



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG Trade and Economic Security – Directorate TRADE.C – Unit Trade. C.2 –South and South East Asia, Australia, New Zealand
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Provisional starting date:	4 quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2years
Place of secondment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: New Zealand
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
<p>This vacancy notice is open to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ...</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</p>	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-06-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

DG Trade and Economic Security has the task of conducting the EU trade policy, one of the exclusive competences of the EU. Trade policy plays a critical role in building global partnership, enhancing the EU's economic competitiveness, and defending the EU from unfair trade practices and threats to its economic security.

The Unit TRADE.C.2 designs and coordinates the European Union's trade policy with regard to the countries in South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan), South East Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Viet Nam) as well as Australia and New Zealand. The Unit is the focal point for all trade-related contacts with these countries and their regional groupings (ASEAN, SAARC) and with ASEM.

The Unit TRADE.C.2 is in charge of trade negotiations as well as the management and co-ordination of all bilateral trade issues. In particular, it implements concluded trade agreements, such as currently with New Zealand, Singapore and Vietnam, and coordinates on-going negotiations for trade agreements, such as currently with India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and The Philippines.

The Trade section of the EU Delegation in New Zealand, based in Wellington, has a small but energetic team consisting of one Head of Section, one local agent and one Seconded National Expert (SNE) who are committed to grow the bilateral EU-New Zealand relations. The Trade Section actively promotes our shared values and interests and deepen our cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. Areas of particular focus include the implementation of the EU-New Zealand free trade agreement which entered into force in 2024 and collaboration in the context of New Zealand's association to pillar II of the Horizon Europe research programme.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose an interesting position as SNE in the Trade Section of the EU Delegation to New Zealand, within our dynamic and friendly team focused on promoting EU-New Zealand economic, trade and investment relations – particularly the implementation of the EU-New Zealand free trade agreement. Other tasks may be assigned depending on priorities in our bilateral engagement. This position covers a wide variety of missions, including monitoring policy developments and reporting, providing analysis and engaging with a wide range of interlocutors, including New Zealand and third countries officials, Member States representatives, business and various stakeholders. Due to the time difference with Europe, virtual meetings outside of normal working hours (namely in the evening) take place from time to time.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a dynamic and committed candidate, capable of working both as part of our team and independently within the Trade Section in the EU Delegation to New Zealand. Considering the small size of the Trade Section, flexibility, as well as ability to learn quickly and work within short deadlines, is a must. The successful candidate should demonstrate a strong sense of initiative and responsibility, and a keen eye for detail. She/he should have good organisational, planning, and coordination skills as well as excellent drafting competences. An economic background is a clear advantage but not essential.

Service orientation and communication skills are key, given the numerous contacts with staff and counterparts outside the EU Delegation.

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)