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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | OLAF-B-03 |
| Post number in sysper: | 430674 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Pablo TEDO MURUA  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 |  |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The mission of Unit B3 is to protect EU citizens and taxpayers in a fast changing globalised world by fighting customs fraud.

Unit B3 gathers intelligence about and investigates undervaluation, antidumping and origin fraud, which damage the EU budget, the European economy, human health and safety and the environment.

Unit B3 also assists the investigative activities on revenue fraud of Member States and third countries. It does this work in full cooperation with our partners and stakeholders at EU, Member State and international/third country level. Unit B3 designs and carries out Joint Customs Operations, in close cooperation with Member States and third countries.

Unit B3 helps monitor the financial recommendations made on the basis of its casework as to ensure ultimate value added and outcomes for citizens and taxpayers.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose a post of an investigator. The successful candidate will play an active role in investigations and coordination cases for which s/he is responsible or with which s/he is associated, S/he will contribute to OLAF's mission by mainly conducting investigations in relation to suspected fraud or irregularities involving the loss of revenue resulting from imports of goods into the EU. S/he may also provide assistance and co-ordinate enquiries carried out by the competent services of the Member States. In the framework of the investigations the necessary evidence will be collected to establish the facts of the case in order to verify whether fraud or irregularity affecting the EU financial interests has occurred. S/he will be responsible for the preparation, coordination and conduct of investigative activities, including in particular investigative missions in third countries.

The successful candidate must demonstrate ability to conduct investigations, verifications and controls on the spot in EU Member States and in third countries in complex and sensitive taxation and customs and trade fraud cases. S/he should also demonstrate thorough knowledge of both preferential and non-preferential origin rules, s/he should have advanced skills in calculation and data analysis. Sound knowledge of corporate accounting practices would be an asset. The candidate needs to be prepared to travel to third countries for periods of approximately two weeks.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a dynamic colleague who is highly motivated and capable of managing complex investigations, and who has the capacity to carry out investigative activities in particular in third countries. S/he will need to be capable of working independently, to set priorities and to respond quickly to urgent requests. The successful candidate should preferably have a background and professional experience in the conduct of customs/tax investigations at national level and/or EU level. Other experience in investigations/controls concerning the protection of the EU financial interests, and other specific areas, such as e-commerce and undervaluation will also be considered. The successful candidate should be able to ensure an appropriate representation of OLAF at relevant meetings with representatives of the Member States or third countries, and, when necessary, prepare briefings for such meetings. The successful candidate should have the potential to take on a team leadership role during a third country mission and practical experience in leading teams of investigators would be a valuable asset. The candidate must have good analytical, drafting and presentational skills and good oral communication ability. An excellent knowledge of English, the main working language of the unit and of our international partners, is required. Also, a very good knowledge of French language which will allow the successful candidate to carry out investigations in this language would be an asset.

Given the nature of the information arriving at OLAF, the post involves handling of sensitive operational information. A high degree of discretion is therefore a must.

This is an opportunity to join a dynamic and friendly team.

**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)