

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

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG DEFIS A3
Post number in sysper:	368941 already available
Contact person:	Nynke TIGCHELAAR
Provisional starting date:	3rd quarter 2024
Initial duration:	2 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input checked="" 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)**

The mission of Directorate A “Defence Industry” is to promote the sustainable competitiveness of the EU defence industry notably by enhancing its resilience and responsiveness, and fostering its innovation capacity. It is also to support a European defence market providing for job creation, skills availability and a level playing field. Against this backdrop, one of the overarching aims pursued is to create framework

conditions stimulating European cross-border cooperation in the development of defence technologies and capabilities.

A core responsibility of the Directorate in this regard, is to implement the EU's industrial defence programmes such as the European Defence Fund and its precursor programmes, the Act in Support of Ammunition Production and the European Defence Industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act, the European Defence Industrial Strategy and the European Defence Industry Programme. The mission of Unit A.3 is to contribute, through the effective implementation of the EDF/European Defence Fund including the EU Defence Innovation Scheme – EUDIS) and its precursor programmes, as well as specific defence instruments being implemented to respond to the geopolitical situation (the Act in Support of Ammunition Production – ASAP, and the European Defence Industry Reinforcement through Common Procurement Act - EDIRPA) to the strengthening of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB), for a more competitive, innovative and integrated European defence industry and in support of EU's strategic autonomy.

In close collaboration and in a flexible set-up with Units A1, A.2 and A.4, A.3 specifically contributes to the effective implementation of the EDF and its precursor programmes and the new defence instruments with a particular emphasis on the areas of the research and development of defence technologies, including emerging, enabling and disruptive defence technologies. These technologies address challenges that are relevant across several capability domains, such as, i.a., defence medical support, cyber defence, energy technologies, materials and components. The Unit is also responsible for developing and implementing defence innovation policy as well as for the delegation agreement concluded between the European Commission and the European Defence Agency (EDA) on the implementation of the Preparatory action on Defence research (PADR).

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

### **Policy Officer - Defence technologies**

The seconded national expert will work under the supervision of a Commission official. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between national / regional or local administrations and the Commission, he / she shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the European Union in mind. The seconded national expert shall not represent the Commission with a view to entering into commitments, whether financial or otherwise, or negotiate on its behalf.

His/her task will be to contribute to the implementation of the European Defence Fund (EDF) for research and development in the defence domain and new EU defence programmes on ammunition production (ASAP) and joint procurement (EDIRPA). He/ she will need to maintain a high level of knowledge in one or more of the thematic areas of the EDF (in particular experience is sought on simulation and training, force protection and mobility, materials and components).

Tasks include:

- Supporting in project management of funded actions under the EDF and new EU defence programmes on ammunition production (ASAP) and joint procurement (EDIRPA).

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

### Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field of Engineering

### Professional experience

At least two years of tasks related to the one described above.

The post requires candidates to be in possession of a valid Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) at EU Secret level.

### Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A good command of English is necessary for the performance of the duties and the efficient communication with internal and external stakeholders.

The post requires candidates to be in possession of a valid security clearance (PSC) at SECRET UE/EU SECRET level.

## **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)