



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	RTD/A4 (Open Science and Research Infrastructures)
Post number in sysper:	422651
Contact person:	Michael Arentoft – Head of Unit RTD/A4
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: Click or tap here to enter text.
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 Open Science and Research Infrastructures unit develops, implements and monitors the policies, initiatives and structures needed to open up European science and research to make them more efficient and productive, seamless, transparent and robust as well as responsive to policy and society's needs and expectations. The unit also develops and implements the European policy on research infrastructures to increase their openness, accessibility, integration, efficiency and effectiveness.

More specifically, the unit leads the definition and implementation of EU policy in the following areas: early and open sharing of research, open access to research outputs, research output management, incentives for open science, research-specific regulatory provisions, European ecosystem of research infrastructures, open research infrastructures such as the European Open Science Cloud, and societal engagement in science.

Job Presentation (We propose)

Within the Research Infrastructures sector of the unit, the seconded national expert will give support for:

1. Strengthening the EU policy for Research Infrastructures (e.g. support for the elaboration of strategic and policy-related documents; interaction with research infrastructure stakeholders, etc.);
2. Following up the implementation of the ERIC Regulation, in particular preparing the evaluation of ERIC applications and formal establishment of new ERICs as well as organising the work of the ERIC Committee;
3. Supporting analysis and policy development related to the ERIC legal framework;
4. Horizontal activities (e.g. dissemination of information related to Research Infrastructures through participation to conferences, workshops, publications, development, maintenance and exploitation of databases, observatories and archives, etc.).

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

The seconded national expert should demonstrate a good knowledge of the European research and innovation policies and programmes, in particular in the area of research infrastructures. Experience with the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) framework would be a strong asset. She/he should have an university degree and/or demonstrate professional experience in science, research and/or innovation.

Among other abilities, she/he should be able to handle autonomously and in collaboration with team members the diverse procedures, interact constructively with other services as well as with external stakeholders. The seconded national expert must have an very good command of English as well as very good writing and communication skills and be a team player.

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)