

**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

DG – Directorate Unit	SJ.R.3-MAREC team
Post number in sysper:	Job no. 197431
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	Olivier VERHEECKE Olivier.Verheecke@ec.europa.eu 2nd quarter 2025 2 years <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: 25-02-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The "Contracts and Recoveries Unit" (SJ.R.3 - MAREC) of the Legal Service of the European Commission has an important role to play in litigation and inter-service consultations concerning the European Commission's internal legal questions, more particularly in the areas of i) the Commission's public procurement procedures, ii) contractual questions relating to contracts concluded by the Commission services, iii) the enforced recovery of outstanding Commission claims against debtors established in the

Member States and in third countries, and iv) real estate questions related to buildings occupied by the Commission.

The Members of the Legal Service of the Unit represent the Commission in litigation before the EU Courts in Luxembourg and, with the assistance of local lawyers, before the courts in the Member States and in third countries. They provide advice to the Commission's services in all the above mentioned matters. The Unit cooperates closely with all Commission Directorates-General and Executive Agencies, as well as with private lawyers.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The Seconded National Expert (SNE) will be employed as a Member of the Legal Service and be required to assist the Unit in all of the aforementioned fields, including litigation before the EU courts, national courts and courts in third countries, in association with an official of the Unit.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Diploma

- university degree or
 - professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level
- in the field(s) : law.

The successful SNE will have completed full legal studies and have a University law degree.

Knowledge of EU law, in particular in the field of enforced recoveries and public procurement, as well as of contract law, would be an advantage.

Professional experience

Professional experience as a lawyer in a law firm or as a magistrate in one of the Member States will be an asset.

The successful SNE will have rigorous reasoning skills and the ability to express him-/herself correctly and easily in writing and orally.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A very good knowledge of French and of English are required. Knowledge of a further EU language would be useful.

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)