



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	OLAF-B-1
Post number in sysper:	443324
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Provisional starting date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month  Latest application date: 25-04-2025

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is both an investigative service and the Commission service responsible for the design and delivery of EU anti-fraud policy. The present vacancy concerns a position in OLAF's Directorate responsible for Revenue and International Operations, Investigations & Strategy (Directorate B).

The mission of OLAF is threefold:

- to protect the financial interests of the European Union by investigating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities;
- to detect and investigate serious matters relating to the discharge of professional duties by members and staff of the EU institutions and bodies that could result in disciplinary or criminal proceedings;
- to support the European Commission in the development and implementation of fraud prevention and detection policies.

Within its policy area, the Office acts in the same manner as any other Commission Service, designing and delivering policies within its area of competence. Conversely, for investigations, the Director-General of OLAF has statutory independence to conduct investigations into allegations of fraud and other illegal activities with financial consequences for the European budget.

Unit B.1 'Customs, Trade and Tobacco Anti-Fraud Strategy' is a central pillar of OLAF's Directorate responsible for Revenue and International Operations, Investigations & Strategy. The mission of Unit B.1 is to provide a strategy to fight customs fraud and the illicit trade of goods affecting health or the environment, including tobacco products and counterfeit goods. To this effect, it provides support to OLAF investigators, Member State customs authorities and cooperates with Commission Services, other competent authorities including non-EU countries and relevant international organisations.

The Unit provides strategic support to investigations and implements Joint Customs Operations with relevant national, European and international entities. It also provides analytical services to Member State customs authorities and OLAF investigators and contributes to or initiate legislative initiatives in the revenue area at EU level (including Regulation 515/97). Moreover, the Unit develops and implements an antifraud strategy, negotiates mutual administrative assistance and antifraud measures in international agreements, and develops specific initiatives targeting the illicit tobacco trade. The Unit is also responsible for the policy development of various applications of a dedicated IT platform, the Anti-Fraud Information System (AFIS). The Unit is currently strengthening its activities in the area of data analysis.

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

Unit OLAF.B.1 is composed of 18 members. The SNE would be joining a team of 7 staff members working in close cooperation with the investigators and other analysts in house and of the Member States customs administrations. He/she should:

- a) research and analyse data from various sources (e.g. customs data, commercial data bases, open sources, etc.), apply critical thinking and logic to interpret findings, and produce strategic and operational analysis reports to support the prevention and detection of customs fraud;
- b) provide analytical support to operational activities, including Joint customs Operations, in the customs domain.

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

We are looking for a dynamic, pro-active and highly motivated customs analyst with relevant professional experience.

Experience in data analysis for combating fraud in the fields of customs undervaluation, e-commerce, circumvention of anti-dumping duties or other trade measures including sanctions, misdescription of goods and origin, counterfeit and other illicit trade of goods, would be an asset.

The SNE should have experience with a wide range of analytical tools (e.g. Knime, Tableau) and databases (e.g. Oracle, MongoDB) as well as programming knowledge (e.g. Python, R) and analytical techniques such as open source analysis, social networks analysis, data and text mining analysis. Experience in the pre-processing and analysis of "big data" would be an advantage.

The SNE will be part of a team of analysts that are also responsible for supporting developments and updates of the applications and analytical tools in the AFIS environment. Familiarity with one or several AFIS applications and other customs IT systems would also be an advantage.

He/she should be able to evaluate the reliability and relevance of information collected from different sources. The SNE should have good drafting skills in English and produce actionable reports for the investigation units.

### **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 <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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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)