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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG AGRI E.1 |
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| Contact person:Provisional starting date:Initial duration:Place of secondment: | Oliver SITAR4 quarter 20232 years[x]  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)**

Our mission is to shape, coordinate and apply the rules aiming to improve the governance of the agri-food supply chain. We do this with a view to strengthening the position of farmers in a market-oriented and sustainable agriculture sector. The Commission’s Farm to Fork strategy is influential in our daily work. Food security policy has been one of our focus areas since Covid and the war in Ukraine. We run the European Food Security and Crisis Mechanism (EFSCM) and the fertiliser market observatory.

We lead the work on unfair trading practices in the food supply chain and shape the rules on producer organisations as well as agricultural exceptions to competition law, such as a recent one that provides for more latitude for sustainability agreements among operators in the food supply chain. We contribute to agricultural state aid policy. We are responsible for market measures under the Common Market Organisation Regulation. We develop and apply the management rules on agricultural tariff rate quotas in trade agreements. We conceive and implement the collection of market relevant data in the interest of market transparency.

Our work implies frequent contacts with colleagues in directorate generals COMP, GROW, SANTE, TAXUD and TRADE. These contacts are often linked to the Commission’s various Farm to Fork activities

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

You will join a team of colleagues who enjoy their work’s importance in particular in relation to the position of farmers in the food supply chain and the policy levers to enhance it. We expect you to, in particular, contribute to our policies in the area of food security and Farm to Fork related actions. Having said this, the varied activities we pursue presuppose an ability to understand how things are interconnected, to think strategically and to display a willingness and ability to find and pursue solution-oriented approaches covering the whole variety of areas we cover.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We look for someone dynamic who is at ease in a challenging because changing environment.

The ability to think in economic and legal categories and conceive of solutions accordingly is an asset for the post. A good understanding of the EU’s Common Agricultural Policy and prior work experience in this field are desirable. A very good command of English is a precondition.

Further important qualities we hope you will bring to this position is intellectual curiosity, a high level of engagement and an ability to analyse and solve problems and advocate their solutions.

**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)