



**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT  
STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR EUROPE PLATFORM (STEP) AND NEXT  
MULTI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (MFF)**

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG BUDG – Taskforce One Stop Shop STEP
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Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" 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: 25-07-2024

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Commission has established the STEP Task Force to oversee the implementation of the Regulation establishing the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP). STEP, in turn, aims to increase the financial support mobilised through the EU budget

for critical technologies in three sectors of high strategic relevance for the EU, namely deep and digital technologies, clean and resource efficient technologies, and biotechnologies.

The ultimate goal is to reinforce Europe's competitiveness and capacity to innovate, preserve the Single Market, and help ensure that the EU can reliably pursue its digital and green transitions without being overly dependent on third countries.

Administratively, the STEP Task Force is a unit in the Commission's Directorate General for Budget (DG BUDG). In line with its strategic importance for the DG, the unit is attached directly to the Director-General of DG BUDG.

The Task Force will promote the inclusion of STEP priorities in the implementation of directly and indirectly managed EU spending programmes and support the reprogramming towards STEP objectives by Member States under the cohesion policy funds.

In addition, the Task Force will act as interface towards project promoters seeking advice on EU funding availabilities for investing in Europe. It will cover all forms of financing: grant, equity, debt or guarantees that can be provided under the various EU programmes, including through financial instruments implemented by partners. This should provide a central place to promote the EU funding opportunities and attract industrial investments in Europe.

The Task Force also takes active part in the preparation of the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF), i.e., the multi-year budget for the EU that will succeed the current MFF when the latter ends in 2027. The particular focus of the Task Force will be on the budgetary architecture of financial support to the competitiveness of the EU. The Task Force will bring to these discussions the lessons learned in the implementation of STEP, in particular when it comes to developing and exploiting synergies across funding programmes, in making information about EU funding more readily accessible to beneficiaries, and more generally in pursuing the EU's priorities through the EU budget in the most efficient and effective manner.

### **Job Presentation (We propose)**

We offer two positions, for two experts coming from two different Member States.

Each position is for a national expert with a background in the implementation of EU spending programmes and other policy priorities linked to the green and digital transitions. Given the central place of the Task Force in the management of EU funds, this position will enable national experts to gain a unique knowledge of the functioning of the EU budget and of many EU funding programmes and the responsible Commission Directorates General (DGs, akin to ministries or departments in national administrations), as well as to contribute to designing the next Multiannual Financial Framework (the Commission is due to make a proposal by mid-2025).

As a member of the Task Force, you will also have plenty of opportunities to meet with companies at the technological frontier, and to learn about a variety of policy and technology issues.

In particular, the national experts will be selected with a view to:

- help coordinate the implementation of STEP within the Commission and with the Member States, provide policy advice to the political level and senior management, engage with key European implementing partners and cooperate closely with the other units in DG BUDG and many other Commission DGs
- Contribute to internal work on the funding for competitiveness under the next MFF
- help answer Member States' questions related to the reprogramming of their cohesion policy funds towards the STEP objectives
- Provide advice to promoters of STEP-relevant projects on available EU funding opportunities, and promote combination of funding from various instruments to help funding the industrial sectors. This should cover all forms of support stemming from the various EU programmes, including through financial instruments implemented with partners such as the EIB, or national development banks.

The national experts will enjoy considerable autonomy and room for initiative in the achievement of agreed objectives while being fully integrated and working within the organizational/management structure of the Task Force and the DG.

The Task Force is a friendly, sociable, dynamic team, which brings together a variety of backgrounds and expertise. Information sharing and cooperation among team members is highly encouraged and appreciated. The team's organisation is such that each Member is responsible for a few files, but leans about all the others through formal and informal discussions.

### **Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We look for 2 dynamic colleagues with the following profile:

#### Diploma:

University degree or professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level in the field(s): economics, legal affairs, finance, or science

#### Professional experience

Experience in one or more of the following:

- Implementation of EU programmes, for example cohesion policy funds or recovery and resilience facility
- Setting-up and implementation of financial instruments, either with international financial institutions or national promotional banks. Handling of project financing through equity, debt or mezzanine combinations
- Directly managed programmes run by the Commission (e.g. Innovation Fund, Digital Europe Programme, EU4Health, Horizon Europe/European Innovation Council, European Defence Fund)

- Implementation of national funding programmes providing support (in the forms of grants or other financial support) to companies
- Handling of State aid notifications
- EU or national budget matters

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties:

English is the main working language and the ability to communicate and draft effectively in English is a must.

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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)