



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG TAXUD, Directorate A – Customs, Unit A1 – Customs Policy
Post number in sysper:	339692
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	Michèle Perolat, Head of unit, Svetlin Valchev, Deputy Head of Unit, Michael Rathje 2 nd quarter 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)

The Directorate General Customs and Taxation (DG TAXUD) mission is to promote fair and sustainable policies that generate revenue for the EU and its Member States and ensure that EU citizens and businesses benefit from global trade and a safe and secure Single Market protected at its borders.

Directorate A is responsible for the EU Customs policy in all its facets, including general customs policy vis-à-vis the Member States; customs legislation (including the Commission proposal to reform the Customs Union); the Common risk management framework, the customs implications of fiscal and non-fiscal risks; the Joint Analytical Capability for Customs Risk Detection; international coordination and enlargement; and rules of origin and customs valuation. Directorate A is also in the lead for the customs input and implications of EU sanctions policy and the Security Union and is coordinating the implementation of the EU Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI). The Directorate is a dynamic and welcoming team, composed of 6 units and around 170 staff members.

Within Directorate A, Unit TAXUD.A.1 "Customs Policy" plays a key role in the mission of the Directorate-General by identifying, defining and promoting the policy aspects of the Customs Union, ensuring that its different components function in a coordinated and harmonised manner. This includes coordinating policies and relations with international organisations. The unit offers a friendly and stimulating environment and is composed of a dynamic and motivated group of 29 colleagues.

The unit is composed of four sectors – the customs policy governance sector, the transit sector, the customs union performance sector and the customs control equipment instrument sector – and deals with some of the TAXUD customs flagship projects and initiatives including in particular the comprehensive customs reform proposed by the Commission in May 2023 which envisages the creation of a new EU Customs Authority and EU Customs Data Hub. The position is located in the Customs Transit sector.

The Customs Transit sector comprises 5 job positions, including the head of sector. The unit applies a flexible approach with respect to work organisation, within the normal constraints of the work. Work in the unit is based on teamwork and cooperation.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We offer a challenging job as customs policy officer for someone who wants to bring in its customs expertise and who would enjoy dealing with matters in the field of Community/common transit and proof of Union status.

The new colleague, as the entire transit team, will work in collaboration with other Commission services, Member States (and partner countries), under the supervision of a Head of Sector.

He/she will draft working papers, briefings and similar material on specific topics and discuss with customs administrations and trade representatives new ideas and proposals.

His/her drafts may go through inter-service consultations and become part of the Union's legal customs framework.

The colleague will also take part in customs fora and events, sometimes outside Brussels. On specific topics, the person may be asked to assist in the creation and management of project groups with stakeholders (customs delegates and trade representatives).

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a well organised and motivated candidate who likes working as part of a team with a number of tasks to be pursued autonomously.

Good analytical and communication (oral and writing) skills in English are a prerequisite, given that the job implies drafting reports and briefings for management as well as interacting with external stakeholders.

In-depth knowledge of EU customs matters, in particular related to customs procedures and transit is necessary.

Required:

- Excellent understanding of the EU's and wider legal customs framework (UCC, Common transit Convention, TIR Convention, other UNECE Conventions).
- Able to draft legally sound analysis and legal proposals in the field of transit.
- Good understanding of the operation of the EU's trans-European customs transit IT tools.

Advantage:

- Practical experience in a national customs administration on local and ministerial level
- Project management skills (planning, coordination, monitoring, reporting)
- Additional EU working language considering the interaction with many Member States and stakeholders

The candidate should possess a service-oriented approach, given that the job will require close co-operation and co-ordination with colleagues within as well as with stakeholders outside the DG.

Experience in working with Agencies in view of the potential creation of a European Customs Authority is also considered as beneficial.

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)