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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG JUST – DDG – Unit 01 |
| Post number in sysper: | 257159 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Bruno Gencarelli  I quarter 2024  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 |  |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

Unit 01 “International Affairs and Data Flows” is a newly created, highly motivated and dynamic team in charge of international relations in the area of justice and consumers. It reports directly to the Director-General and our work is highly visible within the DG. The unit is responsible for developing and implementing DG JUST’s strategy with respect to third countries and international organisations in all relevant policy areas (enlargement, neighborhood policy, privacy and data flows, judicial cooperation, trade policy etc.). Particular priorities for the DG include, amongst others, supporting reforms in the areas of rule and law and justice reform in accession/neighboring countries; as well as facilitating the transfer and exchange of data in line with the EU’s data protection requirements

Our tasks combine supporting colleagues in different policy areas across the DG with our specific knowledge and expertise in international relations/negotiations, handling bilateral and multilateral relations as well as negotiating international agreements/arrangements. To mention a few examples, we are responsible for post Brexit relations with the UK on all aspects relating to justice and consumers, conducting the dialogue on rule of law and justice reform with candidate countries and countries of the Eastern Neighborhood, and have recently negotiated the new EU-US Data Privacy Framework.

In performing such functions and tasks, the unit works closely with other EU institutions and bodies, diplomatic missions in Brussels. regional and international organisations, institutional actors and other stakeholders in third countries

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We offer an opportunity to work on very interesting and fast evolving issues at the crossroads of diplomacy, fundamental rights, the digital economy, and justice and security matters. The SNE will work under the supervision of an administrator, contributing to the definition and development of the Commission's external policy in the area of justice and consumers.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 for files which he/she dealt with in his/her national administration in the two years preceding his/her entry into the Commission, or directly related cases. Under no circumstances will he/she represent the Commission with a view to entering into commitments, whether financial or otherwise, or negotiating on its behalf.

For his/her files, (s)he will be directly involved in international negotiations as well as the related inter-institutional contacts with other EU institutins and bodies (Council, European Parliament, European Data Protection Board etc.).

(S)he will interface with key stakeholders from national administrations, business and civil society from the EU and third countries and represent the Commission/DG JUST in policy fora, conferences, etc.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

The candidate should have a solid legal background and a proven experience in international and/or inter-institutional negotiations. Specific knowledge of the international dimension of justice/rule of law, consumers policy or data protection as well as work experience in an international organisation or a diplomatic service would be a significant asset.   
A high level of commitment, a sense of responsibility and coordination, the capacity to analyse complex legal and political issues and to find solutions and acceptable compromises are key. The ability to draft comprehensive and easy-to-understand policy notes and briefings is crucial. (S)he should be able to communicate clearly and before public audiences. (S)he should be very organised, able to integrate easily into a dynamic team and to work under pressure.   
  
An excellent knowledge of English (both written and spoken) is essential.

**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)