



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	HOME.A.3
Post number in sysper:	292988
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Provisional starting date:	1 quarter 2026
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	☐ Brussels ☐ Luxembourg ☒ Other: The Gambia
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, Norway)	
Deadline for applications	☐ 2 months ☐ 1 month
Latest application date: 25-11-2025	

Entity Presentation (We are)

The mission of HOME.A3 is to develop and implement DG HOME's external policies on migration and security, thereby contributing to: (1) formulating and applying coherent and comprehensive EU external strategies and actions which adequately reflect the EU's migration and security priorities and objectives, (2) providing coherent and consistent responses to key migration and security external challenges facing the European Union,

(3) promoting the rights and values underpinning the area of Freedom, Security and Justice in relations with third countries, and (4) the EU becoming a stronger and more visible global actor in the areas of migration and security.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose a SNE post attached to DG HOME and deployed in an EU Delegation.

Overall purpose: to step up coordination to maximize the impact of EU action on migration in third countries and to enhance the engagement of key countries of origin and transit on the entire spectrum of migration issues. EMLOs will contribute to the operational implementation of the comprehensive approach presented in the European Pact on Migration and Asylum by inter alia contributing to migration governance and management, including the prevention and countering of irregular migration, counter-smuggling and border protection measures, better organising legal migration and mobility, ensuring more effective return and readmission, providing protection and support to host communities and building economic opportunities. The EMLOs will also contribute to the implementation of the bilateral and regional cooperation frameworks on migration.

The actual mandate of each of the EMLO will be adapted to the specific situation of the hosting third country, in particular the migratory and security challenges there and the level of its cooperation with the EU. He/she will be under the direct supervision of the Head of the Political Section and the general supervision of the Head of Delegation. He/she will be based in the country (in the EU Delegation) and will be required to travel in the country and in the region, where necessary.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

An SNE who will:

- Under the supervision of the Head of the Political Section, establish and maintain direct contacts with competent national and regional authorities to promote and support engagement with the EU on the entire spectrum of migration issues.
- Gather knowledge and information related to migratory situation and specific migratory trends (flows, routes, risks, modi operandi used by smugglers and related criminal activities) as well as to policy developments in the host country (policy of the official authorities, legislative basis, social/public trends) and in the wider region (for those with a regional mandate). He/She will contribute to identifying challenges and needs in both strategic and operational terms and share these with the Commission, the EEAS, the Council and the relevant EU Agencies, in particular for purpose of risk analysis developed by Frontex and investigations at EU level supported by Europol.
- Provide policy/strategic analysis and recommendations and contribute to the reporting of the EU Delegation.
- Under the supervision of the Head of the Political Section, facilitate and support the Immigration Liaison Officers' Network in the country of posting in line

with Regulation 2019/1240, establish and lead a network of Member States' and EU Agencies representatives dealing with migration issues in the host country.

- Under the supervision of the Head of the Political Section, cooperate and liaise with all relevant interlocutors present in the country, including EU and non-EU countries' liaison officers, international organisations, CSDP missions and EU agencies, MS consular authorities, participate in Local Schengen Cooperation (LSC) meetings and support the LSC contact point where relevant. EMLOs should also cooperate closely with the contact points for trafficking in human beings at the EU Delegation. Where relevant, the EMLOs will also contribute to the preparation of migration-related projects and to their implementation, and ensure coordination of the policies with the funding instruments (NDICI, AMIF, ISF, BMVI).
- Under the supervision of the Head of the Political Section, support the effective implementation of the EU return policy, in particular by supporting practical cooperation (and in case necessary, the enforcement of return decisions and return operations from Frontex or from Member States), as well as providing policy analysis, advise and operational support for the implementation of the existing readmission agreements. In this regard, EMLOs will cooperate with those Immigration Liaison Officers (ILOs) who are, in line with the EU Regulation 2019/1240, tasked with assisting in establishing the identity of third country nationals and facilitating their return to their countries of origin as well as with the Return Liaison Officers deployed as a part of the EURLO network funded under Specific Action of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and other networks on return and readmission (e.g. EURINT).
- Send regular reporting to the EEAS, the relevant Commission services and EU Agencies. In this regard, the reporting obligation of the EMLO should be twofold: 1) ad-hoc flash reports in case of events that require immediate early warning system or alerts and 2) periodical strategic reports (at least monthly) on trends, political situation, policy development.
- Work closely with the other members of the delegation to ensure that migration is mainstreamed, as appropriate, in other issues such as development cooperation or the implementation of the bilateral and regional cooperation frameworks on migration in order to ensure consistent implementation of the EU policy and better achieve the above-mentioned objectives.

Selection criteria

Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level in the field(s) of :
 - law, political science, economics, business administration or any other related fields.

Professional experience

Essential: Solid knowledge of the migration context and specific experience in relation to third countries on migration issues; have the capacity to strategically collect and analyze information on migration issues; have good negotiation skills; team player.

Desired: Professional experience in the field of migration, in particular with regard to

third countries, the European Union and international organizations; experience as immigration liaison officers, as well as other liaison officers or diplomats for an EU Member State in a third country which, as part of their duties, dealt with migration issues would be an asset.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Thorough knowledge of oral and written English (C1). Knowledge of the official language of the host country would be considered a major 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