

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

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG ECFIN A.2
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Provisional starting date:	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
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 type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" 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: 27-01-2025

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs is the Commission department responsible for EU policies promoting economic growth, higher employment, stable public finances and financial stability. The Directorate-General's core work of economic surveillance has been recently expanded, as part of the NextGenerationEU and the new MFF, where the Directorate-General is responsible for the implementation of a

number of new or expanded instruments. This includes the Recovery and Resilience Facility, InvestEU, SURE and Macro-Financial Assistance.

Unit A2 is responsible for DG ECFIN's work on stability mechanisms, deepening of Economic and Monetary Union, and legal affairs. The Unit is responsible for the Commission's work on the institutional framework related to sovereign financial programmes, notably working with the ESM on the ESM's institutional design and its implementation. The Unit is furthermore responsible for macro-financial aspects of economic surveillance, providing analysis on financial and sovereign debt markets, as well as providing input to policy development in this area together with DG FISMA. The Unit provides input to the Commission's financial sector work from the viewpoint of DG ECFIN, with a particular focus on aspects that may contribute towards EMU deepening, notably Banking Union and Capital Markets Union.

Under the umbrella of deepening of Economic and Monetary Union, the Unit works with DG FISMA and the ECB on the development of the "digital euro". In addition, the Unit is the central point for legal support in DG ECFIN. This involves a wide array of legal work that evolves with the policy responsibilities of the DG, but notably includes providing legal advice on issues related to the legal and institutional framework of the Economic and Monetary Union, on European and international monetary law, and for the implementation of instruments under ECFIN's responsibility (in particular, the Recovery and Resilience Facility, InvestEU, SURE and Macro-Financial Assistance).

The Unit is gender-balanced and comprises around 20 colleagues with a variety of financial, economic and legal profiles that work together to deliver on the Unit's responsibilities.

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

The main area of responsibility of the seconded national expert will be to contribute to the "digital euro" work-stream of the unit, in particular by [actively participating/ supporting the team] in [negotiations with the co-legislators / the legislative process] and via analytical contributions on the modalities of the digital euro's possible introduction. The seconded national expert will also contribute to other fields of activity of the unit, including by preparing analysis or contributing directly to policy initiatives.

The SNE will join a strong and multi-disciplinary team committed to deliver high-quality results under tight deadlines and will work under the supervision of an administrator.

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

We look for a results-oriented, proactive colleague with a demonstrated analytical capacity in the area of economic and financial sector policies, to work as part of a team consisting of multi-faceted professionals.

You should possess strong drafting, organisational skills, the ability to work closely in a team, and a high commitment to quality, timeliness, and accuracy. Experience in the area of digital finance or payment systems would be considered an asset.

You should have the capacity to perform duties autonomously, in a flexible way and with a sense of initiative. Good communication skills would also be a strong advantage, together with the ability to work in coordination with other teams in DG ECFIN and across the Commission.

The position requires an ability to deal efficiently with multiple and complex tasks, to work under pressure and respond to ad hoc requests as needed, often at very short notice.

### **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)