

**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

DG – Directorate – Unit	GROW G1
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Provisional starting date:	Q1 2025
Initial duration:	1 year
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as <input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: <input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ... <input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
Deadline for applications	<input type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-11-2024

Entity Presentation (We are)

Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) seeks to develop a deeper and fairer internal market and help European enterprises, in particular SMEs, and manufacturing and services industries, to be globally competitive, innovative and sustainable.

Unit G1 contributes to this mission by developing and implementing policy, legal and funding initiatives and instruments to boost the sustainable growth and global competitiveness of tourism and textile industries (textiles, clothing, leather, footwear). Our actions focus on the functioning of the industrial ecosystem and the internal market in these sectors and address their needs in terms of favourable business environment, digitisation and innovation, sustainability and circular economy, skills, and global trade.

We are actively working together with different Units at DG GROW and other Commission services, and we cooperate with international organisations. Engaging with Member States, the European Parliament, and a great variety of stakeholders, in the areas mentioned above, is a great part of our daily work. We are a multidisciplinary team of 11 ADs, 5 ASTs, 1 CA and 2 END focusing on delivering results in a friendly and cooperative atmosphere.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The seconded national expert would assist the policy officers in the DG GROW textiles team to develop and contribute to the implementation and follow-up of regulatory and policy actions relating to the textiles ecosystem (textiles, clothing, leather, footwear). The position would be highly visible for public and private textiles ecosystem actors across the EU and involves strong co-operation across DG GROW, with other Commission services and EU Institutions, public authorities in the Member States and regular contacts with external stakeholders.

In particular, the SNE would be expected to carry out following functions and duties:

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Develop and contribute to the implementation of policies and initiatives for the textiles ecosystem (textiles, clothing, leather, footwear) in the single market, in cooperation with other colleagues, liaising with other services, public authorities and industry representatives.
- Contribute to the definition, negotiation and follow-up of regulatory and policy actions relating to the textiles ecosystem in particular to legislative initiatives, including the Textile Labelling Regulation and its ongoing evaluation and planned revision (for which DG GROW is chef de file), as well as sustainability aspects, R&I, standardisation, market surveillance and international affairs.

+ POLICY COORDINATION

- Ensure coordination and synergy with associated services and/or related programmes and actions in other Commission services,
- Co-operate across DG GROW, with other Commission services and EU Institutions, as well as with public authorities in the Member States.
- Provide contribution and respond to inter-service consultations in the areas concerned including trade policy, customs issues and industrial policy.

+ EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- Prepare and participate in public events and conferences, expert groups, working groups and other meetings with stakeholders;
- Prepare briefings, speeches, replies to information requests etc;

+ PROCUREMENT and CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- Contribute to the preparation and follow-up of new calls for tender/proposals under the Unit's annual work programme in relation to TCLF.
- Define Terms of Reference and prepare calls for tender.
- Participate in the evaluation process.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

An open-minded, creative and proactive policy officer with legal background, interested in a job with varied activities, to ensure follow up of regulatory and policy actions and produce appropriate contribution in the areas of R&I, standardisation and sustainability aspects of textiles sector (microplastics, chemical substances), free trade agreements and negotiations at bilateral level.

The ideal candidate would be a motivated, dynamic and flexible person, with a keen sense of initiative and team spirit and focus on results.

He/She should have:

- a legal, economic, public policy or engineering background
- good knowledge of the EU policy and regulatory framework for TLCF sectors
- strong negotiation skills
- strong sense of initiative and ability to perform a variety of tasks and deliver results under tight deadlines

A positive attitude, good communication skills and readiness to work across silos are essential.

Experience in trade negotiations and in horizontal cooperation across Commission services, as well as previous work on EU legislation would be an advantage.

A very good knowledge of English is required. Good knowledge of French would be an advantage.

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.

Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level in the field(s) :Law, Economics Social sciences, Technology
- Seniority: At least 3 years of experience on public policy making or policy analysis Experience on working with textiles, clothing, leather and footwear policies/initiatives, as well as legislative work would be an asset

- **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:** English on level C2. A good knowledge of French would also be an asset.

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](#)). 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 your CV in English, French or German using the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)). 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⁾. 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)