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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | **INTPA.F.3.DEL.Rome** |
| Post number in sysper: | 301346 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Leonard MIZZI  2 quarter 2025  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Rome |
| 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: 17-12-2024 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The EU Delegation in Rome has a bilateral mission with the Holy See, the Sovereign Order of Malta and the Republic of San Marino, and a multilateral mission with the three UN Organisations based in Rome: Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development). In the context of its mandate, the EU Delegation in Rome aims to promote EU common values and interests vis-a’-vis its partners in the bilateral and multilateral context, especially in the areas of our objectives on peace, human rights, multilateralism, food, agriculture, green deal, digitalisation, humanitarian aid and development.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

The SNE will contribute to the following tasks:

* Analysis, assessment and reporting on the overall situation and development in the Rome Based UN agencies: Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) including their relations with the EU and its Member States.

• Advancing EU policy priorities in the work of and cooperation with the Rome-Based UN Agencies and the CFS, taking well account of the EU’s geopolitical and geostrategic interests.

• Contribute to Policy development in the fields of food security, sustainable agriculture, rural development, food systems, sustainable forestry and fisheries, nutrition and food safety, building on knowledge and science-based findings of the Rome Based UN Agencies, of the CFS, including the High Level Panel of Experts, and of other relevant science-policy interfaces. Contribute to preparing joint EU negotiation positions for specific work-streams and support the EU in these negotiations, notably in the CFS.

* Contribute to the coordination with EU Member States in Rome; notably through regular meetings of Head of Missions to Rome based UN agencies.
* Contribute to communication and outreach activities of the EU Delegation in Rome

The Seconded National Expert (SNE) will work under the supervision of the Head of UN Section and under the overall direction of the Head of Delegation. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between the national/regional and European Union 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 his/her entry into the Commission, or directly adjacent cases.

In no case he/she shall represent the Commission or EU Delegation in order to make commitments, financial or otherwise, or to negotiate on behalf of the Commission.

The SNE shall take part in external meetings or in missions only as part of a delegation led by an EU Delegation/Commission official, or, if on his own, as an observer and for information purposes.

The SNE may be mandated to participate on his/her own in external meetings or missions; this requires clear and specific written instructions on the position to be adopted during meetings/missions by the Director General of INTPA or by the person of his service to which he has delegated derogation powers for the Seconded National Expert (Art. 6 paragraphs 2 and 3 European Commission Decision C(2008) 6866 final of 12.11.2008), provided this has been agreed by the Head of Delegation.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

Diploma

* university degree or
* professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) of: development cooperation, food security, nutrition, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, veterinary science, agricultural economics, international relations or equivalent.

Professional experience

* Experience in a multilateral environment (preferably EU or UN system) would be of added value.
* Good knowledge of European policies on development, food security, nutrition, and food systems.
* Knowledge on trade and foreign relations (including EU external action and related EU external policies) would be an advantage.
* Good knowledge of EU institutions and related decisional processes.
* Good analytical and reporting skills.
* Basic knowledge of diplomatic work.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Thorough knowledge (capacity to write reports and speak in public) in English. Ability to work in French and/or Spanish (or another UN official language) would be an advantage. Basic knowledge of Italian would be helpful.

**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)