



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | EMPL E.2 |
| Post number in sysper: | 5868 |
| Contact person: | Jorg Tagger |
| Provisional starting date: | 3 th quarter 2025 |
| Initial duration: | 2 years |
| Place of secondment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 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 |

Entity Presentation (We are)

The mission of Unit E2 is to contribute to the good functioning of the European labour market. It does so by protecting the rights of citizens moving within Europe and reducing barriers to cross-border labour mobility. This implies ensuring that EU rules on social security coordination are fit for purpose and that they are correctly applied.

To achieve its objectives, the unit pursues the following main activities:

- Develops, presents and negotiates legislative proposals to continue the process of modernising and updating the legislative framework, in particular to take into account of the political priorities of this Commission, new developments at EU and national level as well as of new case-law of the Court of Justice;
- Monitors the correct application of EU law in the field, in particular by investigating complaints introduced by individuals, the European Parliament and other stakeholders, and take, where appropriate, the necessary actions;
- Ensures, in close cooperation with unit A4 and Member States, the proper introduction of the electronic information exchange system to support social security coordination (EESSI) in relation to the business aspects of the solution;
- Develop the European Social Security Pass (ESSPASS) initiative to digitalise the European Health Insurance Card and other Portable Documents, such as Portable Document A1, that citizens carry with them as attestations of their social security rights.
- Contributes to all external activities of the European Union in the field of social security coordination, notably with EFTA countries, candidate countries and in the framework of Association Agreements;
- Promotes evidenced-based information on EU social security coordination, in particular by using networks of experts for training and data collecting, and thereby contributing to an informed debate in the field.

Job Presentation (We propose)

You will be primarily contributing to the coordination of the overall EESSI system with Commission colleagues and external consultants and to the ESSPASS initiative. The main tasks include the further development and adaptation of the EESSI system, the monitoring and reporting of the national implementation, the contribution to training and communication strategies and the relations with the stakeholders at EU and national levels. It may also entail contributing to other digital solutions, such as ESSPASS, the Once Only Technical System, leveraging the European Digital Identity Framework. The job also requires preparing and participating in meetings of the relevant governance bodies and expert groups of the Administrative and Technical Commissions (where national delegations meet to discuss the development and monitoring of digital solutions to promote the electronic exchange of social security information).

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

The job requires strong coordination and communication skills and the ability to present complex, specialised and sometimes technical information in a clear and accessible way. Sufficient experience in project and business management, specifically of digital solutions such as EESSI, or ESSPASS, is a pre-requisite. The position requires an ability to cooperate effectively with colleagues, including with technical background, within and outside the unit, to make frequent presentations to large audiences, to deal efficiently with multiple tasks and be able to work under pressure and respond quickly to deadlines.

Linguistic skills: Thorough knowledge of English.

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 five years of professional experience in the business management of IT systems (like EESSI) and in 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)