



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	COMP – F4
Post number in sysper:	90323
Contact person:	Marco Ramondino
Provisional starting date:	1 st quarter 2026
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	☒ Brussels ☐ Luxembourg ☐ Other:
	☒ With allowances ☐ Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to:	
☒ EU Member States	
☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
This vacancy notice is also open to:	
☒ The following EFTA countries:	
☒ Iceland ☒ Liechtenstein ☒ Norway ☐ Switzerland	
☐ The following third countries:	
☐ The following intergovernmental organisations:	
Deadline for applications	☒ 2 months ☐ 1 month

Entity Presentation (We are)

Our unit F.4 deals with merger control in the field of transport, post and other services. The unit's remit focuses on protecting competition in numerous service sectors: in addition to our core business of passenger and freight transport by all means of transport (air, sea, rail and road) we cover postal services, logistics, tourism, real estate and security services among others. Our work touches upon a vast number of areas that have a direct impact on the daily life of EU consumers.

Mindful of the importance of these sectors, our unit is committed to keeping the markets competitive for the benefit of all European consumers and beyond. Our unit covers a range of industries, resulting in a steep learning curve and ability to explore different theories of harm.

Merger units are organised in a network, giving case-handlers the opportunity to work on mergers in various industries, even outside the remit of the unit. While the work is challenging due to strict legal deadlines, it is varied, rewarding and has a real impact on the economy and the daily life of consumers. Team members are open-minded and dynamic which contributes to a vibrant working atmosphere. We encourage open discussion and creativity as cases often raise novel legal and economic issues. The hierarchical structure in the merger network is very lean; case teams led by a case manager directly report to the responsible Director and Deputy Director General for mergers.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We offer a position of a case handler in a dynamic and intellectually stimulating environment. The core of a case-handler's work consists in working in teams to assess post-merger market structures on the basis of information and evidence collected from the parties to the transaction, market participants and various public sources. Case handlers carry out a legal and economic analysis in a forward-looking manner to establish whether a transaction may significantly impede effective competition in the relevant markets. Case handlers are responsible for investigating the proposed mergers, conducting negotiations with companies, drafting internal notes and Commission decisions. The work includes market investigations on the basis of questionnaires, interviews with market participants, site visits and discussions with the parties to the concentration. The work may also involve participation in various working groups on policy issues and legislation, drafting of briefings for the management, Director-General and the Commissioner for Competition and her/his Cabinet, and assisting the Legal Service in the handling of litigation in merger cases before the Courts of the European Union.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

The ideal candidate is a curious, dynamic individual with lots of common sense and who enjoys a high-speed and stimulating work environment. We look for someone with strong analytical and drafting skills, a sense of initiative and the ability to deliver output within tight deadlines. The candidate must be open-minded and work well in teams.

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, a national expert needs 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 the 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 the 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. The national expert from a third country 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 the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her 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.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils 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](#)). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

Submission of applications and selection procedure

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)) in English, French or German **only to the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of their country**, which will forward it to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter. The CV must mention the date of birth and the nationality of the candidate.

Candidates are asked not to 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)