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**NOTICE OF VACANCY**

**SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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| **Post identification:** | | **JUST-A-2** |
| **Head of Unit:**  **Email address:**  **Telephone:**  **Number of available posts:**  **Suggested taking up duty:**  **Suggested initial duration:**  **Place of secondment:** | | **STAUDENMAYER Dirk**  [**Dirk.Staudenmayer@ec.europa.eu**](mailto:Dirk.Staudenmayer@ec.europa.eu)  **+32 2 29 54552**  **1**  **1st quarter 2020 [[1]](#footnote-1)**  **2 years1**  ⮽ **Brussels □ Luxembourg □ Other: …………………...** |
| ⮽ **With allowances** |
| **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:** |
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| **1** | **Nature of the tasks:** | |
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|  | **We are**  the Unit responsible for policy in the field of contract law and other substantive private law areas, such as extra-contractual liability.  We are developing policy, including future potential initiatives, in the area of private law framing the transition to the Digital Economy. Currently, the main area of work concerns civil law liability in the area of digital technologies like artificial intelligence, smart robots and the Internet of Things. We are also looking into contract and private law aspects of other areas of the digital economy, like smart contracts in the block-chain and cloud-computing contracts. Furthermore, we coordinate AI relevant aspects of justice and consumer policies in DG JUST.  The Unit negotiated the recently adopted Directives on contracts for the supply of digital content and on contracts for the sales of goods, including smart goods. During the two-year transposition period, we will support the Member States on the implementation and prepare the Commission review, as required by the Directives.  The Unit is also the Business-to-Business hub of DG JUST, responsible for the Misleading and Comparative Advertising Directive and contributing to the wider Commission work on online platforms, data trading and unfair trading practices.  We are an enthusiastic and highly motivated team, made of an international mix of lawyers, with a long and successful experience of integrating seconded national experts. We have an open, communicative and collegial work atmosphere. We aim to ensure an output of high quality and rapid delivery. We offer a flexible work environment, where colleagues enjoy a high degree of autonomy and we take pride in the quality and timeliness of our deliverables. We are attached to values such as trust, fairness and a good work-life balance.  **We propose**  a dynamic and interesting assignment in our team. The exact assignment of tasks depends on the expertise, skills and interests of the successful candidate. You will have the opportunity to work in different teams.  You will work on interesting new legal and policy issues such as the assignment of liability for damage caused by AI powered autonomous systems like smart robots or the legal treatment and use of smart contracts in the block-chain.  You will engage in a variety of tasks, such as analysis, policy development (including possible legal drafting) and stakeholder consultation. Examples of concrete tasks include preparing briefings, policy papers and possible Commission initiatives or working on an impact assessment. You will participate in the design of forward looking policy projects from the beginning, thereby helping to shape the private law of the digital economy and contribute to the decision making process. You may also be asked to contribute to the work of the unit with the Member States to ensure timely and correct transposition of the recently adopted Directives.  You will be able to contribute considerably to the development of EU policy and enforcement of Union legislation in the above-mentioned areas.  You will have the opportunity to work in a forward-looking technological and legal environment, and to deal with highly interesting and challenging legal questions of considerable economic importance.  You will have regular contacts with the European Parliament, representatives of Member States and the stakeholders, while ensuring close co-ordination with other Commission services. | |
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| **2** | **Main qualifications:** | |
|  | a) **Eligibility criteria** | |
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|  | The following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil all of these criteria will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.  • 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 : candidates must have at least one year seniority with their employer, that means having worked for an eligible employer as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision on a permanent or contract basis for at least one year 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. SNE from a third 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) :legal (private law) or economics | |
|  | Professional experience:  The candidate will   * have good policy development and design skills, e.g. on drafting policy papers or legislative drafting, and knowledge and/or experience of impact assessments and evaluations; * be a team player and * be proactive and dynamic, with strong analytical and drafting capacities and a systematic and precise approach to work.   It would be an important asset if the candidate has:   * professional experience in and/or knowledge of making or implementing policy/legislation in the area of digital and technological policy or European/national contract law and/or private law; * communication and negotiation skills as well as the capacity to present Commission policy to experienced stakeholders (Member States, associations of industry, retail business, consumers and legal practitioners); * sound political judgement; * a good understanding of economics. | |
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|  | Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties: fluent in English. | |
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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 it to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter.The CV must mention the date of birth and the nationality of the candidate. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**  Candidates are asked not to 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.  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 system.  Unless for cost-free SNE, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNE fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.  During the secondment, SNE 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 application may be cancelled.  Staff posted in a **European Union Delegation** are required to have a security clearance (up to SECRET UE level according to Commission Decision 2001/844/EC, ECSC, Euratom – O.J. E.U n° L 317 of 03.12.2001).  The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation. | |
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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.DDG.B4. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.  Data is kept by the competent services for 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded experts).  You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’ under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.  You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.  **Contact information**   * **The Data Controller**   If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, HR.DDG.B.4, [HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu).   * **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**   You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.   * **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**   You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.  To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks. | |

1. These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)