



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	CONNECT-DDG2.01
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Contact person:	Olivier BRINGER
Provisional starting date:	1 st quarter 2026
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	☒ Brussels ☐ Luxemburg ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	☐ With allowances ☒ Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: ☒ EU Member States as well as ☐ The following EFTA countries: ☐ Iceland ☐ Liechtenstein ☐ Norway ☐ Switzerland ☐ The following third countries: ☐ The following intergovernmental organisations: ... ☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, ...)	
Deadline for applications	☒ 2 months ☐ 1 month Latest application date: 25-11-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

Unit DDG2.01 is responsible for coordinating the international dimension of the European Commission's digital policy. The unit coordinates the Commission's international position on digital matters on bilateral level with countries and regions outside the Union, and in multilateral and international fora.

Job Presentation (We propose)

As part of Unit D3, the ICT standardisation sector develops and implements the EU ICT standardisation policy, which includes coordinating ICT standardisation activities within the Commission; implementing the ICT-related actions of the EU standardisation strategy; participating in the governance and the technical bodies of standards development organisations; liaising with stakeholders involved in ICT standardisation; managing the ICT standardisation Multi-Stakeholders Platform (MSP); supporting international cooperation on ICT standardisation and the promotion at international level of EU ICT standards; and managing EU-funded projects on ICT standardisation.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Under the supervision of the Head of Unit and technical guidance of the Head of Sector, the Seconded National Experts (SNEs) will contribute to the development and implementation of the ICT standardisation policy at EU level.

The work will entail regular contacts with EU Member States, as well as with standards development organisations; regional and international institutions, like-minded partners, private companies and civil society.

Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between the national/regional and European administrations, the SNEs will not work on individual cases with implications with files they would have had to deal with in their national administration in the two years preceding its entry into the Commission, or directly adjacent cases. In no case they shall represent the Commission in order to make commitments, financial or otherwise, or to negotiate on behalf of the Commission.

Functions and duties

POLICY DEVELOPMENT - Policy and Strategy Contribution

- Contribute to the implementation of the EU Standardisation Strategy - implementing the policy on international standardisation and cooperation with other regions.
- Contribute to the implementation of the EU Standardisation Strategy - developing actions for bridging the gap between R&I and standardisation.
- Contribute to the implementation of the EU Standardisation Strategy – developing measures to improve education and skills on ICT standardisation.
- Participate in the technical bodies of standards development organisations.
- Support the functioning of the expert group European Multi Stakeholder Platform for ICT standardisation
- Develop support measures for innovative SMEs and their participation in standardisation.

POLICY COORDINATION - Policy advice

- Contribute to coordinating ICT standardisation activities within the Commission.
- Contribute to raising awareness on standardisation through communication activities.
- Draft briefing notes and speeches and prepare presentations on specific policy issues.
- Support organisation and running of external events when necessary.
- Participate to inter-service groups and meetings in the Commission in the standardisation area.

- Liaise with units within the Directorate-General, other services and stakeholders inside and outside of the Commission such as European and International Standardisation Organisations to perform the above mentioned tasks.

PROGRAM / PROCESS / PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Contribute to the ICT standardisation project strategies, organisation, steering, monitoring deliverables and priorities and ensure their implementation.
- Track activities against the plan and provide status reports.

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)