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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DEFIS-B-B2 |
| Post number in sysper: | 429570 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Guillaume de La Brosse  [Guillaume.delabrosse@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Guillaume.delabrosse@ec.europa.eu)  +3222961585  1 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)**

The mission of Unit DEFIS.B.2 is to (i) foster space innovation and the emergence of New Space and (ii) contribute to enhancing the EU’s sovereignty and resilience in space.

To foster innovation in space, B.2 is in charge of:

* Implementing the CASSINI programme to support entrepreneurship, the scale-up of companies using space data and services and access to risk finance, including through InvestEU, in close cooperation with the EIF; Developing and promoting new approaches that can benefit New Space, such as the use of anchor customer contracts;
* Implementing Horizon Europe Space Research and ensuring close relationship with the implementing partners (HaDEA, EUSPA, ESA);
* Developing and implementing a large-scale In-Orbit-Validation/demonstration programme;
* Preparing pathfinder space missions, notably in the field of Quantum Key Distribution, Quantum Space Gravimetry and In-Orbit servicing.

To enhance the EU’s sovereignty and resilience in space, B2 is in charge of

* Developing synergies between space and defence, including through the implementation of the EU’s Space Strategy for Security and Defence;
* Contributing to the development of the EU Space Law;
* Developing technological non-dependency
* Facilitating the development of space-based services for security and defence, including in the field of Earth Observation and Space Situational Awareness;
* Contributing to the EU autonomous access to space;
* Coordinating activities related to standardisation, in close cooperation with CEN/CENELEC;
* Contributing to larger initiatives related to the protection of EU infrastructures, including the EU-NATO Task Force.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

The Seconded National Expert will contribute to the development of the envisaged EU Space Law to regulate safety, security and sustainability aspects of space activities in the EU. S/he will support the consultation process with Member States and stakeholders, s/he will support the preparation and negotiation of the EU legislation and support the Head of Unit in any related tasks. S/he will contribute to the development of security/resilience measures in support of space activities, including cyber-security. S/he will support synergies with other activities covered by the unit, including standardization.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We look for an experienced, highly motivated and results-driven colleague who is willing to work in a dynamic and highly professional team to support the Head of Unit in the execution of the full range of activities and responsibilities of the unit.

**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)