

**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG BUDG – Taskforce One Stop Shop STEP
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Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" 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: 27-05-2024

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The European Commission has established a new Task Force in Directorate General for Budget (DG BUDG) to oversee the implementation of the Regulation establishing the **Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)**, which aims to preserve a European edge on those technologies, reinforce Europe's competitiveness and

preserve cohesion and the Single Market. This Task Force is administratively a unit directly attached to the Director-General of DG BUDG.

Through the Task Force, DG BUDG will promote the inclusion of STEP priorities in the implementation of directly and indirectly managed programmes and support the reprogramming towards STEP objectives by Member States under the cohesion policy funds. In addition, the Task Force will act as interface towards project promoters seeking advice on EU funding availabilities for investing in Europe. It will cover all forms of financing: grant, equity, debt or guarantees that can be provided under the various EU programmes, including through financial instruments implemented by partners. This should provide a central place to promote the EU funding opportunities and attract industrial investments in Europe.

The Task Force will also take active part in the discussions in DG BUDG and with other Commission Directorates General on the design of the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF), i.e. the multi-year budget for the EU that will succeed the current MFF when the latter ends in 2027. The particular focus of the Task Force will be on the budgetary architecture of the competitiveness of the EU. The Task Force will bring to these discussions the lessons learned in the implementation of STEP, in particular when it comes to developing and exploiting synergies across funding programmes, in making information about EU funding more readily accessible to beneficiaries, and more generally in pursuing the EU's priorities through the EU budget in the most efficient and effective manner.

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

We offer two positions, for two experts coming from different Member States.

Each position is for national experts with a background in the implementation of EU spending programmes and other policy priorities linked to the green and digital transitions. Given the central place of the Task Force in the management of EU funds, this will enable national experts to gain a unique knowledge of the functioning of the Multiannual Financial Framework and its respective programmes, as well as to contribute to building the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

The national experts would be expected to bring a broad operational experience in the implementation of EU spending programmes to bear on both the implementation of the STEP regulation and the design of the next MFF.

In particular, the national experts will be selected with a view to:

- coordinate the implementation of STEP within the Commission and with the Member States, providing policy advice to the political level and senior management, engaging with key European implementing partners and cooperating closely with other Commission DGs
- help Member States with questions related to the reprogramming of their cohesion policy funds towards the STEP objectives
- Provide advice to project promoters on available funding opportunities within the EU and promote combination of funding from various instruments to help funding the industrial sectors. This should cover all forms of support stemming from the various programmes, including through financial instruments implemented with partners
- Contribute to bringing the Task Force's experience and perspective in the discussions on policy and implementation, including in relation to the design of the next MFF.

The national experts will enjoy considerable autonomy and room for initiative in the achievement of agreed objectives while being fully integrated and working within the organizational/management structure of the Task Force and the DG.

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

We look for 2 dynamic colleagues with the following profile:

#### Diploma

University degree or professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level in the field(s): economics, legal affairs, finance, or science

#### Professional experience

Experience in the management of the following:

- Implementation of EU programmes, for example cohesion policy funds or recovery and resilience facility
- Setting-up and implementation of financial instruments, either with international financial institutions or national promotional banks. Handling of project financing through equity, debt or mezzanine combinations
- Experience with the directly managed programmes run by the Commission (e.g. Innovation Fund, Digital Europe Program,...)
- Implementation of national funding programmes providing support (in the forms of grants or other financial support) to companies
- Experience with the handling of State aid
- Experience with EU or national budget matters

#### Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

English is the main working language and the ability to communicate and draft effectively in English is a must.

### **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 <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)