



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	RTD-G-4
Post number in sysper:	491276
Contact person:	Fabienne GAUTIER, Head of Unit
Provisional starting date:	1st quarter 2026
Initial duration:	1 years
Place of secondment:	☒ 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: 27-10-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The aim of the Missions & Partnerships unit is to ensure that novel policy approaches of Horizon Europe, notably Missions and European Partnerships, make a major contribution to addressing global challenges and industrial competitiveness. The unit steers the policy development for Missions and European Partnerships and supports the Commission services, Member States and stakeholders to mobilise joint investments on commonly agreed objectives in line with priorities valued by European citizens.

The Partnerships team of the unit leads the policy development and coordination across Commission services throughout the lifetime of the European Partnerships, as well as the strategic coordination process with Member States.

Job Presentation (We propose)

To contribute to the design, implementation and monitoring of European Partnerships initiated under the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. Support the strategic coordination process of the European Partnerships and the strengthening of the evidence base for policy development. Contribute to the policy coordination and coherent implementation of European Partnerships across Commission services. Contribute to strengthening synergies between European Partnerships and other policies and funding instruments at EU, national and regional level. Monitor and analyse strategic issues related to the implementation of European Partnerships, such as their contribution to the European Research Area, international cooperation, open science etc.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Since European Partnerships cover a broad variety of R&I areas, diversity of backgrounds is sought in the unit. The candidate can thus have a background in the natural sciences, engineering and technology, medical and health sciences, agricultural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Candidates should have a good knowledge of EU R&I policy in general and the Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation and European Partnerships in particular. Experience with national R&I policy is an asset.

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

⁽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)

in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.