



## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG ECFIN D2
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Contact person:	Bettina Kromen
Provisional starting date:	4 quarter 2024
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>EU Member States</b> 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"/> <b>EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</b>	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-04-2024

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The mission of Unit ECFIN D2 is to promote prosperity and stability in the EU by supporting appropriate economic policies in the countries that are part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and to coordinate the EU's Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) operations in third countries. The ENP applies to the EU's immediate neighbours by land or sea - Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The Unit's main objectives are:

- to promote stability-oriented macroeconomic policies and frameworks in ENP partners countries;
- to promote structural reforms in ENP countries aimed at raising sustainable economic growth, improving economic governance and advancing their economic integration and regulatory convergence with the EU;
- to provide MFA to ENP countries undergoing serious balance of payments difficulties, in the context of economic stabilisation and reform programmes agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF); and
- to manage the horizontal aspects of the EU's MFA instrument in order to ensure its coherence and effectiveness.

This entails the following activities:

- providing regular economic monitoring of and policy advice to countries covered by the Unit;
- conducting regular macro-economic dialogues with these countries;
- supporting the negotiation and implementation of the EU's bilateral agreements and ENP Action Plans with these countries;
- supporting the Commission's strategies and policies on these countries in multilateral economic fora;
- designing, negotiating and monitoring the implementation of the EU's MFA operations in ENP countries;
- managing the budgetary and legislative aspects of all MFA operations; and
- undertaking Operational Assessments of financial and administrative circuits in countries benefiting from MFA.

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

We are looking for a dynamic, highly motivated and analytical economist to join our team as a desk officer in unit D2 in DG ECFIN, which is covering macroeconomic cooperation with Neighbourhood countries and provides Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA), with a view to:

- i. Supporting the horizontal work related to MFA, including the organisational and financial set-up and implementation of individual MFA operations; contribution to the annual report on MFA to the European Parliament and the Council; the evaluation and further development of the MFA instrument; and to enhance visibility around MFA operations.
- ii. Working as a desk officer for one/some of the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood (or the Eastern Partnership), which includes monitoring economic developments, preparing an economic outlook and, if for a country with a balance-of-payment crisis, possibly preparing and managing an MFA operation to support the country financially whilst promoting relevant policy reforms.
- iii. Both the horizontal and country-specific work can involve supporting the participation of DG ECFIN, in interactions within the European Commission, or the EU, and in engagements with the partner country(ies). The work will also include contributions to different regular internal reports, to reports to the co-legislators and, if appropriate, to reports published on-line. Frequent briefing materials are also asked for in preparation of

international meetings, including preparing speaking points and background material for the High Representative of the European Union, the Executive Vice President in charge of an economy that works for the people, or for the Commissioner responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs.

The successful applicant should be able to produce high quality output, often within short deadline

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

The successful candidate should have a strong background in economics, ideally with some familiarity with the challenges faced by developing and transition economies . S/he should have the capacity to manage programmes/projects with considerable financial and political implications. Experience in working with the EU's financial management rules and procedures would be an asset. S/he should have strong analytical skills, be able to produce high quality output, have excellent communication and drafting skills, express complex issues in clear and accessible terms. S/he should be able to work under tight deadlines, demonstrate a high degree of initiative and motivation. S/he should have strong interpersonal skills and be a dedicated team player. An excellent command of written and spoken English is necessary. Knowledge of a language of one or several countries in the remit of the Unit (e.g. French, Russian) would be an asset.

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### **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)