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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | COMP.K.1 |
| Post number in sysper: | 440667 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Eddy De Smijter  3rd quarter 2025  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: |
| Type of secondment |  |
| This vacancy notice is open to:    as well as  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries: ….  The following intergovernmental organisations: … | |
| Deadline for applications | Latest application date: 25-06-2025 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The directorate K in DG Competition is in charge of implementing and enforcing the Foreign Subsidies Regulation, other than in the field of public procurement. Its task is to identify and assess whether subsidies granted by non-EU countries are distorting competition in the EU internal market. We are a highly motivated and growing team of colleagues who are enthusiastic to put into action this new Commission competence.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We are offering a position for a new member in the foreign subsidies team. Due to the novelty of the legal framework, the work requires creative and pragmatic thinking in combination with a sound analytical and conceptual approach. The new colleague will be involved in case work and policy development. The work requires both a good economic and legal understanding of the role of subsidies in companies and economies. The precise scope of the work will depend on the needs of the Directorate, the skills of the new colleague, for example in terms of educational and professional background and sectorial experience, and his/her interests.

The directorate has a friendly and stimulating working atmosphere with management and colleagues who pay attention to human relationships. We encourage discussions and exchange of opinions and experience. Colleagues are given a high degree of autonomy in carrying out their tasks.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a motivated and dynamic colleague with a solid background in competition or trade policy. Knowledge of or practical experience in enforcement of merger rules, EU State aid rules or Trade Defence Instruments would be a practical asset. S/he needs to be proactive, diligent, responsible and flexible to work on cases and concepts in a holistic way involving different economic and legal aspects. Moreover, the new colleague should have a strong sense of teamwork to cooperate within the directorate team, across DG Competition as well as with other Commission services such as the Legal Service. The main working language of the directorate is English, but knowledge of other EU or non-EU langauages would be an advantage.

**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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444)). 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](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae)). 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]](#footnote-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 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)