



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	GROW C.3. Investment conditions and public services
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Provisional starting date:	2 quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
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)

Unit GROW.C3 (Investment conditions and public services) is actively contributing to shape the EU policy on public investments to support EU's plan for sustainable prosperity and competitiveness. The unit also contributes to the deepening of the EU single market in the field of public services, in particular postal services. The unit, as part of the Investments Directorate, contributes to implement the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) mission to boost EU's prosperity and

competitiveness by completing the internal market for goods and services and implementing the EU's industrial policy.

The unit consists of 17 colleagues and is a multidisciplinary team working in a dynamic and cooperative atmosphere dealing with a wide range of high-profile policy topics within the Investments Directorate of DG GROW.

The unit is DG GROW's centre of excellence on public investments. It is responsible for the set-up of the new Competitiveness Fund that will ensure that the EU budget can promote EU's competitiveness and twin transition in the upcoming Multi-annual Financial Framework. The unit also coordinates, in close cooperation with DG COMP, the activities of the Joint European Forum on IPCEIs (JEF-IPCEI). IPCEIs are major cooperative investments projects financed by the Member States that can contribute to boost EU's competitiveness in key strategic technologies. The JEF-IPCEI gathers experts from Member States to identify new potential technology candidates for IPCEIs and to streamline the IPCEI adoption process. Last, the unit also plays an important role in coordinating DG GROW's contribution to competition and R&I policies of the Commission. The unit is notably involved in the design of State aid rules to support EU's industrial policy and in the implementation of the Horizon Europe programme in support of industrial R&I.

Unit C3 is also active in designing and implementing policies on public interest services with particular focus on the postal and parcel services. The unit implements and monitors the EU postal regulatory framework (the Postal Services Directive and the Parcels Regulation) and is interacting with stakeholders (Member States, regulators, operators) to ensure the sector is well functioning. It is considering a potential reform of the EU postal regulatory framework to make it fit for current challenges such as the decrease in the use of letters, the fast increase in the delivery of e-commerce parcels and the development of new operators on the market. Last, the unit enforces the Concessions Directive, which is an important tool to ensure the efficient delivery of public services in the EU.

Unit C3 plays a key role to link investments and Single market policies to the EU competitiveness agenda and has thus frequent interactions with all units in DG GROW as well as with other Directorate Generals of the Commission, in particular BUDG, COMP, and RTD.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose a highly rewarding position directly contributing to two of the main priorities of the unit: the JEF-IPCEI and the reform of the EU postal regulatory framework.

As part of the JEF-IPCEI team, you will work on a high-profile policy initiative that is shaping the key investments priorities for the EU future. You will be in charge of coordinating the work of several working groups (gathering experts from the Member States) of the Forum both in the identification field (to assess whether a given technology could lead to an IPCEI) and in the implementation field (to improve the actual delivery of IPCEIs on the grounds). This will require outreach towards Member States and other Commission DGs, contributing to the drafting of key deliverables of the working group and working to gather support and build consensus from all actors. You will also be actively involved in the overall coordination of the JEF and in the organisation and animation of the technical and high-level meetings of the JEF-IPCEI. Last, you will take

part to DG GROW's reflexion on the future of IPCEIs and how to improve the supporting EU legal guidance on IPCEIs.

As part of the postal and parcels team, you will contribute to prepare the reform of the EU postal regulatory framework. You will have in particular a coordination / project management role to support the existing team of postal experts in preparing the reform, planning all the different necessary steps (stakeholders' consultation, impact assessment for instance) and ensuring their timely and efficient implementation. You will assist the team of 4 people to deliver a very important policy reform that has direct impact on the life of EU citizens and on the competitiveness of EU businesses, in particular SMEs.

In your work in the unit, you will have interactions with a wide range of stakeholders inside and outside the Commission, including Member States, European Parliament and industry representatives. You will play a key role to connect DG GROW to the wider policy agenda of the Commission on competitiveness and will be confronted with a wide range of technical and policy topics. You will have an opportunity to actively contribute to the policy debate on issues related to the EU strategic autonomy and competitiveness.

You will work very closely as a member of two teams within the unit – the JEF-IPCEI team and the postal team. You will have a lot of autonomy to organise yourself with the teams and make your files progress and reach their objectives, under the guidance of the unit's management. You will carry out similar tasks to those that AD Category officials perform as part of their daily work, excluding responsibility for financial matters, official negotiations and representation.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a motivated and dynamic candidate with:

[Personal skills]

- Excellent ability to work within a team
- Excellent multi-tasking and prioritisation skills
- Excellent organisational/project management skills and the ability to organise and anticipate
- Good networking skills and inter-personal skills to interact with Member States and stakeholders
- Ability to work in a proactive and independent way
- Ability to learn new things fast and to be flexible in the organisation of its work
- Very good analytical and problem-solving skills

[Specialist skills]

- Strong economic and/or political affairs background, with good knowledge of the overall functioning of the Commission and EU institutions
- Project management experience, ability to lead and deliver projects.
- Working knowledge of EN and of one additional EU language is required.
- Specialist knowledge on IPCEIs, State aid policy and/or postal matters is not required but will be 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)