



## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit  | TAXUD-A-6  |
| Post number in sysper:   | 380414   |
| Contact person:  | Marko Lätti, Head of Unit (Acting)   |
| Provisional starting date:   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024   |
| Initial duration:  | 2 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:<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>EU Member States</b><br>as well as<br><input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland<br><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: ....<br><input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ...<br><input type="radio"/> <b>EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</b> |  |
| Deadline for applications  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month<br>Latest application date: 25-04-2024   |

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The mission of the Directorate-General Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) 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.

Directorate A is in charge of the EU Customs Union and customs policy including, among others, managing EU international relations, primarily in customs, supporting the enlargement process,

and developing customs policies and legislation for the rules of origin for goods and customs valuation. The Directorate is friendly and dynamic and is organised into 6 units including a total of around 160 staff.

Unit A.6 is in charge of defining and coordinating EU policy on Rules of Origin and Customs Valuation in partnership with Member States' customs and EU business, in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Customs Union's legislation and policy. It also negotiates the relevant rules with EU trade partners bilaterally and in international fora and supports their implementation by Member States' customs and operators.

Unit A.6 monitors the application of the international agreements and relevant legislation by partner countries. It also ensures consistency of the Union Customs Code with the work of the World Trade Organisation on Trade Facilitation, Rules of Origin and Customs Valuation.

It chairs the Customs Expert Groups on Rules of Origin and on Customs Valuation. The Unit has frequent contacts with customs experts of Member States, representatives of third countries, and business representatives or individual companies. The Unit is organised in three teams and is composed at present of 20 colleagues.

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

The Seconded National Expert will support the customs valuation team that ensures consistency and progress in the definition and implementation of Union rules on customs value in line with the international commitments and the protection of the financial interests of the Union.

The team is dedicated primarily to the management of customs valuation rules at Union level (laid down in the Union Customs Code) and at international multilateral level, through work with Member States in the Section on Customs valuation of the Customs Expert Group/Customs Code Committee and in appropriate fora at the WTO and WCO. The team is responsible for guidance for customs and economic operators in the Union and also contributes to the definition of Commission positions on ECJ cases and traditional own resources audits and controls performed by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and DG BUDGET, involving customs valuation issues. It also helps with addressing the phenomenon of undervaluation and the operational challenges faced by customs administrations. It also works on policy definition and new legal initiatives on topics such as the inclusion in Union customs legislation of decisions relating to binding information on customs value ("BVI decisions").

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

We are looking for a SNE with:

- excellent knowledge and experience in customs matters, especially in relation to customs valuation rules, both at Union and international multilateral levels and their implementation in the EU;
- a sense of initiative and the capacity to treat economic and trade-related files;
- the ability to fit into a multi-cultural team and collaborate with colleagues within TAXUD and in other DGs, as well as with Member States, representatives of third countries and stakeholders;
- good organisational skills and who can adapt to different situations and counterparts.
- A thorough knowledge of one of the EU languages and excellent communication and drafting skills in English are required. Knowledge of another EU language would be a supplementary 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 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)