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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW) – Directorate Ecosystems III: Construction, Machinery and Standardisation – Unit Machinery and Equipment |
| Post number in sysper: | 351683 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Head of Unit, Mehdi Hocine  Deputy Head of Unit, Lidia Godlewska-Carmona  2nd 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: 25-03-2025 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Machinery and Equipment Unit of DG GROW works to foster the competitiveness, green/digital transition, resilience and the smooth operation of the Single Market of engineering industries, which are essential providers of key enabling technologies for several industrial ecosystems (mobility, digital, electronics, health, etc.). We are dealing with emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics, 3D printing and with cybersecurity (e.g. in machinery and radio equipment sectors) and are also fostering cost-effective and innovative solutions in legislation (e.g. common charger for mobile devices such as smartphones and laptops, measuring requirements for electric vehicle charging and hydrogen refilling stations and use of digital instructions to save paper). In this context, we manage and keep up to technical progress 23 pieces of Internal Market legislation (e.g. machinery, personal protective equipment, radio equipment, lifts, gas appliances, pressure equipment, metrology, etc.) to achieve a high level of safety, consumer and environmental protection and support competitiveness of the Single Market.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

The Machinery and Equipment Unit of DG GROW proposes an attractive position of a legal officer, who would provide legal analysis, guidance and follow-up on a broad portfolio of the EU Single Market legislation. The main tasks would be:

* Draft legislative proposals, implementing acts and decisions, delegated acts and other legal texts in the area of competence of the unit.
* Provide legal analysis and advice on complaints, infringement procedures, notifications on technical regulations, access to documents’ requests and other matters related to the legislation managed by the unit.
* Support the standardisation activities and follow up the work of European Standardisation Organisations, in particular, prepare Commission’s decisions to publish harmonised standards.
* Ensure implementation of legislative and administrative procedures required under the relevant legislation in the unit's portfolio, including safeguard clauses and formal objections to standards.
* Screen the legislation of candidate countries and other third countries related to the mechanical, electronic and electrical engineering sector, and contribute to international regulatory dialogues.
* Represent unit in meetings with other EU institutions (European Parliament, Council), Member States, third countries, international organisations, industry representatives, European Standardisation Organisations, etc., and in relevant committees and expert groups.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a motivated colleague with a sense of initiative to join a highly committed and dynamic team.

The successful candidate should have:

- at least ten years of legal experience, including 5 years in matters relating to EU single market;

- preferably a university degree in law;

- experience in inter-institutional negotiations will be an asset;

- an ability to quickly analyse and present complex legal and technical issues, orally and in writing, with excellent drafting skills;

- a proactive approach, ability to work in teams and to collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders outside the Commission;

- a very good knowledge of English is necessary. A good knowledge of French and/or German 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, 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)