



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	TAXUD-A-5
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Provisional starting date:	02 quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<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 type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-03-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate General for Taxation & Customs Union's (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 (Customs) is responsible for designing the Union's customs policy and any relevant legislation and together with Directorate B oversees its correct implementation by the Member States. It is responsible for a comprehensive reform of the Customs Union and the Union Customs Code (UCC), proposed in 2023, with which the Customs Union shall be modernized, to ensure that EU customs "act as one", via the creation of an EU Customs Authority and an EU Data Hub. With many of its ongoing activities the Directorate already prepares the ground for the reform e.g., activities regarding risk management and the role of customs to protect safety and security, such as in the fight against drugs trafficking, via the European Ports Alliance which is being launched further to the 2023 State of the Union speech. The Directorate also deals with international relations including enlargement, and Rules of Origin and Customs valuation. The Directorate is friendly and dynamic and it is organised into 6 units including a total of around 170 staff.

Unit A5 contributes to its policy in the area of EU bilateral relations with third countries and of the EU enlargement. One of the main tasks is to define and coordinate the EU international customs policies as the external dimension of the EU customs union, promoting the vision of the EU on customs matters in the world, in accordance with the principles and objectives of the UCC reform. The Unit negotiates the customs related provisions in EU bilateral agreements with partner countries, ensuring the protection and security of the EU internal market while promoting the facilitation of trade. It also ensures the correct implementation of these provisions, the progressive alignment of EU candidates to the customs and taxation files and the respect of key EU legislation such as sanctions. The Unit monitors the application by third countries of the relevant provisions, updates them when necessary, and keeps close cooperation with third countries, chairing the relevant international bodies with EU partner countries in coordination with EU Member States.

Job Presentation (We propose)

DG TAXUD is looking for a seconded national expert to support the monitoring of the Windsor Framework implementation by the UK authorities in Northern Ireland as well as other activities related to the bilateral relations with the UK in the field of customs and as appropriate taxation.

Article 12 of the Ireland – Northern Ireland Protocol (now Windsor Framework) lays down the right for the Union to be present during any activities of the UK authorities related to the implementation and application of EU law made applicable by the Protocol in Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland Liaison Team (NILT) is observing and monitoring the work of UK border force and liaising with HMRC on the ground in Northern Ireland, under guidance of policy decisions of DG TAXUD HQ, notably in close cooperation with TAXUD unit A5, in charge of the customs relationships with the UK and A3, in charge of risk management and security.

The main responsibilities would be to (i) liaise with NILT and assist the team leader in providing the necessary guidance, ensuring cooperation with A3 as regards risk management activities; (ii) manage the coordination with Directorate B as regards the integration and participation by the UK in respect of Northern Ireland in the Union customs systems; (iii) support the coordination with Directorate B and NILT as regards access to UK data in relation to Northern Ireland; (iv) support the preparation of the Joint Risk Management Group meetings at policy level; (v) support other coordination activities as appropriate.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a dynamic, well-organised and highly motivated candidate, capable of working both independently and as part of a team in the coordination of EU-UK relations area. Solid experience and knowledge in customs and international relations is required. Experience in customs data analysis and risk management would be an additional asset. The person also needs to be sensitive to the complex political environment in which he/she is working. Stress resistance and flexibility to adjust to new situations are essential qualities.

The main working language in this area being English, a fluent command of that language (speaking, writing and reading) is a prerequisite. Any other EU language is 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)