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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG TAXUD, Directorate A – Customs, Unit A5 |
| Post number in sysper: | [368151](https://intracomm.ec.testa.eu/SYSPER2/jis/jobprofile.do?jobId=368151) |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Fernando PERREAU DE PINNINCK, Head of Unit A5, DG TAXUD; e-mail: [Fernando.PERREAU-DE-PINNINCK@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Fernando.PERREAU-DE-PINNINCK@ec.europa.eu)  Birgit REISER, Unit A5 Team leader WCO; e-mail: [Birgit.REISER@ec.europe.eu](mailto:Birgit.REISER@ec.europe.eu)  3rd quarter 2023  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 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 |  |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

We are a small team within DG TAXUD, Unit A5, in charge of ensuring a best possible representation of EU Custom policies and initiatives in international organizations, mainly in the World Customs Organization (WCO). We do so by promoting international customs cooperation at the level of the WCO and its Member Countries around the globe, based whenever required on coordinated positions with the EU Member States’ Customs Administrations.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We offer a Seconded National Expert (SNE) position (cost-free) in our team. The new colleague is in principle supposed to support the DG TAXUD Unit A5 Team 4 in charge of managing the contributions of the European Union to the work on customs matters of international organizations or fora, like the World Customs Organization (WCO) or others (World Trade Organization/WTO; United National/UN).

The main object of the position is however the coordination of the EU contributions to the work of the World Customs Organization (WCO). It consist in the preparation and discussion of Commission proposals for EU positions in the EU Council's Customs Union Working Party, and their presentation and as appropriate negotiation in the relevant working groups of the WCO. In these tasks, the SNE works under the supervision of an administrator.

Main tasks expected to be performed:

* Supporting the team in representing and negotiating the Commission’s and the EU’s customs-related positions and policies in the cooperation with international bodies and in meetings at international level, usually following a prior coordination with EU Member States, eg. in WCO meetings and events and in WTO’s Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) and alike;
* Preparing/Contributing to briefings in the teams’ area of responsibility, for senior management and international meetings and missions at policy and/or technical level;
* Contributing to the preparation of strategic EU proposals and implementation outlines for customs-related work enhancement and reform processes in international organisation or otherwise contribution to international modernisation processes in the field (eg. Green Customs; WCO Modernisation initiative);
* Participate in liaising with third country authorities and their representatives in Brussels.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We look for a Colleague to reinforce the team with professional/academic experience (preferably in Customs) or otherwise knowledgeable in administrative, legal and/or technical functions related to international cooperation or alternatively with high interest to establish such competencies.

He/she should have:

* At least three years of experience in the area of customs or/and in international relations; concrete experience with the WCO would be an asset;
* Knowledge of global and EU Customs initiatives and legislation;
* Ability to formulate and develop policy;
* Experience of working in an international environment including negotiations;
* Ability to work autonomously and under pressure and to deliver results within tight deadlines;
* Good interpersonal skills and teamwork spirit;
* Communication, drafting and expression skills, in particular in English.

**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)