



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG AGRI - Directorate International G - Unit G1 “Global issues, WTO and relations with ACP”
Post number in sysper:	495854
Contact person:	Agata GALINSKA, Head of Unit
Provisional starting date:	4th quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg <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
<p>This vacancy notice is open to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ...</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, ...)</p>	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-11-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

Within DG AGRI, unit G.1 is responsible for ‘Global issues, WTO and relations with ACP’. The unit covers a wide range of international aspects of agricultural policy. We provide input on agricultural aspects to trade and development policy, in international fora such as OECD, FAO, G7 and G20, as well as in relations with the ACP countries. We also contribute to work with the African Union on agricultural policy. The unit also provides

analysis of agri-food trade, which is used for publications as well as provides input to trade negotiations.

The unit also represents the EU in the regular work as well as in the negotiations at the World Trade Organisation. We manage the EU's obligations under the Agreement on Agriculture and ensure compliance with WTO commitments. In agriculture negotiations under the WTO our role is to promote the EU interests by preparing and defending EU positions. We also provide input to Dispute Settlement Procedures regarding agricultural cases in the WTO. The unit also represents the EU in the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) as regards the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The successful candidate will be involved in preparing and providing input to the work of DG AGRI with the FAO, as well as in the EU's cooperation on agriculture with the African countries and the African Union. The tasks will require internal coordination and intelligence gathering within DG AGRI and other Commission services on agricultural, development, trade and other related policies. The candidate will also maintain regular contacts with the FAO, the relevant African and African Union counterparts, as well as with the EU Delegation in Rome (Delegation of the EU to the Holy See, the Sovereign Order of Malta, the UN Organisations in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino), as well as with the EU Delegation to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The tasks will include:

- liaising with and advising DG AGRI, other Commission services, EU institutions and Member State authorities,
- analysis of political and technical developments at UN level (FAO, CFS, etc.) with relevance for the EU agricultural and trade interests with a view to preparing and suggesting positions and policy options,
- maintaining good relations with FAO correspondents, including with the EU Delegation in Rome,
- contribution to FAO policy development processes as well as to the cooperation with the African Union in close coordination in particular with DG INTPA,
- follow-up and analysis of developments in ACP countries and within the EU's cooperation with the African Union,
- analysis of information, preparation of positions, and outreach in the relevant international fora,
- assisting in representation of the EU in the FAO,
- assisting in representation of the Commission in the Council in relevant areas,
- input to agricultural and international policy work in DG AGRI and other services.

Given the large amount of issues under the responsibility of the unit and unpredictable nature of international environment, the successful candidate may also be involved in other areas of the unit's work.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Candidates should have:

- good understanding of the EU institutional setting,

- good communication, representational, interpersonal and co-ordination skills,
- knowledge of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP),
- knowledge of the external dimension of the CAP, trade and development policies,
- good drafting skills,
- good intellectual/problem solving and judgement skills,
- a capacity to work autonomously and as part of a team.

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)