



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	<b>JUST.A.5</b>
Post number in sysper:	110997
Contact person:	Despina VASSILIADOU
Provisional starting date:	1st quarter 2026
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 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, ...	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month  Latest application date: 27-10-2025

### Entity Presentation (We are)

A dynamic unit of 17 highly motivated staff managing a number of very interesting topics in criminal matters and criminal procedural rights. The working atmosphere is friendly and collaborative. The position offers scope for further development of skills and expertise. The mission of unit A5 is to facilitate and enhance judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the European Union and thus contribute to the creation of a common area of freedom, security and justice. The main issues handled by the unit are:

- Establishment of minimum rules on criminal procedural law, such as the rights of victims and of suspects and accused persons;
- Instruments of mutual recognition in criminal matters, such as the European Arrest Warrant, Transfer of Proceedings, the European Investigation Order or the e-evidence Regulation;
- International aspects of procedural criminal law, including EU-level agreements with third countries and multilateral conventions.

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

Helping to coordinate, define and implement Union policies in the area of judicial cooperation in criminal matters and criminal procedural rights, in particular for the European investigation order, e-evidence, transfer of proceedings and in the area of victims' rights.

The national expert will be part of a team developing policy and legislation as well as working on their implementation.

Specific duties may include:

- monitoring the correct application of European instruments in the legislation of the Member States, especially the European investigation order and the victims' rights acquis;
- preparing draft Commission evaluation reports required by these instruments and following up infringement procedures when required; preparing and participating in expert meetings;
- drafting legislative proposals, preparing consultative documents, participating in meetings of inter-service groups and evaluating the ex-ante impact of the proposals;
- taking part in the negotiations on the proposals;
- attending European and international working meetings and conferences on the instruments;
- replying to inter-service consultations;
- preparing briefings for meetings with the Council and the European Parliament or for other bilateral or multilateral meetings;
- preparing Commission's replies to written or oral parliamentary questions and to citizens' letters;
- drafting contributions to preliminary ECJ rulings.

The national expert will work under the supervision of a Commission official.

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

We look for a dynamic team player with an excellent legal background. Experience as a legal practitioner would be an asset. Knowledge of procedural criminal law is highly recommended. The candidate should be well-organised, have a strong sense of initiative and a problem-solving mindset. The successful candidate should be able to manage tight deadlines and prioritise. DG Justice and Consumers has a result-oriented culture. The job requires conceptual and analytical aptitudes, with excellent representational and communication skills. Drafting and communicating well in English is required and the ability to understand French would 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 <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)