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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG COMPETITION  DIRECTORATE H: STATE AID -GENERAL SCRUTINY & ENFORCEMENT  **UNIT H2 – IPCEI, Environment and Innovation I** |
| Post number in sysper: | 119442 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Demos Spatharis, [demos.spatharis@ec.europa.eu](mailto:demos.spatharis@ec.europa.eu)  +32 2 2996839  1 February 2025  2+2 years   Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Type of secondment |  |
| This vacancy notice is open to:    as well as  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries: ….  The following intergovernmental organisations: … | |
| Deadline for applications | Latest application date: 25-11-2024 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

Units COMP.H.2 and H3 (working as a cluster) are in charge of policy and enforcement of EU State aid rules applicable in all Member States in the areas of Research & Development & Innovation, the Environment (including the decarbonization of industrial processes, energy efficiency, clean mobility, circular economy etc)), Employment and Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI). The Units are thus responsible for applying the Union's framework for State aid in the above areas in line with the relevant legislation, guidelines and case practice. It implements state aid control through the assessment of individual state aid cases and schemes and contributes to the development of state aid policy and initiatives in these fields. The Units also closely follow policy developments in other parts of the Commission, relating e.g. to the Green Deal, the Digital agenda, the new Industrial and SME strategies, the circular economy, net zero technologies etc. to ensure consistency with EU competition rules.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We offer a highly interesting and rewarding case handler/ policy officer position. State aid case handlers have a responsible job with a variety of tasks. They deal with aid schemes and individual cases notified by Member States, complaints or cases taken up by own initiative. Cases involving large amounts of aid need to undergo a deep and detailed legal and economic assessment, which is a challenging and interesting task. It also involves frequent contacts with officials of the Member States, legal and economic advisers of companies and associated DGs. The same applies to policy work, which requires pro-active engagement with other DGs and a broad range of stakeholders on high priority and dynamic topics.

Case handlers normally work in teams responsible for the cases from the start until the formal adoption of a Commission decision. We offer the opportunity to join a dynamic team of professionals working in a stimulating, friendly and team-oriented environment. Given the economic and strategic importance of the areas for which the Unit is responsible, the position offers real scope for professional and personal development.

The H2-H3 cluster operates closely with the other Units in the Directorate and therefore colleagues may be requested from time to time, depending on workload considerations and linguistic needs, to work on cases under the remit of other Units.

Colleagues joining DG COMP are offered a dedicated training to become familiar with the organisation and the working procedures of the Directorate-General. Coaching/mentoring is offered by an experienced colleague from the Unit. DG COMP applies a policy of equal opportunities and operates a flextime system and occasional teleworking possibilities.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

On offer is a highly interesting, challenging and rewarding position as case handler/analyst. We look for candidates having either an economic or legal or financial or engineering background. Case handlers normally work in teams responsible for cases from the beginning to the formal adoption of a Commission decision and therefore candidates should be good team players with solid experience in team work. The position offers the opportunity to join a dynamic team of highly qualified professionals working in a stimulating, friendly and team-oriented environment. Given the economic and strategic importance of the areas for which the cluster is responsible, the position offers a wide scope for professional and personal development. Previous experience with or knowledge of State aid is not required but it will be considered as an advantage.

**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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444). 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](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae)). 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]](#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)