

**NOTICE OF VACANCY**

**SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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| **Post identification:**  (DG-DIR-UNIT) | | **GROW- F- F3** |
|  | **Directorate-General:** | **DG GROW — Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs** |
|  | **Directorate:**  **Unit:** | **F – Innovation and Advanced Manufacturing**  **F3 – Intellectual property and Fight against Counterfeiting** |
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|  | **Number of available posts:**  **Category:** | **1**  **Administrator (AD)** |
|  | **Suggested taking up duty:**  **Suggested initial duration:** | **2nd Quarter 2019[[1]](#footnote-1)**  **2 years with prolongation** |
|  | **Place of secondment:** | **Bruxelles**  **Luxembourg**  **Other :** |
|  | **Specificities:** | **With allowances  COST-FREE** |
|  |  | **This vacancy notice is also open to**  **the following EFTA countries :**  **Iceland**  **Liechtenstein**  **Norway**  **Switzerland**  **EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement  (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)**  **the following third countries:**  **the following intergovernmental organisations:**  **European Patent Office** |
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| **1** | **Nature of the tasks:** | |
|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | The Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs is responsible for defining EU policies on Industrial Property, which includes patents, trademarks, designs and geographical indications. The successful candidate will be seconded to DG GROW headquarters in Brussels within the Unit F/3, an enthusiastic, highly committed and collegial team of 20+ lawyers, economists and assistants in charge of developing the European Commission’s policy on industrial property (IP) and the fight against counterfeiting.  DG GROW is looking for a committed and pro-active colleague with an economic and/or legal background, and with a keen interest and sound understanding of the challenges of IP protection in today’s fast-changing world. The seconded staff member will contribute to the definition of EU policies on IP and may perform, amongst others, the following tasks:   * Preparing, reviewing and managing legislative files, to ensure that the industrial property acquis stays fit for purpose; * Developing non-legislative tools to ensure a proper uptake, diffusion and implementation of IP; * Contributing to the development of industrial policy in the field of IP; * Representing the Commission in a wide range of European and international fora (including EPO, EUIPO, WIPO); * Liaising and engaging with Member States, the European Parliament, a great variety of stakeholders as well as the wider public on IP issues; * Participating in the policy developments of the Unit’s core team “patents/trade secrets”, including on the Unitary Patent Court and on biotechnology * Contributing to the work of one or more of the other Unit´s groups, in particular: * IP enforcement and the fight against counterfeiting; * Trademarks, designs and non-agricultural GIs * Diffusion of IP-protected knowledge and SME support; and/or * The international team. | | |
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| **2** | **Main qualifications:** | |
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|  | **a) Eligibility criteria** | |
|  | The following eligibility criteria are to be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil one of them will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.  • Professional experience : at least three years' experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which can be regarded as equivalent to those of function groups AD;  • Seniority : at least one year by your employer, that is having worked for an eligible employer (as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision) on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before the secondment;  • 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. An SNE from a non-member country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties. | |
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|  | **b) Selection criteria** | |
|  | - diploma:  - university degree or  - professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level  in the field(s): law or economics degree or a technical degree at universitylevel | |
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|  | - professional experience:  3 years in a field directly linked to IPR policy | |
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|  | - language(s) necessary for the performance of duties: | |
|  | Knowledge of one of the EU official languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU official language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties | |
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| **3** | **Submission of applications and selection procedure** | |
|  | Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** (<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 the applications to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**  **Candidates are required not to add 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. | |
|  | Candidates will be informed of the follow-up of their application by the unit concerned. | |
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| **4** | **Conditions of the secondment** | |
|  | 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). This decision is available on  <http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/job/sne/index_en.htm>.  The SNE will remain employed and remunerated by his/her employer during the secondment. He/she will equally remain covered by the national social security.  Unless for cost-free SNEs, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNEs fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.  During the secondment, SNEs are subject to confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest obligations, as provided for in Art. 6 and 7 of the SNE Decision.  If any document is inexact, incomplete or missing, the secondment may be cancelled. | |
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| **5** | **Processing of personal data** | |
|  | The selection, secondment and termination of the secondment of a national expert requires the Commission (the competent services of DG HR, DG BUDG, PMO and the DG concerned) to process personal data concerning the person to be seconded, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit of DG HR.B4. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.  Data is kept by the competent services for 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded experts).  Data subjects may exercise their right of access to data concerning them and the right to rectify such data by applying to the controller, in accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation on the processing of personal data. The candidate may send complaints to the European Data Protection Supervisor [edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu).  To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks. More information is available on <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/personnel_administration/security_en.htm>. | |
|  | Information on data protection for candidates to a JRC post is available on: <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=6270>. | |
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1. These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)