

**VACANCY NOTICE**

**SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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| **Post identification:**(DG-DIR-UNIT) | **ECFIN-A-4** |
| **Head of Unit:****Email address:****Telephone:****Number of available posts:****Suggested taking up duty:****Suggested initial duration:****Place of secondment:** | **Matthieu Hébert****Matthieu.hebert@ec.europa.eu****+32.229.77.301****1****3rd quarter 2022 [[1]](#footnote-1)****2 year(s)1****☒ Brussels □ Luxemburg □** **Other:**  |
|  | **☒  With allowances** □  **Cost-free** |
| **This vacancy notice is also open to****□    the following EFTA countries : □ Iceland □ Liechtenstein □ Norway □ Switzerland □ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)□    the following third countries:□    the following intergovernmental organisations:** |

**1. Nature of the tasks**

Unit ECFIN.A4 is responsible for communication to key stakeholders and the public on the Commission's policies in the field of economic and financial affairs. The Unit is also responsible for coordinating DG ECFIN's relations with the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Committee of the Regions, the European Ombudsman and the national parliaments.

We propose a position as a Communication officer - inter-institutional relations coordinator, working closely with the Head and Deputy Head of Unit and within a dynamic and motivated team on the following files:

* Coordinating relations with the European Parliament (EP), namely by preparing and following up on meetings of parliamentary committees, plenary sessions and trilogues, maintaining close relations with key interlocutors, coordinating and drafting briefings related to parliamentary meetings, monitoring upcoming legislative proposals and commitments arising from existing legislation, and advising colleagues on their interactions with the European Parliament.
* Preparing and implementing communication strategies, contributing to the implementation of corporate communication campaigns, and advising colleagues on how to maximise the communication potential of ECFIN's economic policy work, in particular in the context of the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) in the Member States.
* Supporting the Commission Spokespersons' Service (SPP) in their relations with the press by preparing draft press materials, lines to take, replies to press questions, as well as content concepts for social media and websites in close cooperation with ECFIN policy units and in liaison with relevant Cabinets, other Commission services, Commission Representations in the Member States and other EU institutions. The successful candidate will also assist the preparation of the content of the Brussels Economic Forum, and potentially the organisation of journalist seminars.

**2. Main qualifications**

**a) Eligibility criteria**

The following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil all of these criteria will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.

• 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: candidates must have at least one year seniority with their employer, that means having worked for an eligible employer as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision on a permanent or contract basis for at least one year before the secondment;

• 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. SNE from a third country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

**b) Selection criteria**

Diploma

- university degree or

- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

 in the field(s) : economics, law, political science, or related subjects.

Professional experience

Experience in a function involving public communication and/ or relations with EU institutions, and in particular the European Parliament.

Excellent communication and organisational skills would be needed, as well as a good understanding of the EU's economic policy priorities. Knowledge of the functioning of the European Parliament would be an asset.

Candidates should have an ability to analyse, synthesise and communicate complex economic concepts and reports to non-expert audiences. They should have strong interpersonal skills and be ready to proactively engage with key interlocutors in other services and institutions. In addition to being a team player, the position will require the flexibility and resilience to work well under time pressure.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Capacity to draft fluently and edit texts to a very high standard in English.

**3. Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>) in English, French or German **only to the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of their country**, which will forward it to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter.The CV must mention the date of birth and the nationality of the candidate. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

Candidates are asked not to 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.

Candidates will be informed of the follow-up of their application by the unit concerned.

**4. Conditions of the secondment**

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).

The SNE will remain employed and remunerated by his/her employer during the secondment. He/she will equally remain covered by the national social security system.

Unless for cost-free SNE, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNE fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.

During the secondment, SNE are subject to confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest obligations, as provided for in Art. 6 and 7 of the SNE Decision.

If any document is inexact, incomplete or missing, the application may be cancelled.

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, OJ L 72, 17.03.2015, p. 53).

The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**5. Processing of personal data**

The selection, secondment and termination of the secondment of a national expert requires the Commission (the competent services of DG HR, DG BUDG, PMO and the DG concerned) to process personal data concerning the person to be seconded, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit of DG HR.DDG.B4. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Data is kept by the competent services for 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded experts).

You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’ under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.

**Contact information**

* **The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, HR.DDG.B.4, HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu.

* **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

* **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks.

1. These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)