



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG SANTE – Dir. E Food Safety, Sustainability, and Innovation Unit E1: General Food Law, Food Waste and Food Information to Consumers
Post number in sysper:	346992
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	Nikolakopoulou Alexandra 15.01.2026 ...2 years ☒ 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: 19-12-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

Unit E1 is responsible for the General Food Law including the management and co-ordination of relations between the Commission and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

It is also in charge of the relations with the various stakeholders having an interest in feed/food, animal health/welfare and plant health and of coordination of enforcement of the EU legislation on the Food chain.

Moreover, the Unit develops and implements policies and actions on nutrition including food for infants and young children and on ensuring that consumers receive clearer, more comprehensive and accurate information on food content, and help them make informed choices about what they eat.

The Unit is also in charge of coordinating EU action against food waste.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose an interesting and challenging position for an SNE who would be in charge of a combination of policy and legal matters pertaining to the implementation of the food information to consumers legislation, including health and nutrition claims

The successful candidate's tasks will also include contributions to briefings, speeches and presentations for hierarchy, but also preparation of technical notes and correspondence with stakeholders and national administrations. The successful candidate will participate in relevant inter-service, committee and working group meetings and follow-up interservice consultations as sender or recipient, under the supervision of an EU official.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a highly-motivated, dynamic and proactive team player, able to work independently and autonomously. A good understanding of policies in the food area and in particular of the areas covered by the remit of the Unit E1 is essential for this post. A legal background with experience on legal drafting would be an asset. The candidate should be able to summarise technical and complex issues in order to contribute to the development of EU policy and legislation; Be an excellent multi-tasker, well organised and able to deliver on multiple priorities at the same time; Enjoy working in a team where responsibilities adjust frequently in line with the work load and project cycles; An excellent command of English, both written and oral, is indispensable, knowledge of other languages 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 ⁽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)