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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG CONNECT (Communications Networks, Content and Technology).  Unit H1 – Cybersecurity Technology and Capacity Building |
| Post number in sysper: | 405555 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Miguel González-Sancho  miguel.gonzalez-sancho-bodero@ec.europa.eu  1st quarter 2024  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
|  | With allowances  Cost-free |
| This vacancy notice is open to:  EU Member States  EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) | |
| This vacancy notice is also open to:  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries:  The following intergovernmental organisations: | |
| Deadline for applications | 2 months  1 month |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

Our Unit (CNECT.H.1 "Cybersecurity Technology and Capacity Building") is responsible for developing and implementing EU policies on cybersecurity, in line with the EU Cybersecurity Strategy, to contribute to Europe’s security, competitiveness and strategic autonomy.

We work on legislative and policy files, and have responsibilities for EU funding.

These include amongst other: the proposal on the “Cyber Solidarity Act” Regulation (currently being negotiated by EU Council and Parliament); the “Cyber Security Act” Regulation (currently being reviewed); establishing a new European network of Security Operations Centres and a cybersecurity emergency fund for anticipating and tackling cyber-attacks; overseeing the activities of the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) and the EU Cybersecurity Agency (ENISA); managing the cybersecurity part of the Horizon Europe and DIGITAL Europe programs.

We are a multidisciplinary team at the intersection of legislation, policy and research/innovation, working to improve trust and security in the digital environment.

The Unit is dynamic, committed, team-oriented and has a friendly atmosphere.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

As a member of the Cybersecurity Technology and Capacity building Unit, and under the supervision of the Head of Unit, the SNE shall contribute to policy implementation developments in the areas of cybersecurity.

The SNE will work under the supervision of an administrator. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between the national/regional and European administrations, the SNE will not work on individual cases with implications with files he/she would have had to deal with in his/her national administration in the two years preceding its entry into the Commission, or directly adjacent cases. In no case he/she shall represent the Commission in order to make commitments, financial or otherwise, or to negotiate on behalf of the Commission.

Nature of the tasks:

• Contribute to the priorities in the scope of the “Cyber Solidarity Act” proposal (namely a European network of Security Operation Centres and a cybersecurity emergency mechanism), supporting the implementation of EU activities ongoing in the referred files, as well as the negotiations on the legislative proposal.

• Support EU policy activities on cybersecurity risk assessment and mitigation, including the 5G cybersecurity toolbox, and cybersecurity risk analysis and scenarios in the scope of the NIS Directive.

• Implement the Cyber Skills Academy initiative, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, public and private

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a dynamic person with:

- experience in policy development and coordination, e.g. preparing horizontal, cross-cutting policy strategies, legislative proposals and/or inter-institutional negotiations, and/or in setting up and running complex projects;

- keen interest on cybersecurity and on legal and policy issues related to digital technologies;

- experience in EU-funding programs or mechanisms to support collaborating with Member States and other stakeholders would be an asset;

- ability to quickly analyse and present complex policy issues, orally and in writing, with excellent drafting skills;

- solid knowledge of Commission decision procedures and working methods;

- proactive approach, ability to work autonomously and to collaborate with other DGs and stakeholders outside the Commission.

The job requires excellent drafting skills in English. Understanding and operational working level of French would be 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, a national expert needs 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 the 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 the 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. The national expert from a third country 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 the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her 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.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils 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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** ([[Create your Europass CV | Europass](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae)) in English, French or German **only to the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of their country**, which will forward it to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter.The CV must mention the date of birth and the nationality of the candidate.

Candidates are asked not to 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]](#footnote-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 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)