



## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG BUDG E1
Post number in sysper:	439104
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Provisional starting date:	3rd quarter 2024
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: /
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 checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-04-2024

### Entity Presentation (We are)

BUDG E1 is responsible for developing a Commission-wide policy framework for managing the financial and budgetary risks arising from EU budgetary guarantees and financial assistance to third countries.

Budgetary guarantees provided by the EU have emerged as an important instrument to support financing and investment inside and outside the EU. Budgetary guarantees also play an important role in the Union's effort to assist Ukraine. Also financial assistance

to third countries has become an important tool to help partner countries which face macroeconomic challenges.

The work of the unit is central to developing a policy framework for the sound and sustainable management of these instruments by all DGs using them, coordinated through the work of the Commission's Steering Committee on Contingent Liabilities. One important project of the unit is to harmonise the modelling of all the risks underlying budgetary guarantees and financial assistance in a coherent and consistent manner.

The unit is also responsible for a number of important reports on financial instruments and budgetary guarantees and on the sustainability of contingent liabilities (cfr reports stemming from respectively Article 41 and Article 250 of the Financial Regulation).

The unit is geographically based in both Brussels and Luxembourg but the vacancy is in the Brussels sector of the unit.

The Brussels sector is building a corporate risk management and reporting framework covering all EU programmes that make use of budgetary guarantees for providing investment support. In the current MFF, this in essence relates to the Invest EU Programme (for investment support inside the EU) and the EFSD+ programme (for investment support in neighbouring and developing partner countries). The unit pools the expertise on such instruments within DG BUDG and develops risk and reporting tools in close cooperation with the authorising services (in particular DG ECFIN, DG INTPA and DG NEAR. Assessing all the risks of budgetary guarantees and financial assistance in a holistic manner is one of the key tasks of the unit.

The Luxembourg sector of the unit provides analytical and technical support to the guarantee team, while also performing the risk management of the Commission's investment activities (which currently relates to 'assets under management' of 26 bn EUR divided over 6 portfolios).

### **Job Presentation (We propose)**

We are looking for a policy officer who can strengthen our young and dynamic team on the risk assessment of the contingent liabilities arising from budgetary guarantees and financial assistance. This risk assessment is in essence comparable to the capital management of a bank and requires good analytical and statistical skills.

This team works at the heart of a fast-moving field of policy design and implementation, which is using private capital for leveraging EU policies. It is hence at the border between public sector activities and the activities of capital markets and financial institutions.

This work carries high policy relevance and sensitivity across a number of fields, while offering the possibility for making a personal contribution in the design of the corresponding oversight and reporting framework. It provides furthermore an environment in which proactivity and the ability to develop ideas and drive forward work is promoted and recognized.

## **Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a dynamic and autonomous colleague, who can bring strong analytical and statistical skills and an interest in EU public finance and policies to support private investment.

The successful candidate should have the capacity to understand and develop risk metrics and risk tools. Having a solid understanding of finance/risk and banking would be an important asset. Being able to programme (in particular in Python) would also be a plus.

He/she should also be able to coordinate work across different Directorates and services. Good communication and inter-personal skills are therefore important in facilitating a constructive dialogue with colleagues across the DG and the Commission. Specific expertise and/or experience with institutional and legal aspects of financial instruments or budgetary guarantees would be advantageous, but is not required.

The successful candidate should be motivated to make a meaningful contribution to the development of the new comprehensive oversight and corporate management and risk framework for budgetary guarantees and financial assistance within the Commission.

## **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 <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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)