



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	TAXUD- Dir A – unit A.2
Post number in sysper:	238324
Contact person:	Annegret.rohloff@ec.europa.eu
Provisional starting date:	3rd quarter 2024
Initial duration:	3 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
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 type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-03-2024

### Entity Presentation (We are)

Directorate General for Taxation & Customs Union's (DG TAXUD) mission is to promote fair and sustainable policies that generate revenue for the EU and its Member States and ensure that EU citizens and businesses benefit from global trade and a safe and secure Single Market protected at its borders.

The Directorate for Customs (TAXUD.A) is responsible for designing the Union's customs policy and any relevant legislation and oversees its correct implementation by the Member States. It is responsible for a comprehensive reform of the Customs Union and the Union Customs Code, proposed in 2023, with which the Customs Union shall be modernised, to ensure that EU customs “act as one”, via the creation of an EU Customs Authority and an EU Data Hub. With many of its ongoing activities the Directorate already prepares the ground for the reform e.g., activities regarding risk management and the role of customs to protect safety and security, such as in the fight against drugs trafficking, via the European Ports Alliance which is being launched further to the 2023 State of the Union speech. The Directorate also deals with international relations including enlargement, and Rules of Origin and Customs valuation.

Within the Directorate, Unit A.2's (“Customs legislation”) mission is to contribute to the development and management of the Customs Union, by:

- ensuring overall coordination of the customs legislation of the European Union, as laid down in its Customs Code, and of its evolution to respond to new challenges.
- ensuring the uniform application of the customs legislation, by analysing the implementation and practice at the level of Member States and launching infringement action as appropriate.
- dealing with the special procedures and import and export formalities in the customs field, and with legal and customs related questions of the formulation and application of EU sanctions.

The creation of the Customs Authority will affect several activities of DG TAXUD including the transfer of resources, be it regarding risk management, data and IT, or training. While Unit A2 proper will not be concerned by those transfers, the work of the unit will substantially change in view of the Customs Authority and the Data Hub, as A2 will be the focal point for the legal work on the design, rules, and Commission relationship with both. Besides, A2 is involved in the work related to the EU enlargement process.

### **Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose an interesting and challenging post which will allow the successful candidate to work in a small team on a variety of legal questions in the field of customs legislation and, more specifically on e-commerce matters, within the sector on general customs legislation. The sector is also responsible for the customs legal questions on sanctions against Russia and Byelorussia, as well as for the screening of the customs legislation of enlargement countries.

The successful candidate will, among other tasks, contribute to the drafting of legal texts, particularly on e-commerce aspects, analyse the existing data and be in contact with the TAXUD units dealing with the VAT aspects of e-commerce. The successful candidate will also provide advice to line units/DG and to Member States customs administrations and other stakeholders on e-commerce issues.

The successful candidate may also be called to contribute to the activity of other sectors in the Unit and the Directorate as well as horizontal project teams.

### **Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

An open-minded and proactive colleague to reinforce our team. The ideal candidate would be a dynamic and flexible person, with a keen sense of team spirit and focused on results. The successful candidate will need excellent knowledge of the customs and VAT problems of e-commerce, analytical and communication/ drafting skills and should be able to work under pressure.

Experience in data analysis will be considered a strong asset.

Experience in customs legislation is desirable.

Proficiency in English is necessary, including in terms of drafting skills.

### **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 <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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)