

NOTICE OF VACANCY

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Post identification:	ESTAT-D-2
(DG-DIR-UNIT)	
Directorate-General:	DG EUROSTAT
Directorate:	D: Government Finance Statistics (GFS) and Quality
Unit:	D4: Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) 1
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Number of available posts:	1
Category:	Administrator (AD)
Suggested taking up duty:	1st quarter 2017 ¹
Suggested initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	☐ Brussels ☑ Luxembourg ☐ Other:
Specificities:	☑ With allowances □ COST-FREE
	This vacancy notice is also open to
	☐ the following EFTA countries :
	☐ Iceland ☐ Liechtenstein ☐ Norway ☐ Switzerland
	☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement
	(Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)
	☐ the following third countries:
	☐ the following intergovernmental organisations:

1 Nature of the tasks:

Unit D-2, part of Directorate D, Government Finance Statistics (GFS) and Quality, is looking for an Excessive Deficit Procedure desk officer. Unit D-2 is responsible for the verification of government finance statistics relating to the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) for around half of the EU Member States as well as some Candidate countries. The Unit cooperates closely with colleagues from the Directorate as well as with Member State experts, DG ECFIN and other institutions.

We propose a job, under the supervision of the responsible Commission official in the Unit, as desk officer for one to two Member States in a small a dynamic unit, with outputs of high visibility and importance.

The main tasks include the assessment of the quality of the biannual deficit and debt data reported by countries, the preparation and participation in EDP visits to countries, the provision of advice and clarifications on specific methodological issues having an impact on government deficit and debt and the monitoring of developments relating to GFS in the countries under responsibility.

In addition to country responsibilities, each desk officer also has responsibility for at least one horizontal EDP methodological topic.

¹ These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision).

2 Main qualifications:

a) Eligibility criteria

The following eligibility criteria are to be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil one of them will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.

- Professional experience: at least three years' experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which can be regarded as equivalent to those of function groups AD;
- Seniority: at least one year by your employer, that is having worked for an eligible employer (as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision) on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before the secondment;
- Linguistic skills: thorough knowledge of one of the EU official languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU official language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties.
 An SNE from a non-member country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one Community language necessary for the performance of his duties.

b) Selection criteria

- diploma:

University diploma. The successful candidate should have a background in economics and/or statistics, excellent knowledge of national accounts and government finance statistics, practical knowledge of the European System of Accounts and of the Manual on government deficit and debt.

- professional experience:

He/she should be able to assess cases concerning the main methodological issues impacting deficit and debt such as sector classification of units, time of recording and public-private partnerships.

Knowledge of the process to obtain deficit and debt figures, from the elaboration of national budgets to the transformation of public fiscal data into national accounts data and the reporting to Eurostat in the context of the Stability and Growth Pact would also be important.

He/she should be able to work independently as well as in a team, with a high level of responsibility and motivation.

- language(s) necessary for the performance of duties:

Very good knowledge of English is necessary and knowledge of further EU languages, especially French, is an asset.

3 Submission of applications and selection procedure

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** (http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae) in English, French or German <u>only to</u> the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of their country, which will forward the applications to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

Candidates are required not to add 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. Candidates will be informed of the follow-up of their application by the unit concerned.

4 Conditions of the secondment

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). This decision is available on http://ec.europa.eu/civil service/job/sne/index en.htm.

The SNE will remain employed and remunerated by his/her employer during the secondment. He/she will equally remain covered by the national social security.

Unless for cost-free SNEs, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNEs fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.

During the secondment, SNEs are subject to confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest obligations, as provided for in Art. 6 and 7 of the SNE Decision.

If any document is inexact, incomplete or missing, the secondment may be cancelled.

5 Processing of personal data

The selection, secondment and termination of the secondment of a national expert requires the Commission (the competent services of DG HR, DG BUDG, PMO and the DG concerned) to process personal data concerning the person to be seconded, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit of DG HR.B4. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

Data is kept by the competent services for 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded experts).

Data subjects may exercise their right of access to data concerning them and the right to rectify such data by applying to the controller, in accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation on the processing of personal data. The candidate may send complaints to the European Data Protection Supervisor edps@edps.europa.eu.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks. More information is available on http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/personnel_administration/security_en.htm. Information on data protection for candidates to a JRC post is available on http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=6270.