



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | COMP.C.5 |
| Post number in sysper: | Job nr 293118 |
| Contact person: | Annemiek Wilpshaar |
| Provisional starting date: | 2nd quarter 2025 |
| Initial duration: | 1 years |
| Place of secondment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| 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, Norway) | |
| Deadline for applications | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-04-2025 |

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are unit COMP.C.5, responsible for merger control in the sectors covered by Directorate C, namely Information Technology, the Internet, Consumer Electronics, Telecommunications and Media. The unit deals with the highest profile mergers in the EU, important and fast-moving sectors. Recent cases include Google/Fitbit, Microsoft/LinkedIn, Apple/Shazam, Disney/Fox, IBM/Red Hat, Vodafone/Liberty, Meta (formerly Facebook)/Kustomer, Discovery/Warner Media, Broadcom/VMware, Microsoft/Activision Blizzard, Amazon/iRobot as well as the procedural cases against

Facebook and Altice. The unit is also part of the wider Merger Network within DG COMP, whose mission is to enforce merger control rules in all sectors in the EU. We are a dynamic and motivated unit currently composed of +/- 28 staff members of case handler officers, case handling assistants, secretarial and case support, trainees and 2 case managers directing the case work

Job Presentation (We propose)

Case handler officers are responsible for ensuring that procedures are correctly applied, preparing negotiations with the merging parties, drafting the final Commission decisions, following the implementation of remedies and helping with Court cases. In addition to their case work for the unit, case handler officers may be asked to work on mergers in other sectors within DG COMP's merger network, drafting speeches and briefings or participating in cross-unit working groups on policy issues and legislation. The job is dynamic, varied and interesting and you may be involved in many different cases each year which means that you can quickly gain significant professional experience as regards the typical legal and economic issues arising in merger control as well as insight into the particular features of different industries.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a candidate with a strong background in law and/or economics and ideally some years of professional experience in applying merger control law and/or economics. Sectoral experience or expertise would be an advantage.

He/she is PC-literate and has good analytical and drafting skills, a strong sense of initiative and work ethic, as well as the proven ability to work in a team. A good command of English is essential. Knowledge of other languages is an asset.

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)