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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG HERA, HERA.3 |
| Post number in sysper: | 419933 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Olivier GIRARD  1 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 | Latest application date: 25-01-2024 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) is a relatively new Directorate General of the European Commission. HERA 's mission is to assist the Commission to improve preparedness and response to serious cross-border threats in the area of medical countermeasures, in particular:

- strengthening health security coordination within the Union involving all relevant actors during preparedness and crisis response times and bringing together the EU Member States, industry and relevant stakeholders in a common effort;

- addressing vulnerabilities and strategic dependencies within the Union related to the development, production, procurement, stockpiling and distribution of medical countermeasures; ·

- contributing to reinforcing the global health emergency response architecture.

HERA is responsible for the following tasks which shall be exercised in close cooperation with the Member States:

- assessment of health threats and intelligence gathering relevant to medical countermeasures; ·

- promoting advanced research and development of medical countermeasures and related technologies; ·

- addressing market challenges and boosting the Union’s open strategic autonomy in medical countermeasures production; ·

- swift procurement and distribution of medical countermeasures; ·

- increasing stockpiling capacity of medical countermeasures; ·

- strengthening knowledge and skills in preparedness and response related to medical countermeasures.

HERA is assisted by a Coordination Committee, the HERA Board and the HERA Advisory Forum. HERA currently has 4 units. HERA.01 “Policy and Coordination” is in charge of HERA’s policy priorities, legal, regulatory and quality aspects. HERA.02 "Intelligence gathering, Analysis and Innovation" is in charge of assessing threats and innovative approaches to threats. HERA.03 “Medical Counter Measures” is in charge of management of medical counter measures. HERA.04 “Emergency Office” is in charge of management of Health crisis.

HERA website: https://ec.europa.eu/health/hera/overview\_en

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

The National expert will be expected to work on the implementation of the Communication on addressing medicines shortages in the EU of 24 October 2023 (COM 2023(672)). The objectives of the Communication are threefold: (i) contribute to a strong, risk-proof resilient and European Health Union, (ii) ensure a better protection of EU patients’ health and (iii) strengthen EU’s open strategic autonomy and competitiveness.

The Communication includes both a short term and a medium term agenda. In the short term, the Communication sets out immediate actions for this winter 23-24. This includes monitoring of supply and demand and possible joint procurements. Other actions focus on the next winter, including the development of demand signalling mechanisms. In the medium term, the objective is to improve the structural capacity of the market to respond to demand in this field, notably through the setting up of an EU-wide industrial alliance on Critical medicines. Unit 03 is in charge of, or is involved in, the implementation of more than half the actions set out in the Communication.

The national expert will participate in the following tasks:

•contribute to the work on the vulnerability of the supply chains for critical medicines

•contribute to the work on a possible demand signalling mechanism

•contribute to the setting up, the management and the deliverables of the Critical medicines alliance

•contribute to the preparatory work on a possible “Critical medicines act”

These assignments are likely to involve frequent contacts with the representatives of Member States (in particular Ministries of Health and Industry) as HERA’s primary stakeholders and other lead services of the European Commission also involved in the implementation of the Communication (in particular DG SANTE, DG GROW, DG TRADE, DG COMP and the central services of the Commission). There are also likely to involve a great deal of contact with commercial and other professional organisations involved in the development of medical countermeasures including pharmaceutical industry.

The job is therefore highly visible and essential to the cross border health crisis response and preparedness.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

The candidate should have very good interpersonal, networking and communication skills. S/he should be able to manage several files simultaneously and produce high quality written production. Experience in working in a team and dynamic environment is essential. S/he must be open to changing tasks and adapting/learning about different topics concerning their role.

Written and oral communication in English is compulsory

**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)