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| Logo of the European Commission, 12 yellow stars on a blue background arranged in a circle and framed by two light grey graphic elements representing the Berlaymont building, which is the headquarter of the European Commission. | EUROPEAN COMMISSION  **EUROSTAT**  **Directorate A – Resources**  **A.5 – Methodology; Innovation in official statistics** |

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | ESTAT.A.5 |
| Post number in sysper: | 203716 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Albrecht WIRTHMANN,  [Albrecht.Wirthmann@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Albrecht.Wirthmann@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)**

Eurostat Unit A5 "Methodology; innovation in official statistics" is a dynamic and friendly unit with >20 colleagues providing Eurostat and the European Statistical System (ESS) with services and expertise in the areas of statistical methodology, data analytics, statistical confidentiality, enterprise architecture, research and innovation. We are leading and coordinating innovative developments within the ESS and the Commission for developing multi-source statistics under the heading of “Trusted Smart Statistics” for evidence-based decision making. This comprises exploring and reusing non-traditional data sources, developing and implementing new methodologies and processes, setting-up new technical infrastructures and coordinating the implementation of the ESS Innovation agenda. Current activities include the exploration and piloting of innovative methodological and technical capabilities for collecting data from the web (web intelligence), the processing of mobile network operator data, the use of smart device and sensors to enhance data collection methods (trusted smart surveys), the use of Privacy Enhancing Techniques for the aggregating and processing sensitive data held by different organisations, and the promotion of AI/ML techniques to enhance the processing of new and multiple data sources and the production of European statistics..

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

Under the supervision of a Commission official, the expert would reinforce the capacity of the Trusted Smart Statistics & Research team at Eurostat Unit A.5 to promote and pilot transformational innovations in particular in the domain of web intelligence, the use of AI in the context of Trusted Smart Statistics and to support National Statistical Offices and Eurostat to move innovative approaches into production of official statistics.

It includes in particular,

* Promote and support the development and the use by ESS organisations of the shared capabilities like the ESS innovation hub, the Web Intelligence Hub, the Eurostat Data Lab and Privacy Enhancing services for producing new and experimental statistics in relevant policy domains e.g. migration, new skills, digitalisation, mobility and transport, green deal.
* Pilot and supervise projects in the domain of the use of advanced AI approaches for statistics production in general and in particular the data integration and data analytics.
* Contribute to setting the conditions for access to privately held data by demonstrating the value of these new information sources for the production of official statistics and identifying tailored and transparent approaches meeting a set of standard quality requirements for processing them in close collaboration with the data holders.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a person with confirmed skills in data science and a broad experience in public organisation innovation in general. It is expected that the seconded expert can contribute significantly to advance innovation at Eurostat and in the ESS.

**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)