



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	SANTE-G-G4
Post number in sysper:	372071
Contact person:	Bruno SAIMOUR
Provisional starting date:	...3 quarter 2025
Initial duration:	...1 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 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 25/06/2025	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are a Unit in charge of the Official Controls Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/625), the TRACES system, import controls and the implementation of the Windsor Framework (Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland). For this latter some of our colleagues are on mission in Northern Ireland.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We are looking for candidates to work in the area of MONITORING AND SUPERVISING official controls on public, animal and plant health, in relation to the implementation of the Windsor Framework, as a new way forward on the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland (the “Protocol”).

According to Article 12(2) of the Protocol, Union representatives shall have the right to be present during any activities of the competent authorities of the United Kingdom (UK) related to the implementation of Union law made applicable by the Protocol. These activities include any official control and other official activities performed in Northern Ireland to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council. It also includes in particular the official controls performed at the border control posts in the ports and airports of Northern Ireland.

The members of the team shall fulfil their duties while being on mission and will work, where necessary, in 24-hour duty shifts and on weekends.

The candidate will be expected to carry out the following tasks:

- on a daily basis, working in the border control posts of Northern Ireland to accompany the UK competent authorities during their official controls performed on the consignments of animals and goods coming from the other parts of the UK and from the other non-Union countries;
- on a risk-based approach and with appropriate frequency, to accompany the UK competent authorities during other official controls and activities than in border control posts, performed on animal and goods at any stage of production, processing, distribution and use;
- working in good faith and close cooperation with the UK competent authorities;
- requesting any useful information to the UK competent authorities, concerning the covered activities;
- monitoring the data available in the information systems, with a special attention to TRACES;
- analysing this information, in order to identify any possible issues of implementation of Union law;
- requesting control measures to the UK competent authorities, for the individual cases where further and/or urgent actions are necessary

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level in the field(s) : Plants, animals and food production - Veterinary medicine - Plant health.

Professional experience

- Sound knowledge of EU legislation on public, animal and plant health.
- Interest in the EU affairs and the internal mechanisms of the EU institutions.
- Minimum knowledge on the Withdrawal Agreement of the UK and the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland.
- Minimum knowledge on the political relationship between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (Good Friday Agreement).
- Practical experience (minimum 5 years) in the area of border control posts.
- Autonomous user of TRACES system.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Fluent in English.

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)