

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

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG CNECT – Directorate D – D2 |
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| Provisional starting date: | 1st 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 checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-02-2025 |

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Unit plays a key role in leading and coordinating all the interinstitutional work of the Directorate-General, inside the DG, with the Secretary-General (including the Group of Interinstitutional Relations (GRI) which is at the centre of any Collegial decision) and other services for all the files of relevance to the DG. Unit D.2 is the DG's interface with the

other EU Institutions and the guardian of the planning and procedures including infringement cases and comitology, which ensure respect for the Better Regulation principles and good legislative and political initiatives. We are a committed, dynamic and highly motivated team with a great collaborative service-oriented spirit and friendly atmosphere.

Job Presentation (We propose)

A position for a national seconded expert as part of our dynamic negotiating team. S/he will actively contribute to the interinstitutional work of DG CONNECT, closely following and facilitating negotiations on legislative and policy files in the European Parliament and Council of the EU. This role involves regular interaction with the units dealing with legislative files within the DG, the Secretary-General, interinstitutional units in other DGs, and external stakeholders in EP and Council, in particular with the current and upcoming Presidencies of the Council of the EU, notably within the Telecom and Cyber configurations. Regular contact with the Cabinet of the Commissioner will also be a significant part of this role.

The position offers a unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience in how the newly adopted European Commission President's political guidelines and our Institution's policy priorities are shaping future legislative proposals and initiatives. These priorities include better implementation and enforcement of recent legislation, enhancing competitiveness and making better use of the single market, as well as preparing, adopting and negotiating new priorities on cybersecurity, telecom, protection of minors and combating disinformation.

As part of the unit in charge of Better Regulation and Interinstitutional relations, the successful candidate will be at the heart of DG CONNECT's remit, gaining deep insights into the different files. This role provides an excellent understanding of the EU policies and the interinstitutional process, including the functioning of the Group of Interinstitutional Relations (GRI) which is central to any Collegial decision-making. We are looking for a very motivated member of the DG, eager to learn the depth of the interinstitutional process and live an impactful experience at the forefront of EU legislative development.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A highly motivated and dynamic team player with proven coordination, organisational and communication skills (both oral and written) to collaborate effectively with stakeholders. The successful candidate will focus on engaging with the Council of the EU and the European Parliament, on a wide array of legislative and non-legislative files. S/he should demonstrate a strong sense of initiative and the ability to work independently, while showing an excellent team spirit.

The successful candidate should have extensive knowledge of and experience with the EU's digital, telecommunications, privacy, competition and data policies, as well as a good understanding of the implementation and enforcement of the data economy and the relevant legislative frameworks in the EU.

S/he should have proven hands-on experience with the EU legislation-making process (co-decision, consultation, consent) including the role of the Commission and its internal

procedures and be able to advise policy units on procedures and negotiation strategies throughout the legislative process in the Council and the European Parliament. Specific experience with digital policy files is therefore essential.

The post therefore also requires an in-depth knowledge of and extensive experience with:

- the functioning of the Council of the EU, including the rules of procedures and political dynamics, in particular within formations such as Telecom, Cyber and CompCro Working Parties, as well as a broad network of contacts within these structures;
- the organisation of the Commission's participation in the ministerial meetings of the Council of the EU (with a particular focus on TELECOM and COMPET Councils) as well as meetings of COREPER I and II;
- the rotating presidency of the Council, and hands-on experience in managing the Commission's relations with the Presidency and Council Secretariat;
- the coordination, revision and drafting of briefings for Council meetings, COREPER meetings, technical trilogue meetings and political trilogues.

The successful candidate should also have a very good understanding of the EU policies around digital sovereignty, a good understanding of the Digital Decade and the achievement of EU objectives and targets for a digital transformation in line with the EU's values.

The post requires a strong command of English, both orally and in writing; knowledge of French and German would be 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)