



## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	ENER HOUSING TASK FORCE
Post number in Sysper:	To be specified later.
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Provisional starting date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>EU Member States</b> 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"/> <b>EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</b>	
Deadline for applications	<input type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-03-2025

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The newly created Housing Task Force will start work on 1 February 2025. In support of the first-ever Commissioner for Housing, it will develop and implement a European Affordable Housing Plan and related policy initiatives and actions to tackle the housing crisis facing millions of young people and families, particularly in relation to the affordability of housing.

The Housing Task Force will coordinate EU-level housing policy across the Commission, bringing together all DGs responsible for the different elements as well as other EU level actors, notably the European Investment Bank, and will lead a wide-ranging and ongoing forum/dialogue with all stakeholders to support Member States, cities and other local authorities with technical assistance and to encourage sharing of knowledge and best practices.

The Housing Task Force will strive to set out strong EU level policies to address the structural drivers of the housing crisis, and in particular to unlock public and private investments for affordable, sustainable and decent housing, and thereby also address important aspects such as homelessness and accessibility.

The Task Force is formally attached to the Directorate-General for Energy and will report directly to the Commissioner for Energy and Housing, it will be led by a Deputy Director-General, working closely with the Head of Unit for Housing (Strategy and Coordination).

The Task Force will work flexibly and as one team, with close cooperation across teams on a project basis, with colleagues across the Commission, and reporting lines will need to be similarly flexible across the Task Force.

### **Job Presentation (We propose)**

The HTF (Housing Task Force) is eager to welcome professionals from Member States who bring an understanding of the housing challenges and opportunities within their countries and regions, and who are ready to contribute their expertise to the EU level.

We have a vacancy for a Seconded National Expert in the field of housing. This involves, in particular, the development and implementation of housing policies across all related areas, data analysis, funding, financing instruments, technical assistance and exchange of good practices, in close cooperation with the European Parliament, Member States, cities, regions, all relevant civil society stakeholders and citizens, as well as the EIB and other promotional banks.

The successful candidate will thus be able to contribute practically to improving the affordability of housing in a concrete manner that is of direct importance to citizens across the EU.

The Task Force will promote an inclusive, participatory and agile working culture at all levels.

### **Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a highly motivated and dynamic Seconded National Expert, with experience in managing complex files of both political and technical nature, in close cooperation with the European Parliament, Member States, cities, regions, stakeholders and citizens.

The successful candidate should have very good communication and drafting skills, and the capacity to work with efficiency and flexibility under tight deadlines. The selected expert should be able to work largely autonomously under the guidance of established Commission officials, take the initiative and manage files with a good sense of the political

sensitivities related to the field. Given the need for coordinating with colleagues in and outside the unit and with other DGs, the successful candidate must be a good team player who fosters a positive working environment.

The successful candidate should:

- Be motivated by working on specific topics as important parts of a bigger picture;
- Be able to be the “link” between a broad range of counterparts with possibly diverging views, identifying common ground and the most salient options to go forward;
- Have a track record of taking responsibility and delivering results on complex files, finding consensus, keeping deadlines and taking a proactive approach;
- Have the ability to represent the Commission in meetings with other European institutions, Member States, cities, regions, stakeholders and citizens;
- Be fluent in English;
- Have practical experience in designing or implementing housing or construction policies at international, national, regional or local level, and/or designing and implementing relevant financial instruments or investment schemes.

### **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 <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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)