



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	CNECT H.2.
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Contact person:	Raluca Stefanuc
Provisional starting date:	3 rd quarter 2024
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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: 25-09-2024

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are a unit of 18 friendly and committed colleagues, who are in charge of policy and law in the areas of cybersecurity and the protection of individuals' privacy on the Internet. We are responsible for a number of high-profile files in the field of cybersecurity such as the Cyber Resilience Act, the NIS 2 Directive and the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework (Cybersecurity Act). Within the Commission, we are also responsible for international cyber relations and the EU Cyber Defence policy and EU NATO cooperation in the field of cybersecurity. The unit collaborates closely with the

Cybersecurity Technology & Capacity Building Unit (CNECT.H.1) and with the CNECT Cyber Taskforce. The Directorate applies a team-oriented approach, encouraging a no-silo collaboration benefiting from DG CONNECT's expertise in ICT and the digital single market and bringing together teams with expertise from across its Units but also other Directorates in DG CONNECT, for example in the areas of the Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose an attractive position of Second National Expert with a technical, policy, analytical and negotiation dimension. The job provides a great opportunity to be involved in an exciting area of high impact and importance, and to become part of our enthusiastic, driven and welcoming team. As a part of the Product Security & Certification Sector, you will contribute to the work on the implementation of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) and the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework (Cybersecurity Act).

You will be following more closely aspects related to cybersecurity conformity assessment and certification policies for hardware and software products and work on implementation strategies. In this context, you will contribute to the standards development workstrands of the CRA and create needed synergies with the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework and related schemes. You should expect to work with the upcoming Expert Group for CRA and the European Cybersecurity Certification Group, the Stakeholder Cybersecurity Certification Group as well as the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA). The position includes contributions to international policy on cybersecurity, such as in the context of cyber dialogues with like-minded partners. You may also be asked to also work on other relating to the implementation of the Cybersecurity Act and related schemes.

The final allocation of tasks will depend on the profile of the successful candidate. The work involves regular contacts with other Commission services, with Member States and as well as with stakeholders outside the Institutions. You would be expected to go on missions and to present our policies in conferences and events. The unit applies a flexible approach to work. You will be encouraged to develop your skills and gain experience beyond your day-to-day scope of activity so that you can personally develop in areas of your interest and support colleagues across the unit when necessary.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We look for a motivated, responsible and efficient team player with:

- a strong proven track record on cybersecurity.
- Experience related to cybersecurity certification, product evaluation or standardisation
- experience from working at the EU level, e.g. in expert groups or on files with a European dimension is a strong asset ;
- oral and written communication skills in English; other languages are considered an asset;

- ability to work autonomously and the capacity to lead and steer meetings and, discussions;

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)