



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG RTD, Directorate Prosperity, Industrial Transformation unit (E3)
Post number in sysper:	368012
Contact person:	Jürgen Tiedje, ext. 50525,
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
<p>This vacancy notice is open to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: ....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ...</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, ...)</p>	
Deadline for applications	<input type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month  Latest application date: 26-05-2025

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The Industrial Transformation Unit (E3) is part of the ‘Prosperity’ Directorate in DG Research&Innovation. The Directorate aims to create prosperity and jobs across Europe.

The priorities of the whole unit are:

- Implementing the Commission Communication on Advanced Materials for Industry Leadership from February 2024, including the management of the secretariat for Technology Council for Advanced Materials and steering an industry driven partnership called I'M4EU under Horizon Europe from the public side. This will be a priority for the expert to be chosen.
- Preparing an Advanced Materials Act, including the impact assessment. The Advanced Materials Act will be proposed by the Commission before the end of 2026. Both technical and economic analysis (including studies) are currently carried out in this regard. The analysis is combined with the implementation of the actions announced under the Communication of February 2024. Related tasks would also be given to the expert to be selected.
- 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
- Implementing other Horizon Europe co-programmed partnerships on energy intensive industries, steel and advanced manufacturing.
- Steering the technical programming of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and preparing a legislative proposal for reforming the legislative framework on RFCS.

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

The expert to be selected will be part of an Advanced Materials Team of around 5 colleagues implementing the Advanced Materials Communication as well as to preparing a proposal for an Advanced Materials Act in 2026. The daily work on implementing the Communication and preparing the Advanced Materials Act, including the necessary impact assessment justifying the proposal for such an Act, will go hand in hand.

The jobholder will analyse and steer with another team member different studies announced under the Advanced Materials Communication, notably on technology infrastructures (the so-called open innovation test beds), patentability of innovations related to advanced materials (jointly with DG GROW), 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 fully support the impact assessment leading towards a proposal for an Advanced Materials Act end of 2006. The work on the impact assessment will be launched by the end of 2025. The envisaged Advanced Materials Act should be designed to meet two objectives: tackling the exponentially increasing demand for advanced materials in Europe and setting incentives/developing tools for more investments into the necessary research, manufacturing and production capacities in Europe.

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

We are looking for a colleague with:

- Academic background into economics, political science, and/or engineering.

- strong interpersonal skills to work within teams in the unit, in the DG and with other DGs (notably DG GROW, Joint Research Centre)
- good drafting and communication skills and capacity to act as a team worker and take responsibilities within and for the team
- strong analytical capacities, practical problem solving, and monitoring skills
- knowledge of EU and national research or industrial policies beneficial for the work of the unit

### **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)