



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	TAXUD-A-5
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Provisional starting date:	1 quarter 2026
Initial duration:	until 31/03/2027 - end of NILT mandate
Place of secondment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: *on long-term mission in Northern Ireland
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
<p>This vacancy notice is open to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ...</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</p>	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 27-10-2025

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 in charge of the EU Customs Union and customs policy, including among others, managing EU international relations, primarily in customs, supporting the enlargement process, and developing customs policies and legislation for the rules of origin for goods and customs valuation. The Directorate is friendly and dynamic, and it is organised into 6 units including a total of around 170 staff.

Unit A.5 develops and coordinates the EU's international customs policies, promoting the EU vision on customs matters in the world. The unit in particular negotiates the customs-related provisions in EU bilateral agreements with partner countries (with the exception of Rules of Origin - unit A6), safeguarding the protection and security of the EU internal market at the border, while promoting the facilitation of legitimate trade. In collaboration with units in Directorate A, the unit ensures the consistency of bilateral customs agreements with the Customs Union legislation and policy.

The Unit manages, in close cooperation with fellow TAXUD units and other Commission DGs, the implementation of customs provisions included in EU bilateral agreements and monitors their application by partner countries. Together with DG ENEST, the Unit steers and supports the preparations of EU candidate countries to implement the EU customs and taxation acquis.

Unit A.5 oversees the customs aspects of EU bilateral relations with third countries and supports the EU enlargement process in all policy areas covered by DG TAXUD. It is DG TAXUD's main contact point for stakeholders within and outside of the Commission on bilateral international relations and enlargement. It holds a coordination role in bilateral relations with third countries, for all areas of TAXUD competence.

The Unit chairs the Customs Expert Group International Affairs, and the Committees under the relevant bilateral EU agreements with third countries.

Job Presentation (We propose)

DG TAXUD is looking for a seconded national expert to join the Northern Ireland Liaison Team (NILT) as a control expert. The expert will be seconded to the Commission and assigned to a long-term mission in Northern Ireland. The mandate of the NILT has recently been prolonged until March 2027.

The NILT is a fully-fledged team of ten DG TAXUD's colleagues based in Belfast and ensuring the Union presence in Northern Ireland for the correct implementation and enforcement of EU rules by the UK authorities in Northern Ireland. The Windsor Framework and the Joint Committee Decision on Union Representatives in Northern Ireland define the rights and obligations of the Union representatives, who may not initiate and perform controls by themselves but can request the UK officials to perform controls, and observe them. The NILT works under instructions of DG TAXUD, as part of TAXUD Unit A.5, in charge of the customs relationships with the UK and Unit A.3, in charge of risk management and security.

Within the team of Union Representatives in Northern Ireland, the main responsibilities of a control expert are focused on supervising the control process and the risk management strategy of the UK customs authorities.

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. Excellent communication, analytical and organisational/coordination skills are among the necessary requirements. Good knowledge and experience in customs, particularly in risk management and customs control activities is also required. Experience on data analysis and/or anti-fraud measures 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)