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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | TAXUD-A-2 - Customs legislation |
| Post number in sysper: | 284906 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Germán de Melo Ponce  1 quarter 2025  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: . |
| 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)**

Directorate General for Taxation & Customs Union’s (DG TAXUD) mission is to promote fair and sustainable policies that generate revenue for the EU and its Member States and ensure that EU citizens and businesses benefit from global trade and a safe and secure Single Market protected at its borders.

The Directorate for Customs (TAXUD.A) is responsible for designing the Union’s customs policy and any relevant legislation and oversees its correct implementation by the Member States. It is responsible for a comprehensive reform of the Customs Union and the Union Customs Code, proposed in 2023, with which the Customs Union shall be modernised, to ensure that EU customs ‘act as one’, via the creation of an EU Customs Authority and an EU Data Hub. With many of its ongoing activities the Directorate already prepares the ground for the reform e.g., activities regarding risk management and the role of customs to protect safety and security, such as in the fight against drugs trafficking, via the European Ports Alliance which is being launched further to the 2023 State of the Union speech. The Directorate also deals with international relations including enlargement, and Rules of Origin and Customs valuation.

Within the Directorate, Unit A.2’s (‘Customs legislation’) mission is to contribute to the development and management of the Customs Union, by:

• ensuring overall coordination of the customs legislation of the European Union, as laid down in its Customs Code, and of its evolution to respond to new challenges.

• ensuring the uniform application of the customs legislation, by analysing the implementation and practice at the level of Member States and launching infringement action as appropriate.

• dealing with the special procedures and import and export formalities in the customs field, and with legal and customs related questions of the formulation and application of EU sanctions.

The creation of the Customs Authority will affect several activities of DG TAXUD including the transfer of resources, be it regarding risk management, data and IT, or training. While Unit A2 proper will not be concerned by those transfers, the work of the unit will substantially change in view of the Customs Authority and the Data Hub, as A2 will be the focal point for the legal work on the design, rules, and Commission relationship with both. Besides, A2 is involved in the work related to the EU enlargement process.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose an interesting and challenging post which will allow the successful candidate to work in a small team on a variety of legal questions in the field of customs legislation and, more specifically within the sector dealing with customs formalities on import and export and special procedures other than transit. Coordination with other units within or outside TAXUD on other matters, such as CBAM, trade defence instruments or other customs related legislation, is also part of the tasks carried out within the sector.

The successful candidate will, among other tasks, contribute to the drafting of working documents, legal texts or answers to questions from different stakeholders, particularly on customs formalities and special procedures other than transit.

The successful candidate may also be called to contribute to the activity of other sectors in the Unit, particularly on customs legal questions on sanctions against Russia and Belarus, as well as for the screening of the customs legislation of enlargement countries. The successful candidate may also be called to work in horizontal project teams in the Directorate.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

An open-minded and proactive colleague to reinforce our team. The ideal candidate would be a dynamic and flexible person, with a keen sense of team spirit and focused on results. Knowledge of the customs legislation on customs formalities and special procedures other than transit and the ability to work under pressure is also required.

Experience in data analysis will be considered a strong asset.

Proficiency in English is necessary, including in terms of drafting skills.

**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)