



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW) – Directorate Construction, Machinery and Market Surveillance - H3 Standards Policy Unit
Post number in sysper:	n/a
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	Acting Head of Unit: Erik, Mattias BERGDAHL 3 rd quarter 2025 2 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" 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)

We are the Standards Policy Unit of DG GROW. Our unit plays a central role in shaping European standardisation policy, supporting the EU's strategic policy objectives and managing the European standardisation system.

We handle the legislative framework for standardisation - Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 - and its ongoing revision (a flagship initiative in the Competitiveness Compass); we are responsible for a substantial budget under the Single Market Programme to support key actors and standardisation actions; and we manage a large stakeholder audience (from EU Member States, other EU institutions and agencies, standardisation bodies, industry, civil society and academia) to ensure that European standards are in line with societal interests, with EU law and with economic needs.

Standards are central to the Commission's policy agenda, playing a key role in achieving the European Green Deal and Digital Decade objectives. They expedite market access for innovations, underpin the Single Market, and directly impact growth and employment. Additionally, standards serve as vital tools for resilience, international diplomacy, trade relations, and align with defence, space, and civil protection goals.

Job Presentation (We propose)

An interesting and stimulating position with room for your own initiatives. This job as a Standards Policy Officer provides an exciting opportunity to work on policy initiatives and developments that are at the forefront of technological advancements and have a real impact on the EU and its citizens. This includes the development of European standardisation policy and ensuring that standards keep pace with technological developments. The position offers opportunities for professional development, international cooperation and working with a diverse stakeholder audience. The main tasks would be:

- Provide expertise and support for the revision of Regulation (EU) 1025/2012.
- Perform strategic analysis of the need for standards to support EU policy needs.
- Work closely with key stakeholders in EU Member States, National Standardisation Bodies, industry and Civil Society organisations taking onboard their needs and balancing them with EU policy needs.
- Represent unit in meetings with other EU institutions (European Parliament, Council), Member States, third countries, international organisations, industry representatives, European Standardisation Organisations, etc.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a motivated colleague with a sense of initiative and an ability to think outside the box, to join a highly committed and dynamic team.

The successful candidate should have:

- at least ten years of relevant experience, including 5 years in matters relating to EU standards policy;
- preferably a university degree in engineering, economics, political science or law;
- experience in inter-institutional negotiations will be an asset;
- an ability to quickly analyse and present complex legal and technical issues, orally and in writing, with excellent drafting skills;

- a proactive approach, ability to work in teams and to collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders outside the Commission;
- a very good knowledge of English is necessary. A good knowledge of French and/or German would be an 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)