|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Logo of the European Commission, 12 yellow stars on a blue background arranged in a circle and framed by two light grey graphic elements representing the Berlaymont building, which is the headquarter of the European Commission. | EUROPEAN COMMISSION |

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG COMPETITION – Unit 01 |
| Post number in sysper: | 342340 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Astrid Cousin  3 quarter 202  1 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: |
|  | With allowances  Cost-free |
| This vacancy notice is open to:  EU Member States  EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) | |
| This vacancy notice is also open to:  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries:  The following intergovernmental organisations: | |
| Deadline for applications | 2 months  1 month |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

Unit 01 is directly attached to the Director-General of DG COMPETITION and aims to ensure an efficient integration of competition policy in the mainstream of the Commission's priorities, such as the green and digital transitions, with further integration of the Single Market in crosscutting Commission's policies.

The unit identifies in the upcoming college agendas the Inter Service Consultations (ISCs) that are complementary to the competition policy, and which contribute to the wider objectives of boosting strong and sustainable growth, competitiveness, and making markets work better for consumers, business and society. It then coordinates DG COMPETITION’s input to those consultations.

The unit is also responsible for the inter-institutional dialogue by coordinating DG COMPETITION's contributions and relations with other EU institutions.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose an interesting and challenging job in a young, dynamic, professional and friendly environment.

The job involves extensive contacts with operational units and hierarchy within DG COMPETITION, with the cabinet of the executive vice president in charge of competition and digital and with other Directorate Generals (DGs).

The position provides an opportunity to be involved in high-profile policy discussion, which provides excellent opportunities for personal and professional development.

The unit offers a friendly and stimulating working atmosphere in an integrated manner where the work is usually, organised in the form of small teams.  
Policy officers are given a high degree of autonomy and responsibility. Discussions and exchange of opinions are encouraged.

The unit tasks involve:

* Monitoring, screening and analysing policy developments of the Commission - especially with regard to the priority areas of the unit - with a view to their integration in the strategies of the DG;
* Proactively defining and advocating the DG’s policy lines towards other DGs and develop a network to be an upstream partner with the other DGs;
* Coordinating and contributing to the inter-service consultations with identification and analysis at DG level of the key strategic challenges;
* Acting as a central point of contact for both the Secretariat General and other partner policy DGs and be responsible for the dispatching of the ISCs across the DG for topics directly relevant to the unit core competences;
* Actively contributing to ISCs going beyond competition policy, inter alia the Digital Agenda, the Industrial Policy Strategy, Energy and Green Deal, the Internal Market Strategy, Economy and Finance, Space and Defence, or Health and Research.
* Closely monitoring the legislative initiatives of other Commission DGs and how they may be amended by the other institutions, to ensure compliance with EU competition rules;
* Maintaining close contacts with key interlocutors to secure the policy objectives of the DG, including with the other EU institutions (Council, Member States, European Parliament, etc).

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

The ideal candidate has a background in law, political science, economics or other relevant studies. She/He has excellent drafting and communication skills, a strong sense of initiative and is politically astute. Previous experience in policy work and/or in other Commission’s priorities policies and/or other EU institutions would be a clear advantage.

Organisational, social and team-working skills as well as good analytical and diplomatic skills are essential. The candidates should be versatile and capable of working independently as well as within a team, and able to work under time constraints and pressure.

A very good command of English is required; good French and other languages would be an asset.

**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, a national expert needs 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 the 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 the 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. The national expert from a third country 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 the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her 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.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils 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). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to 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)) 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.

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.

**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)