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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG ENEST, D2 |
| Post number in sysper: | 424166 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Benoit Mesnard  03 quarter 2025  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 | Latest application date: 25-09-2025 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

Our Unit ENEST D.2 is contributing to effectively manage bilateral relations between the EU and Ukraine in the areas of economic and sectoral policies, reforms and investment. The unit is providing comprehensive economic analysis and expertise on sectoral policies, in particular macroeconomic policies, microeconomic policies, trade, private sector development, energy and transport, agriculture, social areas and emergency support. The unit is also responsible for undertaking needs assessment, developing recovery plans and defining policy conditionality with regard to economic and sectoral issues in view of financial support. The Unit is also involved in issues related to the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine in the areas of its competence.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose a challenging role, encompassing the entirety of the transport portfolio (aviation, rail reform, road transport strategy, Border Crossing points, marine), covering the vital EU solidarity lanes and the upcoming Black Sea Strategy plus the energy aspects of it and reconstruction related aspects. The position encompasses a wide portfolio with involvement in EU Policy, the Ukraine Plan and the accession process/ country reports. Under the guidance of a Commission official, the jobholder will contribute to supporting Ukraine’s reforms, in particular related to infrastructure strategy, policy and other reforms in related areas. The role cover chapters of the acquis in the context of enlargement reporting. The jobholder will maintain close coordination within Directorate E, in particular related to the overall recovery and reconstruction operation, and all relevant DGs, the EEAS, the EU Delegation in Kyiv, as well as with the Ukrainian authorities.

Regarding policy analysis, under the guidance of a Commission Official, the candidate will follow up on the political, economic and / or social situation, aspects, trends and / or developments in Ukraine as well as in the area of the EU- Ukraine relations, including existing EU policies and/or legislation and will draft briefings, reports, analysis, assessments, press releases and other documents concerning all areas of responsibility.

Regarding policy development, under the guidance of a Commission official, the candidate will support EU-Ukraine policy development and implementation with particular focus on infrastructure reforms and investment and contribute to sector analysis and to the definition of a sector strategy, particularly in the recovery and reconstruction process.

Regarding policy coordination, under the guidance of a Commission official, the candidate will liaise with Ukrainian partners and the EU Delegation in Kyiv on infrastructure policies and reforms, as well as with Commission services regarding relevant acquis chapters in the context of enlargement reporting.

Regarding general program management, under the guidance of a Commission official, the candidate will assist in analysing and instructing proposals for relevant programmes / projects dedicated for supporting Ukraine.

Regarding external relations, under the guidance of a Commission official, the candidate will maintain close contacts with different services of the European Commission, the EEAS, EU-Member States and like-minded third countries working on Ukraine in the related fields of responsibility.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for an experienced individual with at least 2 years working experience in the field of external relations, representation, negotiation and interinstitutional relations. We are further looking for 2 years of experience in policy development and experience in the areas of EU neighborhood and aid cooperation would be an advantage. Language proficiency English would need to be level C1 overall and French B1 overall.

**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)