

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

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG RTD, Directorate Prosperity, Industrial Transformation unit (E3)
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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: <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,	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-03-2025

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Industrial Transformation Unit (E3) is part of the ‘Prosperity’ Directorate. The Directorate aims to create prosperity and jobs across Europe within the means of our planet. That requires policy action for value creation from research and innovation and the

acceleration of the green and digital transformation of industry, strengthening its resilience and its base in Europe.

The unit itself works towards a sustainable, fair and prosperous transformation of industries within this decade. We design and implement R&I policies and programmes and set related agendas to leverage private investment along the value chain and accelerate the development of safe and sustainable chemicals, advanced materials, and innovative industrial production and manufacturing technologies. We thereby strengthen key technologies and stimulate new sustainable products, industries and services with a lower environmental footprint in Europe. The emphasis is on competitiveness, decarbonisation, circularity (circularity by design, remanufacturing, recycling) and sustainability, human centricity of research as well as economic security. To this end, we mainly collaborate with Member States, associated countries, industries, research and technologies institutes and civil society organisations (notably in the areas of climate change and protection of environment). We collaborate closely with other Commission services pivotal for the objective of industrial transformation and work closely with the Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA). The latter is managing Horizon Europe evaluations and projects and offers feedback to policies. We have also close relations with the European Research Executive Agency (REA) as to the implementation of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel.

Our priorities are in particular:

- Implementing all the actions under the Commission Communication on Advanced Materials for Industry Leadership from February 2024, including the Technology Council for Advanced Materials and a co-programmed partnership under Horizon Europe
- Preparing an Advanced Materials Act, including the impact assessment.
- Steering research priorities under the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability for which DG GROW and DG ENV are leading, by developing the “safe and sustainable by design” framework for chemicals and materials and running the co-funded partnership on chemical risk assessment PARC.
- Implementing two other Horizon Europe co-programmed partnerships supporting priorities under the Green Deal (including the Zero Pollution Agenda) and Europe fit for the Digital Age – Processes4Planet (energy-intensive industries) and Made in Europe (manufacturing of discrete products) and contributing to the implementation of the Chips Joint Undertaking.
- Steering the programming of Cluster 4 ‘Digital, Industry and Space’ (notably on its industry part) under Pillar II of Horizon Europe in co-creation with DG CNECT, DG GROW, DG DEFIS as well as other DGs, notably DG ENV and DG CLIMA.
- Steering the technical programming of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and preparing future reforms of the legislative framework on RFCS.
- Implementing an institutional partnership with Member States on metrology.

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

A dynamic and challenging position as a seconded expert contributing to several actions implementing the Advanced Materials Communication as well as to the preparation of the Advanced Materials Act, within a unit offering high expertise and excellent team spirit.

The focus will be on the implementation of the actions announced under the Commission Communication “Advanced Materials for Industry Leadership”. The overall governance of the implementation is in the hands of the Technology Council for Advanced Materials.

The jobholder will contribute to different studies announced under the Communication, notably on technology infrastructures (the so-called open innovation test beds), patentability of innovations related to advanced materials, substitution of critical raw materials by research in advanced materials (jointly with the Joint Research Centre), and the production and use of advanced materials (jointly with DG GROW). The jobholder will also liaise with the team dealing with advanced manufacturing to ensure close links.

The jobholder will contribute to background analysis on the needs for an Advanced Materials Act, including the upcoming impact assessment for such an Act.

The jobholder will prepare policy documents, briefings, concept notes and make contributions to future work programmes (namely Cluster Digital, Industry and Space under Horizon Europe).

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

An enthusiastic and resilient colleague with very good communication capacities. The successful candidate should have a high sense of commitment and service towards the Commission. Specifically, we are looking for a colleague with:

- excellent background in life sciences (notably in areas related to physics or chemistry), and/or engineering. Knowledge in materials science would be an asset
- strong interpersonal skills to work within teams in the unit and in the DG
- good drafting and communication skills and capacity to adhere to – sometimes – tight deadlines
- strong analytical capacities, problem solving, and monitoring skills
- first knowledge of EU research or industrial policies and good knowledge of relevant national policies

### **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)