

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

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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 type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month

## **Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Directorate General for Taxation & Customs Union's (DG TAXUD) mission is to promote fair and sustainable policies that generate revenue for the EU and its Member States and ensure that EU citizens and businesses benefit from global trade and a safe and secure Single Market protected at its borders.

Directorate A (Customs) is responsible for designing the Union's customs policy and any relevant legislation and together with Directorate B oversees its correct implementation by the Member States. It is responsible for a comprehensive reform of the Customs Union and the Union Customs Code (UCC), proposed in 2023, with which the Customs Union shall be modernized, to ensure that EU customs "act as one", via the creation of an EU Customs Authority and an EU Data Hub. With many of its ongoing activities the Directorate already prepares the ground for the reform e.g., activities regarding risk management and the role of customs to protect safety and security, such as in the fight against drugs trafficking, via the European Ports Alliance which is being launched further to the 2023 State of the Union speech. The Directorate also deals with international relations including enlargement, and Rules of Origin and Customs valuation.

Within Directorate A, Unit TAXUD.A.1 "Customs Policy" plays a key role in the mission of the Directorate-General by identifying, defining and promoting the policy aspects of the Customs Union, ensuring that its different components function in a coordinated and harmonised manner. This includes coordinating policies and relations with international organisations. The unit offers a friendly and stimulating environment and is composed of a dynamic and motivated group of 26 colleagues.

The unit is composed of five teams/sectors – the international organisations team, the customs policy governance sector, the transit sector, the customs union performance sector and the customs control equipment instrument sector – and deals with some of the TAXUD customs flagship projects and initiatives including in particular the comprehensive customs reform proposed by the Commission in May 2023 and the European Ports Alliance initiative, part of the Commission Communication on the EU Roadmap to fight Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime.

The position is located in the team in charge of ensuring a best possible representation of EU Custom policies and initiatives in international organizations, mainly in the World Customs Organization (WCO). We do so by promoting international customs cooperation at the level of the WCO and its Member Countries around the globe, based whenever required on coordinated positions with the EU Member States' Customs Administrations.

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

We offer a Seconded National Expert (SNE) position in our EU Customs Policy Unit, Unit A1, Team 'Customs cooperation with international organizations'.

The new colleague is expected to support the team in charge of managing the contributions of the European Union to the work on customs matters of international organizations or fora, like the World Customs Organization (WCO) or others (World Trade Organization/WTO; United National/UN).

The main object of the position is the coordination of the EU contributions to the work of the World Customs Organization (WCO). It consist in the preparation and discussion of Commission proposals for EU positions in the EU Council's Customs Union Working Party, and their presentation and as appropriate negotiation in the relevant working groups of the WCO. In these tasks, the SNE works under the supervision of an administrator.

Main tasks expected to be performed:

- Supporting the team in representing and negotiating the Commission's and the EU's customs-related positions and policies in the cooperation with international bodies and in meetings at international level, usually following a prior coordination with EU Member States, eg. in WCO meetings and events and in WTO's Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) and alike;
- Preparing/Contributing to briefings in the teams' area of responsibility, for senior management and international meetings and missions at policy and/or technical level;
- Contributing to the preparation of strategic EU proposals and implementation outlines for customs-related work enhancement and reform processes in international organisation or otherwise contribution to international modernisation processes in the field (eg. Green Customs; WCO Modernisation initiative);
- Participate in liaising with third country authorities and their representatives in Brussels.

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

We look for a Colleague to reinforce the team with professional/academic experience (preferably in Customs) or otherwise knowledgeable in administrative, legal and/or technical functions related to international cooperation or alternatively with high interest to establish such competencies.

He/she should have:

- At least three years of experience in the area of customs or/and in international relations; concrete experience with the WCO would be an asset;
- Knowledge of global and EU Customs initiatives and legislation;
- Ability to formulate and develop policy;
- Experience of working in an international environment including negotiations;
- Ability to work autonomously and under pressure and to deliver results within tight deadlines;
- Good interpersonal skills and teamwork spirit;
- Communication, drafting and expression skills, in particular in English.

### **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 you 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)