committee of the Regions, connecting regional and local elected representatives committed to bringing Europe closer to citizens.
- (3) The Team EUROPE DIRECT network, a roster of speakers who engage with national and local audiences on EU topics.
- (4) The European Documentation Centres, hosted in public and university libraries across the EU.

Ensuring synergies and knowledge exchange between these networks and the policy-specific networks of other Directorates-General, both at EU headquarters and regional/local levels.

Operating the Europe Direct Contact Centre, which provides free, multilingual support (in all 24 official EU languages) to citizens via phone or email, answering any questions they may have about the European Union.

In all its activities, the unit works in close cooperation with the Representations and Regional Offices of the Commission in the Member States.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We are offering an dynamic and rewarding position as Seconded National Expert dealing with very visible communication initiatives related to active citizens engagement at local level. The SNE will be involved in the work of the Unit and play a key role in the EU Local Councillors network, managed in close cooperation with the Committee of the Regions and the European Parliament. The SNE will also be involved in other tasks related to activities of the Unit linked to citizen outreach and local communication.

The job entails coordination of the Representations' communication activities on EU-related topics, including contacts with national authorities, awareness raising or social media activities, participation in internal meetings, contribution to and preparation of briefing notes and analytical material related to EC communication priorities.

Working with COMM C2 offers a unique opportunity to be part of the EU's frontline in citizen engagement – connecting policy and people. The SNE will join an experienced, collaborative team with a strong culture of innovation, learning, and shared purpose.]

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Excellent project management and organisational skills are required. Given the visibility of the projects led by this team, candidates should also demonstrate the capacity to deliver clear and effective presentation to potentially large or politically sensitive audiences, including through an active approach to networking.

Strong analytical skills and very good oral and drafting skills in English are essential.

A working knowledge of French and/or other EU languages is a strong advantage given the local and cross-border dimension of the projects ran by the team.

A positive, hands-on attitude and sound judgement are essential.

We particularly welcome candidates who bring experience in communication, public engagement, or working with local and regional stakeholders, and who are motivated to strengthen the EU's connection with citizens on the ground.

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)