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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | **CNECT-C-4** |
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| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | **de Touzalin Aymard**  [**Aymard.de-Touzalin@ec.europa.eu**](mailto:Aymard.de-Touzalin@ec.europa.eu)  1st quarter 2024  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)**

Unit CNECT.C4 ‘Emerging and Disruptive Technologies’ is responsible for the policy and implementation of strategic initiatives, delivering major breakthroughs in science and technology, addressing grand technological challenges and boosting innovation.

In particular, the unit is currently in charge of:

- the [EuroQCI initiative](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/european-quantum-communication-infrastructure-euroqci) aiming at building an pan European public infrastructure for secure quantum communications. EuroQCI is part of the new Commission [Secure Connectivity Programme](https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/eu-space-policy/eu-space-programme/iriss_en);

- large scale research initiatives: the [Human Brain Project](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.humanbrainproject.eu/en/__;!!DOxrgLBm!Ttom-52bsrWe4zavSRgPgbBjQai1Um7bPA8pTFDbAvzQixc84veHO-UEPzwcpUG0AawCZ1BkHFIv4wsQ$) and the [Graphene](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/graphene-flagship.eu/__;!!DOxrgLBm!Ttom-52bsrWe4zavSRgPgbBjQai1Um7bPA8pTFDbAvzQixc84veHO-UEPzwcpUG0AawCZ1BkHGOVHGQE$) (and two-dimensional materials) Flagships as well as an initiative on [future batteries technologies](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/battery2030.eu/__;!!DOxrgLBm!Ttom-52bsrWe4zavSRgPgbBjQai1Um7bPA8pTFDbAvzQixc84veHO-UEPzwcpUG0AawCZ1BkHJP1gRWe$) ;

- policy related to post quantum cryptography

In the EuroQCI initiative, 27 EU Member States agreed to work together, with the European Commission and with the support of the European Space Agency, to develop a pan-European quantum communication infrastructure over the next decade. The implementation requires establishing a governance framework, coordinating the deployment and ensuring interoperability among the national QCI networks and the QCI in space infrastructure. It also requires build-up of an EU capacity, support to the industrialisation and deployment of EU technology, as well as their testing and evaluation for certification. It is financed through the Digital Europe Programme, the Connecting Europe Facility Programme and the Secure Connectivity Programme. The EuroQCI space infrastructure will be gradually integrated into IRIS², the new EU Secure Satellite Constellation.  
  
We are a highly motivated team of about fifteen colleagues with diverse scientific and technical background, supported by finance and administrative staff and covering various aspects of research, innovation and capability building policy, related to the implementation of the strategic initiatives we are in charge of.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

An interesting position of programme officer to join the team of enthusiastic colleagues dealing with Emerging and Disruptive Technologies policy and to work specifically in the team engaged on the EuroQCI initiative.

The tasks will include:

- provide guidance on the technological, industrial and security aspects of the [EuroQCI initiative](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/european-quantum-communication-infrastructure-euroqci);

- contribute to policy development, strategy, implementation and follow-up of the EuroQCI initiative, implemented with support from the [Digital Europe Programme](https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/europe-investing-digital-digital-europe-programme) and the [Connecting Europe Facility 2](https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/connecting-europe-facility-cef2-digital) Programme and the [Secure Connectivity Programme (IRIS²](https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/welcome-iris2-infrastructure-resilience-interconnectivity-and-security-satellite-2022-11-17_en));

- contribute to strengthening the links between national/regional initiatives in the field of quantum communication infrastructures and technologies and their alignment with EU initiatives;

- support the implementation of EU-funded grants and procurements, and actively engage with the relevant stakeholders;

- enhance the visibility and impact of the EuroQCI programme by supporting the dissemination of the results.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

A dynamic and motivated candidate, with background or experience in fields of relevant to EuroQCI such as quantum communication, cybersecurity, telecommunication infrastructures or space connectivity who wishes to make a significant contribution to this exciting area.

Experience in EU programmes, national security and in international deployment programs in general is an asset.

The successful candidate will have good organizational, communication and negotiation skills, with the ability to work both independently and in cooperation with colleagues and and stakeholders in an international environment. The post requires excellent command of English, both orally and in writing.

**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)