



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	CONNECT-DDG2.01
Post number in sysper:	431696
Contact person:	Olivier BRINGER, Head of Unit
Provisional starting date:	1 st quarter 2026
Initial duration:	1 year
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)

Within the Commission's digital and tech department (DG CONNECT), Unit DDG2.01 is responsible for coordinating the international dimension of the Commission's digital policy. The Unit coordinates the Commission's international position on digital matters at bilateral level with countries and regions outside the Union, and in multilateral and international fora.

The team negotiates and implements a number of Digital Partnerships with third countries, and carries out a variety of international dialogues, projects, and other cooperation instruments focused on digital policy. These cover technological, research, and regulatory cooperation in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), data governance, platform regulation, emerging technologies, disinformation, and cybersecurity.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose an exciting opportunity to work in the Unit as **International Relations Officer**, with a specific focus on digital cooperation and investments in third countries, including in the context of Global Gateway.

Under the guidance of the Head of Unit, the jobholder will contribute to promoting EU interests and policy approaches on digital.

The jobholder will be steering and coordinating international relations in the area of digital policies third countries, including through formal dialogues and established cooperation mechanisms. The jobholder will monitor and analyse relevant digital policy developments in the country(ies) under his/her responsibility and will liaise with third country counterparts, industry, academia, and other stakeholders to support EU interests and tech investments in such areas. The job involves close coordination with EU Member States, EU industry and civil society.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a dynamic and reliable team player, with a strong sense of responsibility and initiative. The successful candidate should have a keen interest for the international dimension of the EU's digital policy.

The candidate should have good communication skills, together with a broad knowledge of EU digital policies.

Excellent drafting skills, as well as strong diplomatic skills are also necessary for the performance of the job.

Other criteria are the ability to gather, process, and synthesize information on complex issues, a forward-looking approach, and a proactive attitude.

The selected candidate should be able to work autonomously and efficiently within tight deadlines, set priorities and plan their work accordingly, and be prepared to occasionally meet demanding workload.

Experience on digital policy, experience with relations towards third countries, experience in facilitating investments in developing economies, would represent very important assets.

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)