



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	Legal Service – AGRI Team
Post number in sysper:	102037
Contact person:	Chiara CATTABRIGA
Provisional starting date:	2nd quarter 2025
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 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: 25-07-2025	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Entity Presentation (We are)

The AGRI Team provides internal advice to the Commission and its departments in the fields of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal and Plant Health. In addition, it represents the Commission in cases brought before the Court of Justice of the EU in these areas of law.

If appropriate, it interacts with the Legal Services of other Institutions and with lawyers in the Member States.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The Seconded National Expert (SNE) will be expected:

- to assist the AGRI team in the above areas.
- to provide the Commission with the necessary legal advice for its activity and its defence in legal proceedings.

The SNE will work under the supervision of an administrator. Without prejudice to respecting the principle of loyal cooperation which unites national/regional and European administrations, the SNE will not work on individual cases having implications with files that he/she would have had to deal with within his/her national/regional administration within the two years preceding his/her entry into the Commission, nor on directly adjacent cases. Under no circumstances he/she will represent the Commission with the aim of making financial commitments or others, or negotiating on its behalf.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Diploma:

Master's degree in law

Professional experience:

The successful SNE will have a good knowledge of the role and the working of the Commission, as well as of the decision-making procedures set by the Treaties. He/she will possess good drafting and communication skills.

A professional experience in the areas covered by the AGRI Team, more specifically in the fields of agriculture and animal and plant health would be an asset, without being essential.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties:

An excellent knowledge of English and a knowledge of French is required. A good knowledge of another EU language will be considered as 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 you 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)