



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

DG – Directorate – Unit	CNECT F 2
Post number in sysper:	05 DSA Posts to be created
Contact person:	Prabhat Agarwal
Provisional starting date:	4th quarter 2023
Initial duration:	02 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
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: 25-07-2024

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

We are the Platforms Directorate at DG CONNECT, charged with enforcing the Digital Services Act. We are looking to reinforce the team supervising the protection of minors under the Digital Services Act.

Our work covers a broad range of policies and regulations applicable to online intermediary services, including the Digital Services Act, the Digital Markets Act, the Platform-to-Business Regulation, and the E-commerce Directive.

A major part of our work concerns the enforcement of the Digital Services Act. This is a growing, dynamic and highly motivated team of enforcers from a broad variety of background.

Why join us?

The Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act constitute ground-breaking new digital regulations and are amongst this Commission's priority actions in the field of digital rules and regulations as part of the policies to build Europe fit for the digital age.

The Commission has established a new regulatory entity within DG CONNECT, in a dedicated 'Platforms Directorate'. Inside this Directorate, the Digital Services Act Enforcement Team will be tasked with the regulatory work, under worldwide unique new powers of the Commission, supervising "very large online platforms" and "very large online search engines" designated by the Commission, i.e. those with more than 45 million users in the EU.

With these ground-breaking new regulatory powers, the Commission supervises the systems that such online platforms put into place to tackle illegal content, including products and services – hand-in-hand with the national regulatory authorities. The team cooperates closely and seamlessly with the newly established European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency, established at the Commission's Joint Research Centre. Part of the work involves scrutinising platforms' recommender systems and content moderation algorithms, as part of their overall compliance with the Digital Services Act. The team also ensures coherence between the DSA and DMA, as well as coherence with other legislative initiatives at EU and national level.

The 'Platform Directorate' includes a team in charge of protection of minors. The team is responsible for verifying the compliance of online platforms with the provisions of the DSA to ensure a high level of safety, security and privacy for minors online. The team is also working on horizontal topics related to protection of minors, including restriction of access to potentially harmful content, cyberbullying as well as age appropriate design choices and technical tools on age verification and parental control.

The team frequently interacts with external stakeholders, including the regulated entities, civil society actors and academics, as well as works closely with Member States, regulatory authorities and other bodies with relevant expertise as well as relevant third countries and international organisations.

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

On the basis of the powers delegated to the Commission under the Digital Services Act, the team shall carry out its new supervisory and enforcement tasks. The focus of this specific vacancy is to support the enforcement team for protection of minors.

Duties:

The tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Contribute to the enforcement of the Digital Services Act in the team in charge of protection of minors, by establishing evidence-based approaches, guidelines and analytical frameworks;
- Engage with relevant stakeholders to gather knowledge and evidence to support the application of the Digital Services Act;
- Work with entities in scope, Member States, third parties and other stakeholders to prepare the effective implementation of the rules, including by contributing to secondary legislation, guidelines, codes of conducts, or relevant standards;
- As part of multi-disciplinary case-teams detect, investigate, and analyse potential infringements of the Digital Services Act;
- Contribute to internal and external knowledge management, training, and communications activities;
- Contribute to technology foresight projects.

Duties may also involve:

- Carrying out investigations, and in particular inspections, of designated entities and related activities;
- Contribute to joint investigations carried out with Member States;
- Carrying out monitoring and control activities.

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

Specialist in protection of minors

You will be part of the team in charge on protection of minors within the ‘Platform Directorate’ in DG CONNECT. You would use your technical skills to monitor compliance, establish the evidence base for potential breaches of the DSA, and investigate suspected non-compliance of online platforms. You will carry out evidence gathering, data analysis and investigations based on the investigatory power of the Commission.

This post is based in Brussels.

The following expertise or professional experience in any of the following areas would also be an advantage:

- Professional experience in an international and multicultural environment;
- Knowledge / understanding of EU policies in the fields relevant to the profile;
- Knowledge / experience of regulatory supervision and enforcement in any related domain;

- Knowledge / experience in recommender and content moderation algorithms, technologies underpinning search engines and advertising systems or other relevant skills.

Additional required competences:

- A proven ability to produce high-quality written output on complex matters, based on multi-disciplinary team work, under tight deadlines;
- A proven ability to work successfully and autonomously in multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural teams;
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and problem solving skills;
- Good organisational skills, capacity to work as a team member and interact with external stakeholders;
- A constructive and pro-active attitude and the willingness and ability to contribute creatively to the evolving organizational goals.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties: Excellent oral and written command of English: spoken and written skills equivalent to level C1 or higher level for working purposes.

### **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)