

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

DG – Directorate – Unit	SANTE – E – E2
Post number in sysper:	268907
Contact person:	Sabine Pelsser
Provisional starting date:	2nd quarter 2025
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 Latest application date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) aims to give Europeans the peace of mind that comes with access to healthcare, safe food and protection against epidemics and diseases. Our goal is to build and maintain Europe's high standards on food and feed safety, food sustainability, animal and plant health, and deliver the most affordable, accessible and high-quality health systems.

Unit SANTE.E.2 “Food Processing Technologies and Novel Foods” as part of DG SANTE’s “Food Safety, Sustainability and Innovation” Directorate is responsible for policy and legislation concerning novel food, food improvement agents, food contact materials, contaminants in food and control on veterinary drug residues. These domains have a tangible impact on consumers' life and potentially attract a lot of political and media attention.

We work closely with other Commission services, Member States, industry, civil society organisations and third countries.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We offer a varied, concrete and interesting job with a highly motivated, experienced and friendly team which values cooperation and teamwork. Our colleagues are composed of different educational backgrounds. We propose an interesting position in our team that works on Food Improvement Agents. The team is responsible for developing the legislation and policies that ensure the safety of these products. We work in close contact with EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), JRC, Member States experts and colleagues involved in related sectors in DG SANTE and other DGs, and engage frequently with stakeholders and NGOs.

The new colleague will take an active role in implementing the legislation on Food Improvements Agents and support policy and legislation developments, with the aim to maintain a high level of food safety.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We look for a motivated and dynamic colleague with a solid scientific background (food sciences, chemistry, toxicology, biology, biochemistry or similar) who shows genuine drive for the position.

The candidate should have:

- excellent knowledge of and experience with the EU legislative system, in particular in the area of European Food Law. Knowledge and experience in the areas of risk assessment and risk management, ideally in the food area is an asset
- a high commitment to assure quality and accuracy and the capacity to plan and carry out tasks independently and in a flexible way;
- proven analytical skills, problem-solving and sound judgement;
- clear ability to communicate fluently in English both orally and in writing;
- ability to work both autonomously and in a team with diverse educational backgrounds;
- excellent oral and written communication skills in order to communicate efficiently and fluently with internal and external stakeholders.

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)