



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG DEFIS A2 (as of 16/04/2025)
Post number in sysper:	487351 available as from 16/04/2025
Contact person:	Arunas Vinciunas
Provisional starting date:	2nd quarter 2025
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: <input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as <input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: .... <input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ... <input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-06-2025

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG-DEFIS) is the European Commission's department tasked with strengthening the competitiveness and innovation of the European Defence industry by ensuring the evolution of a resilient European defence technological and industrial base. To do so, we enable investments to

support defence supply chains, with a special attention on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). We also facilitate their involvement in cross-border partnerships through various tools such as the European Defence Fund (EDF). Our work is guided by the European Defence Industrial Strategy (EDIS) and the Joint White Paper for European Defence Readiness 2030, which are implemented through a set of programmes and initiatives.

As part of Directorate A, entrusted with the development of the defence industrial policy agenda, Unit A.2 mission is to ensure support to Ukraine and military mobility, in particular by supporting integration of Ukrainian defence industrial base into the European defence technological and industrial base and contributing to EU's strong deterrence posture and defence readiness, preparing for the most extreme military contingencies by enhancing military mobility across the EU. Unit A.2 is also responsible for the supporting the competitiveness and resilience of the European civil aeronautics industry, and the Alliance for Zero-Emission Aviation. In close collaboration and in a flexible set-up with other Units of the Directorate, Unit A.2 contributes to the defence industrial policy agenda and promotes Ukraine's participation in defence industrial programs.

The unit is composed of a mix of policy officers, economists, lawyers and defence R&D experts.

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

### **Policy Officer – Support to Ukraine**

The seconded national expert will work under the supervision of a Commission official. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between national / regional or local administrations and the Commission, he / she shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the European Union in mind. The seconded national expert shall not represent the Commission with a view to entering into commitments, whether financial or otherwise, or negotiate on its behalf.

His/her task will be to contribute to the implementation of the White Paper on the Future of European Defence in the area of support to Ukraine. He/she will contribute to the design and implementation of the EU policy aimed at supporting Ukraine and particularly contributing to the integration of the Ukrainian and European Defence Technological and Industrial Bases.

She/he will be responsible for supporting the implementation of the tasks of the European Defence Innovation Office, working towards the extension of its activities. She/he will be responsible for analysis and advice on way to support Ukraine and its defence industrial sector, including by EU space programs, and promoting opportunities for Ukrainian DTIB to participate in EU defence industrial programs. He/she will be responsible for project management and supporting colleagues responsible for tasks related to Ukraine.

She/he will work with various actors in several sectors, including other Commission services, Member States, the European Parliament, the External Action Service, NATO, EDA, industrial stakeholders and international partners.

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

### Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field of Economics, Law, Business, Engineering, Security or Military studies

### Professional experience

- Good knowledge of the EU defence sector and defence industrial policy at EU and Member State level;
- Experience in project implementation in areas of defence industrial policy and/or innovation;
- At least two years of tasks related to the one described above;
- Previous experience with working with Ukrainian counterparts is an asset;
- Knowledge of Ukrainian language is an asset.

The post requires candidates to be in possession of a valid Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) at EU Secret level.

### Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A good command of English is necessary for the performance of the duties and the efficient communication with internal and external stakeholders.

The post requires candidates to be in possession of a valid security clearance (PSC) at SECRET UE/EU SECRET level.

### 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 you 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

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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)

in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.