



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG TRADE – D - 1
Post number in sysper:	116999
Contact person:	Matthias JØRGENSEN
Provisional starting date:	3rd 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	<input type="radio"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-07-2025

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 partnerships, enhancing the EU's economic competitiveness, and defending the EU from unfair trade practices and threats to its economic security.

Unit TRADE.D.1 coordinates all trade and investment issues with the United States and Canada. This covers a broad range of subjects and files, nearly all of which combine technical/legal and political features, the development of a positive trade and economic agenda between the EU and United States, solving trade disputes with the United States, coordination and implementation of the EU-Canada “Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement” (CETA).

The EU’s economic and trade relations with the United States and Canada have an important strategic dimension, as they affect overall policy and our relations with other countries.

Job Presentation (We propose)

Unit TRADE.D.1 is seeking to hire a SNE. This key role is ideal for a candidate who can contribute to the unit's work based on relevant knowledge and prior experience, to shape and conduct our relations with the United States and Canada in a number of areas.

The position is ideal for candidates skilled in producing high-quality texts, briefing and analysis on complex issues often under short deadlines. The successful candidate will enjoy working with others across silos and providing technical, policy or legal analysis.

The areas of responsibility include: Involvement in general/horizontal policy making and negotiations or disputes on EU-US and EU-Canada trade relations. Drafting briefings and input as necessary on a wide range of general or specific issues. Responsibilities are likely to change over time in function of developments in EU-US trade relations and thus require a high degree of flexibility and adaptability. The work also involves continuous contacts with other Commission services, Member States, the Parliament, stakeholders, and counterparts in the United States and other partner countries.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for an experienced candidate with excellent drafting skills, and a proactive approach to new challenges. The successful candidate should possess a strong sense of responsibility, initiative, and good analytical and conceptual skills. Essential qualities include a collaborative and collegial attitude, enthusiasm and the ability to work effectively in a team to support the unit’s mission.

Knowledge and prior experience in trade policy and negotiations, and/or relations with the United States or Canada would be a key asset.

We look forward to welcoming a new colleague in a strong, diverse and gender-balanced team. Bringing some expertise in one or more specific areas of the unit and the ability to manage a high-profile and complex transatlantic economic relationship is desirable. While English is the main drafting language, a good command of French would also 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⁾ 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)