



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	COMP/D1
Post number in sysper:	289193
Contact person:	NEGENMAN Monique
Provisional starting date:	1 quarter 2025
Initial duration:	1 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)

Our team is responsible for enforcing EU antitrust rules in the financial services sector, with a focus on payment systems. In addition to investigative work that can result in prohibition and/or commitment decisions, we promote advocacy within the sector, so that regulation can take into account competition law objectives and competition principles become central to undertakings' conduct and compliance programs. We also cooperate closely with national competition and regulatory authorities in individual cases and through the European Competition Network's financial services subgroup. This sector has

a rich regulatory background and tends to evolve at a fast pace, also due to the digital transitions. These features make antitrust enforcement in this sector all the more relevant, intellectually challenging and varied. We are a small and dynamic team that is working in an integrated manner together with unit D2 (which is focused on capital markets, insurance and banking). We value and encourage team-work, information sharing, and open discussions. Our objective is to create a collaborative working environment that is stimulating, productive and fulfilling.

Job Presentation (We propose)

A Seconded National Expert position and the opportunity to work on antitrust cases as well as horizontal files in this key sector of the economy. The main priority is case-work, which involves the legal and economic assessment of the conduct of undertakings with a view to investigating and addressing potential breaches of EU competition rules. This work necessitates ongoing interactions with parties to the investigation, third parties and national competition authorities as well as other European and national supervisory authorities. It also entails close collaboration with the internal policy, Chief Economist and Legal Service teams as well as with other Commission Services. The preparation of replies to requests from citizens and Members of the European Parliament regarding this high-profile sector also forms part of the day-to-day work. We promote an autonomous and collaborative way of working in the unit, therefore, the position has real scope for professional and personal development.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

The ideal candidate has a solid economic or legal background and the ability to proactively move forward complex anti-trust investigations in a timely manner and to a high standard. She/He should have professional experience in applying competition law or competition economics in antitrust cases, and a very good understanding of the procedural issues arising in antitrust cases. The job requires very good analytical, drafting and communication skills. A strong sense of initiative, good organizational skills and the ability to work both independently and within teams, are also essential. The job necessitates an excellent command of English. An academic background and/or professional experience related to the financial services sector is an additional 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 you 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)