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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG DEFIS A3 |
| Post number in sysper: | 368937 available as from 16/09/2024 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Nynke TIGCHELAAR  1st quarter 2025  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: 25-11-2024 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The mission of Directorate A “Defence Industry” is to promote the sustainable competitiveness of the EU defence industry notably by enhancing its resilience and responsiveness and fostering its innovation capacity. It is also to support a European defence market providing for job creation, skills availability and a level playing field. Against this backdrop, one of the overarching aims pursued is to create framework conditions stimulating European cross-border cooperation in the development of defence technologies and capabilities.

A core responsibility of the Directorate is to implement the EU’s industrial defence programmes such as the European Defence Fund (EDF); including the EU Defence Innovation Scheme – EUDIS) and its precursor programmes, the Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP) and the European Defence Industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act (EDIRPA), the European Defence Industrial Strategy, and the European Defence Industry Programme.

In close collaboration with Units A1, A.2 and A.4, our Unit A.3 specifically contributes to the effective implementation of the EDF and its precursor programmes and the new defence instruments with a particular emphasis on the areas of the research and development of defence technologies, including emerging, enabling, and disruptive defence technologies. These technologies address challenges that are relevant across several capability domains, such as, defence medical support, cyber defence, energy technologies. The Unit is also responsible for developing and implementing the EU Defence Innovation Scheme as well as for the contribution agreements between the European Commission and the European Defence Agency (EDA) on indirect implementation of some actions under the EDF and the Preparatory action on Defence research (PADR).

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

**Policy Officer - Defence technologies**

The seconded national expert will work under the supervision of a Commission official. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between national / regional or local administrations and the Commission, he / she shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the European Union in mind. The seconded national expert shall not represent the Commission with a view to entering into commitments, whether financial or otherwise, or negotiate on its behalf.

His/her task will be to contribute to the implementation of the European Defence Fund (EDF) for research and development in the defence domain and new EU defence programmes on ammunition production (ASAP) and joint procurement (EDIRPA). He/ she will need to maintain a high level of knowledge in one or more of the thematic areas of the EDF (in particular experience is sought in the EDF categories of ground combat, , force protection and mobility, energy resilience and environmental transition).

Tasks include:

* Supporting in project management of funded actions under the EDF and new EU defence programmes on ammunition production (ASAP) and joint procurement (EDIRPA).

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

Diploma

- university degree or

- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field of Engineering

Professional experience

At least two years of tasks related to the one described above.

The post requires candidates to be in possession of a valid Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) at EU Secret level.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A good command of English is necessary for the performance of the duties and the efficient communication with internal and external stakeholders.

The post requires candidates to be in possession of a valid security clearance (PSC) at SECRET UE/EU SECRET level.

**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)