

**VACANCY NOTICE**

**SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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| **Post identification:**  (DG-DIR-UNIT) | **JUST-E-1** |
| **Head of Unit:**  **Email address:**  **Telephone:**  **Number of available posts:**  **Suggested taking up duty:**  **Suggested initial duration:**  **Place of secondment:** | **Daniela Bankier**  [**daniela.bankier@ec.europa.eu**](mailto:daniela.bankier@ec.europa.eu)  **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**

The mission of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) is to strengthen the rights of people living in the European Union. Our policies are based on Europeans’ core values and principles – freedom, democracy, the rule of law, equality, tolerance, and respect for human rights. We contribute to the European Commission’s priorities, in particular to the European Green Deal, a digital future, an economy that works for people, promoting and strengthening European democracy.

Within DG JUST, Unit E1 is responsible for the overall coordination of consumer policy. We work on integrating consumers’ interests in all EU policies, and in particular in the Commission’s priorities: the European Green Deal (sustainable consumption, green transition) and digitalisation. The Unit leads on the implementation of the New Consumer Agenda adopted in November 2020. The Unit’s green team works at the cutting edge of EU sustainability policies, ensuring the consumer perspective. The Unit is also responsible for consumer legislation in retail finance – bank accounts, consumer credit and the distance marketing of financial services. The Unit is the Commission’s hub for relations with the consumer movement at both EU and national level and coordinates relations with Member States and stakeholders through the Consumer Policy Network, the Consumer Policy Advisory Group and the flagship Consumer Summits.

We are looking for a highly motivated, competent and cooperative colleague to work on sustainable consumption and the green transition: on legislative and non-legislative initiatives. The national expert that has gained a thorough understanding and experience in working on the sustainability policies in the Member State will contribute to seeking and promoting solutions on how to engage consumers into demanding more circularity and durability of the goods and more trusted sustainability information about the goods and services. The national expert shall ensure that the economic, social and environmental sustainability concepts contain the consumer perspective.

The national expert shall support us in strengthening our international consumer policy work, by actively promoting policies on sustainable consumption and sharing good practices within OECD, UN, UNEP and other fora. He/she should also develop and work with our stakeholders on joint actions, such as sustainable consumption guidelines, bringing clarity into sustainability labels, promoting sustainable goods, or reaching out to (vulnerable) consumers to join in sustainable consumption.

**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) : consumers, climate environment and natural resources, products, services and labour, goods and sectoral policies.

Professional experience

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

English and French.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)