



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG GROW – Directorate D – Public Procurement Unit
Post number in sysper:	498988
Contact person:	Henning Ehrenstein
Provisional starting date:	1st quarter 2026
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	☒ Brussels ☐ Luxembourg ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	☒ With allowances ☐ Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: ☒ EU Member States as well as ☐ The following EFTA countries: ☐ Iceland ☐ Liechtenstein ☐ Norway ☐ Switzerland ☐ The following third countries: ☐ The following intergovernmental organisations: ... ☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norw...	
Deadline for applications	☐ 2 months ☒ 1 month Latest application date: 25-11-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs is working to **uphold and manage the Single Market for goods and services** and to strengthen its governance. Its work helps ensure an open, seamless and resilient internal market, which is one of the cornerstones of European integration.

The DG supports the **competitiveness, growth and resilience of the EU economy**. It focuses on strengthening the leadership of European industries across different industrial ecosystems, by leveraging the power of the Single Market. It implements policies that sustain entrepreneurship and growth, in particular to the benefit of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), including facilitating access to funding and to global markets for EU companies. The DG contributes to the objective of turning the EU into a greener, more digital and more resilient economy.

As part of the Competitiveness Coordination Directorate, Unit GROW.D2 is the Commission's hub for public procurement policies in the Commission.

The objective of our work is to stimulate the transformation of public procurement into a powerful driver of economic development. We are responsible for an interesting and varied range of files related to public procurement as a tool to leverage EU policies, with a focus on strategic procurement, level playing field and resilience, and on maintaining a legal framework fit for purpose. We engage public authorities so that they use their investment and purchasing power effectively to drive EU policy priorities.

Job Presentation (We propose)

Legal and Policy Officer

He/she will participate in the preparatory work and legal drafting of the revision of the EU Public Procurement Directives, due to be presented by the Commission by mid 2026. He/she will contribute to the subsequent discussions with the European Parliament and Council under the normal legislative procedure.

He/she will develop, in cooperation with the other unit and team members, strategies to improve the implementation of the public procurement legal framework, to ensure effective public procurement practices in Member States and to address difficulties in the application of the public procurement legal framework.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A dynamic, highly motivated and enthusiastic colleague with experience in public procurement law and policy.

The successful candidate should have strong analytical and legal skills, as well as experience in policy making and in designing and/or developing procurement initiatives.

He/she must be able to work proactively, have very good communication skills and be able to establish and maintain constructive working relations with other Commission services, the Council, the European Parliament, national authorities and stakeholders.

She/he should have a strong sense of initiative coupled with very good analytical and drafting skills and a special interest in seeing to completion short, medium and long term policy development projects.

A good command of English is essential for the performance of duties and effective communication with internal and external stakeholders.

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.

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)