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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG TAXUD – Directorate A Customs – Unit A.4 |
| Post number in sysper: | 318052 |
| Contact person: | Valérie Ledure |
| 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 type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-06-2024 |

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.4 "Protection of citizens and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)" is in charge of policy, legislation and implementation of [Prohibitions and Restrictions \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu) (P&R). Customs action supports the enforcement of a wide and growing number of over 350 different Union legislation (so-called P&Rs), in policy fields such as industry, security, health, environment and climate. The unit offers a friendly and stimulating environment and is composed of a dynamic and motivated group of 16 colleagues. The unit is composed of two sectors : the sector dealing with specific legislations on customs enforcement of IPR, cash controls, cultural goods and drug precursors and the sector dealing with customs enforcement of sectoral P&Rs embedded in single market legislations. The position is located namely in the sectoral P&Rs sector.

The creation, in the context of the customs reform as launched with the 2023 Commission proposal, of a Customs Authority as of 2028 will affect several activities of DG TAXUD including the transfer of resources, be it regarding risk management, data and IT, or training.

The enforcement of P&R is a joint work between Directorate A "Customs" and Directorate B "Digital delivery". In that context, the unit works hand in hand with unit TAXUD.B.1 to promote the roll-out of the Single Window to relevant P&R and to digitalize the sharing of data between customs and sectoral authorities.

Job Presentation (We propose)

A transversal position of a policy officer with a strong policy, analytical and coordination dimension in the P&R team. You will have to ensure that the customs dimension and the enforcement at the borders are duly considered in the legislative proposals by the sectoral line DGs as well as during the development of the implementing legislation. You will be playing a role of 'integrator' between customs and sectoral policies and between customs and digital delivery policies (joint work with Directorate TAXUD.B). The job also involves preparation of change to adapt the existing customs policies to the Customs Reform proposal and the eventual creation of a European Customs Agency.

Concretely, you will be responsible for various P&R files, as regards the preparation, negotiation, implementation and/or monitoring of the enforcement by customs at the EU external borders in close cooperation with our 3 partner communities: (i) TAXUD policy and IT units, (ii) the sectoral DGs in the lead of the single market legislation (e.g., GROW, ENV, ENER, SANTE), and (iii) national P&R experts.

You will work closely with colleagues in sectoral DGs to design the enforcement by customs at EU external borders in cooperation with other TAXUD units and draft the relevant customs provisions in sectoral legislation. You will present and negotiate the customs provisions during the inter-institutional negotiations. You will steer the implementation, including by drafting the customs provisions in the implementing legislation and by working in cooperation with the relevant IT units for specifying the core functionalities of the digital systems supporting cooperation and exchange of information between customs and sectoral authorities.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

The successful candidate should ideally have a good knowledge of customs or market surveillance activities. Previous professional experience with enforcement of sectoral Union legislation (so-called P&Rs) at EU external borders by customs or within the single market by market surveillance authorities would be an asset. Similarly, experience in relevant P&Rs policy fields such as product compliance, industry, environment, climate, health, agri-food safety, or security, or in investigating fraud or irregularities affecting the EU or national public interests would also be relevant.

The successful candidate will need solid policy, analytical, communication/drafting and negotiation skills and should be able to work under pressure. Due to the horizontal nature of the unit, we look for someone who is eager to learn and keen to broaden his/her horizon.

He/She should enjoy working in a team with other experienced colleagues from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

The successful candidate may also be called to contribute to the activity of other sectors in the Unit and the Directorate as well as horizontal project teams.

Proficiency in English is necessary, including in terms of drafting skills.

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)