



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	SANTE – E – 4
Post number in sysper:	224928
Contact person:	BITTERHOF Almut
Provisional starting date:	1 st quarter 2026
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 type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input 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 type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-11-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

DG Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) aims to promote actions that improve access to healthcare, safe food to eat, and protection against epidemics and diseases. Its goal is to build and maintain Europe's high standards on human, animal and plant health, as well

as the most affordable, accessible and high-quality health systems to deliver on these expectations.

Unit E.4 is responsible for policy and legislation concerning pesticides and biocides. This includes various approval processes concerning active substances used in pesticides or biocides, the setting of maximum residue levels in food, but also the establishment of rules for the placing on the market and the use of plant protection or biocidal products. The working area attracts a lot of political and media attention and visibility. The Unit works in an excellent team spirit, with highly committed staff and a friendly and respectful atmosphere.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We offer a position for a seconded national expert within the Biocides team of the Unit.

The expert will contribute to the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 on the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (the BPR). The post offers a varied and interesting range of work related to biocides and treated articles with biocides, in an area of considerable importance for both public health and the environment.

The expert will use its technical expertise to contribute to regulatory processes, including the elaboration of Commission's position documents, and the negotiations with Member States. The expert will work together with the other members of the team to develop the legislative framework and implement it, and will in particular provide a leading support for the management of the Union authorisation of biocidal products, including drafting Commission decisions on the matter. The expert will also contribute to the evaluation of the legislation that will start in 2025.

The tasks imply extensive contacts with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) located in Helsinki, the Member State competent authorities for the implementation of the BPR, other Commission services, as well as a wide range of stakeholders (industry representatives, NGOs, civil society, third countries, etc.) including applicants for Union authorisation.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a national expert with a regulatory or scientific background to work on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 on the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (the BPR), or other EU legislation with comparable principles.

Good knowledge of English (orally and in writing) is required – knowledge of other Union languages 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 (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