



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	SANTE-C-1
Post number in sysper:	350803
Contact person:	RAFFAELLI Fulvia
Provisional starting date:	First quarter 2026
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 Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) aims to deliver to Europeans the peace of mind that comes with access to healthcare, safe food to eat and protection against epidemics and diseases. Our goal is to build and maintain Europe's high standards on food and feed safety, food sustainability, animal and plant health, as well as the most affordable, accessible and high-quality health systems to deliver on these expectations.

The 'Digital Health' Unit, SANTE.C1, works on data, digital infrastructures and data protection policies in healthcare, promotes digital health tools and the digital single market. In particular, the Unit is leading on the ambitious project of building a European Health Data Space (EHDS) <sup>(1)</sup>. The EHDS will contribute to the digital transformation of health and care at EU level and make the healthcare systems of the EU ready for the digital future. As a building block of a strong European Health Union, the EHDS will support the implementation of initiatives like Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the Pharmaceutical Strategy, and accelerate progress towards the desired results and targets in health, to the benefit of all citizens and patients.

### Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose a unique position for a **policy officer** who will have the opportunity to work on one of the most dynamic and exciting policy and action developments in health: the setting up of a European Health Data Space (EHDS). Following the adoption of the Regulation on the European Health Data Space <sup>(2)</sup>, the successful candidate will contribute to the implementation of this very challenging but unique endeavour, in particular in relation to the **primary use of health data**. S/he will contribute to **coordinating the work with Member States and stakeholders** across the different contracts, projects and joint actions to design and set up the processes, framework and digital infrastructures supporting the implementation of the EHDS, particularly in relation with the **use of data for primary uses and the certification of electronic health record (EHR) systems**. S/he will also be closely associated to the preparation of the **implementing and delegated acts** in this area. The successful colleague will work closely with other units in DG SANTE, with DG CNECT and DG RTD, as well as with other Directorates-General (GROW, JUST, JRC etc.), with the Member States and key stakeholders in the health sector.

### Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We look for a colleague interested in working in an area with a very high profile and political interest and in supporting a very dynamic and committed team. The successful candidate will ideally have a background in **digital health and interoperability of health data**, and should be able to contribute on the **technical aspects of the implementation of the EHDS** as well as the **projects on digital health** under the unit's responsibility.

The following are an asset:

- a) experience in drafting requirements and technical specifications for IT platforms and health data interoperability;
- b) experience in managing digital (health) projects as project or business manager;
- c) good knowledge of EU policies in the area of digital health, digital technologies (e.g. for identification management), product legislation and/or health data standards (e.g. SNOMED CT, HL7 FHIR, LOINC, etc.).

Certifications and courses on **health data standards, formats and frameworks** are

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<sup>(1)</sup> [European Health Data Space Regulation \(EHDS\) - European Commission](#)

<sup>(2)</sup> [Regulation - EU - 2025/327 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

an advantage.

Very good writing and communication skills, ability to prepare and participate effectively in meetings, organisational skills and flexibility to adapt to new challenges are clear advantages. A very good command of English is needed. Knowledge of other EU languages is 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 <sup>(3)</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>(3)</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)