

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

DG – Directorate – Unit	COMP-E-4
Post number in sysper:	297784
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Provisional starting date:	1st quarter 2024
Initial duration:	1 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input 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 checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are unit COMP/E4, responsible for merger control in Directorate E (Basic Industries, Manufacturing and Agriculture) in DG Competition ('DG COMP'). Our sectors cover everything from mining, basic industries (e.g., steel), manufacturing, aerospace and defense industries, agriculture and food processing to consumer goods and retail. We are a dynamic team composed of 24 case handlers responsible for investigating cases and drafting decisions, 4 case assistants responsible for secretarial and organizational support, usually 2 trainees and 3 case managers coordinating the case work.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The work consists of investigating concentrations falling under the EU Merger Regulation in the sectors covered by Unit COMP/E4, including drafting Commission decisions. Case handlers work in teams composed of at least two case handlers, a case assistant and a case manager. The teams carry out a legal and economic assessment of the likely impact of a concentration on competition in the relevant market(s) within the EEA. Case handling work includes meetings with the parties to the concentration and their lawyers, understanding supply and value chains for the relevant product markets, reviewing internal strategy documents of the parties, conducting market investigations by means of requests for information, interviews with customers, suppliers and competitors of the parties, cooperating with competition authorities in other jurisdictions (e.g. the US or China), as well as contacts with regulatory bodies. Case handlers are also responsible for ensuring that procedures are correctly applied, preparing negotiations with the parties and drafting the final Commission decisions. In addition to their case work for Unit COMP/E4, case handlers may be asked to work on mergers in other sectors within DG Competition's merger network, to draft speeches and briefings and to participate in cross-unit working groups on policy issues and legislation.

Case handling work is dynamic, varied and interesting. A case handler may be involved in up to 20 different cases per year. This allows case handlers to gain quickly significant professional experience as regards the typical legal and economic issues arising in merger control. In carrying out their duties, case handlers also gain great insight into the particular features of many different industries. Finally, the job also provides case handlers with the opportunity to meet and negotiate with often high-level business representatives and their legal and economic advisors.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a candidate with a strong background in law, economics, engineering and/or business; knowledge of merger control law and economics is an advantage. The candidate should be familiar with the main applications used in a work environment (text files, presentations, data tables), have good analytical and drafting skills, a strong sense of initiative and work ethic, as well as the proven ability to work in a team. A good command of English is essential; knowledge of other languages is 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](#)). 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](#)). 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)