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| Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment: | Prabhat Agarwal 3rd quarter 2024 02 years <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 checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 27-05-2024 |

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are the Platforms Directorate at DG CONNECT.

Our work covers a broad range of policies and regulations applicable to online intermediary services, including the Digital Services Act, the Digital Markets Act, the Platform-to-Business Regulation, and the E-commerce Directive.

A major part of our work concerns the enforcement of the Digital Services Act. This is a growing, dynamic and highly motivated team of enforcers from a broad variety of background.

Why join us?

The Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act constitute ground-breaking new digital regulations and are amongst this Commission's priority actions in the field of digital rules and regulations as part of the policies to build Europe fit for the digital age.

The Commission has established a new regulatory entity within DG CONNECT, in a dedicated 'Platforms Directorate'. Inside this Directorate, the Digital Services Act Enforcement Team will be tasked with the regulatory work, under worldwide unique new powers of the Commission, supervising "very large online platforms" and "very large online search engines" designated by the Commission, i.e. those with more than 45 million users in the EU. This includes search engines and platforms such as social media sites, video-sharing platforms, and online marketplaces. The designated very large online platforms and search engines are also charged a supervisory fee on an annual basis, that the Commission needs to collect and manage. The Commission is also called to chair and convene the meetings of the DSA Board.

With these ground-breaking new regulatory powers, the Commission supervises the systems that such online platforms put into place to tackle illegal content, fight disinformation, uphold user rights, and protect user's health and wellbeing – hand-in-hand with the national regulatory authorities. The team cooperates closely and seamlessly with the newly established European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency, established at the Commission's Joint Research Centre. Part of the work involves scrutinising platforms' recommender systems and content moderation algorithms, as part of their overall compliance with the Digital Services Act. The team also ensures coherence between the DSA and DMA, as well as coherence with other legislative initiatives at EU and national level.

The team frequently interacts with external stakeholders, including the regulated entities, civil society actors and academics, as well as works closely with Member States, regulatory authorities and other bodies with relevant expertise as well as relevant third countries and international organisations.

Job Presentation (We propose)

On the basis of the powers delegated to the Commission under the Digital Services Act, the team shall carry out its new supervisory and enforcement tasks.

Duties:

The tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Contribute to the enforcement of the Digital Services Act, by establishing evidence-based approaches, guidelines and analytical frameworks;

- Contribute to the establishment of sound internal and external procedures and processes, including the relevant internal digital workflows, such as data gathering, analysis, etc;
- Engage with relevant stakeholders to gather knowledge and evidence to support the application of the Digital Services Act;
- Work with entities in scope, Member States, third parties and other stakeholders to prepare the effective implementation of the rules, including by contributing to secondary legislation, guidelines, codes of conducts, or relevant standards;
- As part of multi-disciplinary case-teams detect, investigate, and analyse potential infringements of the Digital Services Act;
- Contribute to internal and external knowledge management, training, and communications activities;
- Contribute to technology foresight projects.

Duties may also involve:

- Carrying out investigations, and in particular inspections, of designated entities and related activities;
- Contribute to joint investigations carried out with Member States;
- Carrying out monitoring and control activities.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Data scientist

Working in this profile, you would bring specialist technical skills into DSA enforcement teams.

Typically, your work will involve translating between engineering or data science questions and legal and policy teams. You would use your technical skills to monitor compliance, establish the evidence base for potential breaches of the DSA, and investigate suspected non-compliance, in relevant domains. Depending on your background and expertise, you would also contribute to the creation of the technical infrastructure being built to monitor compliance and investigate non-compliance, and / or contribute to ad-hoc analyses and reports as the need arises. You will carry out evidence gathering, data analysis and / or technology investigations and forensics on algorithms, data and other technological assets, including those inside the designated entities, based on the investigatory power of the Commission.

You will work in seamless cooperation with the European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency (ECAT) and facilitate interactions with technical teams at very large online platforms and search engines (VLOPs and VLOSEs). Candidates for this profile will be based in Brussels.

The following expertise or professional experience in any of the following areas would also be an advantage:

- Professional experience in an international and multicultural environment;
- Knowledge / understanding of EU policies in the fields relevant to the profile;
- Knowledge / experience of regulatory supervision and enforcement in any related domain;
- Experience and understanding of audit & control systems;
- Procurement procedures involving the EU budget;
- Knowledge / experience in recommender and content moderation algorithms, technologies underpinning search engines and advertising systems or other relevant skills.

Additional required competences:

- A proven ability to produce high-quality written output on complex matters, based on multi-disciplinary team work, under tight deadlines;
- A proven ability to work successfully and autonomously in multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural teams;
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and problem solving skills;
- Good organisational skills, capacity to work as a team member and interact with external stakeholders;
- A constructive and pro-active attitude and the willingness and ability to contribute creatively to the evolving organizational goals.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties: Excellent oral and written command of English: spoken and written skills equivalent to level C1 or higher level for working purposes.

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)