



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	GROW H.1
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Contact person:	Katharina Knapton-Vierlich
Provisional starting date:	2nd quarter 2024
Initial duration:	2 years
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 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 Latest application date: 25-04-2023

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are an internal market unit acting as the epicentre of the Commission's construction policy initiatives. Our mission is to maintain and improve the competitiveness of the construction ecosystem in the green and digital transition. With roughly 13% of the EU GDP and as one of the biggest users of energy and natural resources, the success of this transition is crucial for businesses and citizens

alike. It is our job to develop policies, and propose, negotiate and implement legislation that is up to the challenges we face.

We have recently finalised the negotiations for a new Construction Product Regulation. At the same time, we develop standards under the Construction Product Regulation and prepare the application of the new legal framework. We will draft implementing and delegated acts under the new CPR.

We also develop and implement policy proposals for construction policy in general. The [Transition Pathway for Construction](#), developed by us and published in March 2023 describes conditions and necessary actions for achieving a resilient, competitive, greener, and more digital construction ecosystem. It is the basis for the development of our policy proposals; and guides our daily work.

We have a friendly, respectful and collegial working atmosphere, and we welcome diversity of views, education and background.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The national expert will contribute to the development and implementation of the EU construction policy, including construction products legislation. Tasks will focus mainly, but not exclusively, on the following areas – and depend on the background and interests of the candidate as well as the needs of the unit during the secondment:

- Assess various legal questions in relation to the construction product regulation and other construction related legal questions, including complaints;
- Draft and adapt legislative texts in the area of construction policy;
- Accompany legislative processes with their expertise;
- Develop and implementing policy proposals in the fields of competence of the unit, especially for the future of the construction ecosystem, including its circularity and digitalization;
- Provide economic assessments and advice;
- Participate in the implementation of the new construction product regulation and the transition from the current legal framework (standardization requests, delegated acts, etc.)

Concrete distribution of tasks will depend on the profile of the successful candidate and the priorities of the unit, and it may develop over time.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We look for a person to join our unit who has experience and interest in construction policy and regulation.

The person may have a legal, engineering or similar, or economic background. Some experience working with legal texts is, however, essential. A degree in law is an asset, but not a requirement.

We look for a person who has an open mind and wide-ranging interests, who is adaptable and likes working in a quick-paced and dynamic team.

The candidates have to have a minimum of 3 years experience (at the time of taking up the post at the Commission) working in an official capacity in a Member State in the field of competence of the unit, such as a ministry or a regulatory authority.

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 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)