VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	RTD-A-4
Post number in sysper:	299000
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	Michael Arentoft (Head of Unit RTD/A4) 3rd quarter 2025 2 years ☒ Brussels ☐ Luxemburg ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	⦿ With allowances ◯ Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: ⦿ EU Member States as well as ☒ The following EFTA countries: ☒ Iceland ☐ Liechtenstein ☒ Norway ☐ Switzerland ☐ The following third countries: …. ☐ The following intergovernmental organisations: … ◯ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein,	
Deadline for applications	⦿ 2 months ◯ 1 month Latest application date: 25-07-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Open Science and Research Infrastructures unit develops, implements and monitors the policies, initiatives and structures needed to open up European science and research to make them more efficient and productive, seamless, transparent and robust as well as responsive to policy and society's needs and expectations. The unit also develops and implements the European policy on research infrastructures to increase their openness, accessibility, integration, efficiency and effectiveness.

More specifically, the unit leads the definition and implementation of EU policy in the following areas: incentives for practicing open science, open access to research outputs, research output management and sharing, research-specific regulatory provisions, European ecosystem of research infrastructures, open research infrastructures, and societal engagement in science.

The unit operates in the context of the 'ERA (European Research Area) and Innovation' Directorate that develops policy to shape a globally competitive and excellent EU research and innovation system that is open, performant and cohesive and that is conducive to transformative and systemic innovation for a sustainable future.

The unit leads the implementation of the European Open Science Cloud, EOSC, in collaboration with DG CNECT. The EOSC aims to develop a trusted, open environment for the scientific community to store, share, find and re-use FAIR scientific data, tools and services across borders and communities. EOSC builds on existing infrastructure and services supported by the EC, Member States and research communities. It brings these together in a federated 'system of systems' approach. Europe is the largest producer of scientific data in the world but remains affected by fragmentation of the research infrastructure landscape and limited FAIR data sharing and management. The EOSC is recognised as a priority action of the policy agenda of the European Research Area (ERA) with the specific objective to deepen open science practices in Europe. It is also recognised as the "science, research and innovation data space" which will be fully articulated with the other sectoral data spaces defined in the European Data Strategy.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The unit is building up its capacity and expertise with regard to the implementation of the EOSC and the development of a web of FAIR data and services for science. It is in this context that the unit is advertising a new position as Seconded National Expert: "Policy Officer - European Open Science Cloud and FAIR data services". Under the supervision of an AD staff member, the expert will support aspects of the implementation of the EOSC, notably including (a) the EOSC governance structure, (b) the development of a web of FAIR data and services for science, (c) sustainability models for the EOSC policy initiative and federation, and (d) international collaboration on open science policy. This involves:

i. Supporting the running of the EOSC governance, in particular the EOSC Tripartite Governance and the EOSC Partnership Board;

ii. Contributing to the work of dedicated expert groups on specific EOSC topics, notably around FAIR data and services, as well as specific thematic science/research communities;

iii. Gathering intelligence, best practices and analysing relevant data and information in order to develop, support, and implement the EOSC as a policy initiative and an enabler of open science and open innovation policies;

iv. Supporting collaborations on open science policies and initiatives in the international context, such as in the framework of UNESCO, RDA, or G7;

v. Launching studies and consultations, analysing and disseminating their results in the context of EU policy;

vi. Participating in internal and external communication activities, such as but not limited to EOSC tripartite events, conferences, and newsletters

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A highly motivated and dynamic colleague capable of providing effective contributions to European research and innovation policy. The colleague should have knowledge of and/or experience with science & technology and/or research & innovation policy and/or programmes.

Among other abilities, she/he should have good analytical and problem-solving skills, with attention to detail, as well as good writing, communication and organisational skills. She/he should be able to handle tasks autonomously and in collaboration with team members and interact constructively with other services as well as with external stakeholders. She/he should have a very good command of 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 ([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