



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

DG – Directorate – Unit	<b>JUST.B.2</b> <b>DG ‘Justice</b> and <b>Consumers’</b> <b>Directorate</b> and <b>‘Consumers’</b> <b>Unit ‘Consumer Law’</b>
Post number in sysper:	286368
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	KANELLOPOULOU Maria Myrto JUST-B2@ec.europa.eu +32 2 29 52920 4 quarter 2024 2 years <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

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The unit is responsible for developing and implementing the EU consumer law framework and contributes to the Commission’s priorities on the digital and green transitions.

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

We offer a job for an expert with knowledge in EU consumer law and interest in consumer digital markets.

### ***Legislative and enforcement work:***

- contribute to the correct implementation and application as well as further development of EU consumer protection legislation within the Unit's field of responsibility (e.g. Directives on unfair commercial practices, unfair contract terms, consumer rights, price indication, package travel, sale of goods and digital content/services), including compliance checks of national transposition measures, infringement and complaint handling, contribution to preliminary ruling procedures pending before the CJEU, evaluations, impact assessments and legislative negotiations;
- support a better enforcement of the EU acquis by the Member States' authorities, also by facilitating its common interpretation through guidance.

### ***Legal analysis and policy development:***

- contribute to the follow-up of the digital fairness fitness check of EU consumer protection legislation, including with regard to emerging risks related to dark patterns, personalisation practices and addictive design;
- ensure timely and accurate replies to consultations from other Commission services and to parliamentary questions and petitions;
- co-operation with other Commission services and participation in inter-services groups;
- contribute to the screening of consumer and marketing law of third countries in the framework of the European neighbourhood and enlargement policies.

### ***Internal Communication:***

- ensure efficient and transparent flow of information within the Unit, the Directorate-General and/or Cabinet, as appropriate, in order to facilitate the smooth handling of files.

### ***External Communication:***

- efficiently and effectively contribute to preparing briefings, speeches, press materials for the Commissioner, Cabinet and the DG's senior management;

present the internally agreed views to external stakeholders and gather information from them.

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

Professional experience: Previous professional experience in and/or knowledge of European or national policy/legislation in the area of consumer law is desired. Both public administration and private sector experiences can be considered as relevant.

Good communication skills as well as strong analytical and drafting capacities are important.

Languages necessary for the performance of duties: Excellent command of English is essential, a good command of French will be an asset.

Diploma

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

in the field: **Law**

## **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)