



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) Directorate A – Supply Chains and Business Analysis Unit A1 – Chief Economist & Business Intelligence Unit
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Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" 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: 25-06-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

GROW.A1 provides the economic evidence base in support of policies that strengthen the competitiveness and resilience of EU enterprises and unlock the full potential of the Single Market.

The unit is responsible for:

- Real-time economic analysis on economic security (including dependencies, disruptions, and dynamics); competitiveness, decarbonisation and industrial policy (including economic barriers, sectoral health checks, green business case, productivity); and the functioning, economic benefits and potential of the Single Market ;
- Starting in May 2025, the unit hosts a new ‘Business Intelligence’ (BI) service, centralizing the gathering and dissemination of BI in the Commission ;
- Analysis of the transmission of shocks to the real economy and its sectors, including through modelling work ;
- GROW’s annual Single Market Conference, Economic Meetings, and the Single Market Economic Papers series ;
- GROW’s Fellowship programme, GROW’s Chief Economists Network with Member States, and the Chief Economists Network of the Commission services (with ECFIN) ;
- Cooperation with OECD, and membership of its Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), and exchanges on economic analysis with institutions such as the EIB, the ECB, the IMF or the World Bank, think-tanks and stakeholders.

Job Presentation (We propose)

A stimulating and rewarding position as member of the new ‘Business Intelligence’ (BI) service within our Unit.

We look for a motivated colleague to help us build up the BI service, whose mandate is to centralise the gathering and dissemination of information on business, industry and sector dynamics. This includes information on strategic industries, technologies and products, in support of the EU’s economic security and competitiveness agenda.

The BI service is a compact team, which forms an integral part of the Chief Economist Unit of DG GROW. It is under construction and the jobholder will thus be expected to contribute to the cocreation and codesign of the vision and implementation of the service. This includes furnishing ideas, know-how as well as analyses to best exploit information sources and networks, as well as smart ways to organize the work for maximum impact, making full use of the limited resources.

The main tasks of the new team member will be to:

- Help establishing a stable set of information sources for ‘business intelligence’, involving appropriate databases, information from Commission services, mobilisation of policy and economics networks, ad hoc and pulse surveys of companies, exploiting support from an external contractor, etc. ;
- Contribute to the preparation of a call for tender for on-demand, quick information in support of the BI work ;
- Regularly monitor developments around Europe’s strategic industries and technologies and alert hierarchy on upcoming threats and opportunities ;
- Gather ad hoc material to swiftly answer requests addressed to the BI service from across the Commission services. The nature of these requests may go beyond conventional economic questions and may require a qualitative answer.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a pro-active and motivated colleague with at least three-years relevant professional experience and relevant educational background, ideally on economics and/or statistics, or in areas relevant to the economic portfolio of DG GROW (e.g. industry, internal market, microeconomics, trade, innovation/ research, competition, energy, etc.).

The successful candidate should have the following capabilities:

- Excellent oral and drafting skills in English ;
- Strong interpersonal skills to reach out to people and build constructive relationships, including with members of other Commission services, Member States, and external stakeholders ;
- Analytical and problem-solving capacity ;
- Creativity and out-of-the-box thinking to combine (often patchy) information from various sources into a coherent product ;
- Ability to analyse datasets (ideally, but not necessarily, using statistics software like STATA) and prepare appropriate visuals (graphs, etc.) ;
- Inter-active stance as a team player, who promotes a positive and enticing professional atmosphere.

The working language is English. A working knowledge of French would be an advantage, and other languages an additional 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)