



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	COMP – B3
Post number in sysper:	234248
Contact person:	Peer RITTER
Provisional starting date:	2 nd trimester 2025
Initial duration:	Up to 2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
<p>This vacancy notice is open to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States</p> <p>as well as</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: OECD</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</p>	
Deadline for applications	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month</p> <p>Latest application date: 25-06-2025</p>

Entity Presentation (We are)

B3 is one of the key contributors to the State Aid policy for European energy markets. Our main mission is to exercise EU State aid control in the electricity and gas sectors and to accompany the transition of these sectors in line with the Clean Industrial Deal. In this context, we assess State aid measures adopted by Member States and contribute to State aid policy that facilitates the energy transition. We focus on cases which concern support for renewable energy, energy storage, carbon capture and storage/use, new nuclear investments, energy infrastructure, coal phase-out, as well as support for energy-intensive

users to enable the decarbonisation of industry and to avoid carbon leakage. Cases typically concern new technologies and/or large amounts of aid requiring a detailed legal and economic assessment. We operate in a network with our sister unit B2 and in close contact with other State aid, antitrust and merger units responsible for competition in the energy sector.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose a challenging and interesting job in a dynamic, professional, and friendly environment. The position of Case handler provides the opportunity to cover a wide range of economic, legal and policy issues in the competition and energy sectors and to contribute to high-profile policy discussions, ensuring excellent prospects for personal and professional development.

You will be responsible for assessing State aid notifications, treating complaints, preparing requests for information, analysing replies, and conducting in-depth discussions with national authorities and private or public stakeholders, leading up to the drafting of Commission decisions. You will also be involved in drafting strategy papers, briefings, and speeches. You will participate in interservice consultations on relevant energy policies and other initiatives of interest to State aid control in the energy sector. Furthermore, you may assist the Legal Service in the handling of litigation before the Courts in Luxembourg. Extensive contacts within the Commission, with representatives of the Member states, legal and economic advisers of undertakings, and with various outside stakeholders are a constant feature of the job. In addition to getting the big picture of what happens in competition policy and in the energy sector in the Commission and beyond, this position provides an opportunity to learn and grow in accordance with the needs of the job. We encourage open discussion and creativity as cases often raise novel legal and economic issues. In addition, the hierarchical structure in the State Aid Network is very lean. Case teams led by a case manager report directly to the responsible Director, to the Deputy Director General for State aid and the Director General for Competition. Colleagues are given a high degree of autonomy in carrying out their tasks. We apply normal working hours/flexibility and have a family friendly environment.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a dynamic national expert, preferably with an economic, legal, or engineering background who, as part of a case team can deal with all aspects of State aid cases in the energy field. The successful candidate should have either good knowledge of State Aid control and/or competition policy or good knowledge of the functioning of energy markets, and preferably both. Working experience in national or European energy regulatory bodies, TSO/DSOs, or in energy market trading would be an asset.

As the work involves frequent contacts with colleagues across the network and drafting of Commission decisions and policy documents, excellent written and oral communication skills are of crucial importance. The candidates should be capable of working independently as well as within a team, and able to work under time constraints and pressure. An excellent command of English is necessary, with the knowledge of other EU languages being an additional 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 ⁽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)