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His/Her Excellency the Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the
Member States to the
European Union

(by e-mail)

Brussels, 27 June 2022

**Subject: Secondment of a national expert to the General Secretariat of the Council
DG JUR: Legal Service
Directorate 1: Competitiveness, Environment, Transport, Telecom, Energy
Ref.: SNE/09/2022 (post 400982)**

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Council Legal Service is set to strengthen the legal advisers' team of its Directorate 1 "Competitiveness, Environment, Transport, Telecom, Energy" and is therefore looking for a seconded national expert with an in-depth knowledge of EU law and of the functioning and the procedures of the EU, as well as with practical experience in the areas covered by the job description. The seconded national expert will be entrusted with the tasks of legal adviser in the Legal Service (for example, to provide legal advice and assist the Council and its preparatory bodies, to represent the Council and the European Council in court cases brought before the General Court and Court of Justice).

The duration of the secondment is two years, with the possibility of extension to a maximum of four years in total. Please note that according to Article 5 of Council Decision 2015/1027/EC, this secondment could be extended for an additional period of up to two years in exceptional cases.

The qualifications and experience required are set out in the Annex. The expert should take up his/her duties at the General Secretariat of the Council as soon as possible and, in any event, no later than **September/October 2022**.

The expert will be employed under a **cost-free secondment**.

The conditions of the secondment are set out in the Council Decision of 23 June 2015 on the rules applicable to national experts on secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council (2015/1027/EC, OJ L 163, 30.06.2015, repealing Decision 2007/829/EC). According to Article 6 of the Decision, the expert's employer shall continue to pay the expert's salary and all social rights, in particular those concerning social security, insurance and pension.

Furthermore, according to Article 1 of this Decision, Articles 18, 19, and 20 are not applicable to any experts on Cost-Free Secondment. In practice, Cost-Free Seconded Experts are not entitled to any allowances and travel expenses reimbursements by the General Secretariat of the Council.

According to Article 2 of this Decision, seconded national experts should be nationals of an EU Member State.

Member States are hereby invited to propose candidates qualified for this post.

I would kindly ask you to forward this request for applicants to the appropriate departments of your national administrations.

Applications accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and a motivation letter must be submitted via the national administrations and must indicate the responsible national contact point for each candidate. They must be submitted by electronic mail, no later than **8 July 2022 at 18:00 pm Brussels time**, to the following address: sne.recruitment@consilium.europa.eu.

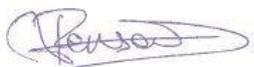
The Council Legal Service, together with the Human Resources Directorate, will examine the applications received, decide which candidates to shortlist, and conduct the interviews.

The Appointing Authority shall decide on the appointment based on the outcome of the selection procedure. The General Secretariat of the Council may also decide to use the list of suitable candidates to cover possible future vacancies with the same profile.

If necessary, further information can be obtained from the General Secretariat of the Council by contacting Ms Emer FINNEGAN (tel. +32 2 281 5283, e-mail: emer.finnegan@consilium.europa.eu), the Director of Directorate 1 of the Council Legal Service.

Yours faithfully,

Nathalie Pensaert



Annex

ANNEX

Cost-Free Seconded National Expert (SNE) at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

DG JUR: Legal Service

Directorate 1: Competitiveness, Environment, Transport, Telecom, Energy

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Job description

A. Tasks and responsibilities

As a member of the Directorate 1 of the Legal Service, the legal adviser will be called upon to:

- Give advice and oral or written opinions on legal and institutional questions to the Council and/or its preparatory bodies and/or the different GSC services
- Advise the Presidency and/or the GSC in contributing to finding legally correct and acceptable solutions for the body concerned
- Follow the proceedings of one or more Council preparatory bodies or of the Council itself (taking part in meetings and, if appropriate, briefings)
- Contribute to ensuring the legal certainty of Council acts, the quality of drafting and compliance with the applicable rules and procedures
- Carry out conceptual work, studies and legal analysis
- As needed, take part in the preparation of work in assisting and representing the institution in disputes and, where appropriate, in cases before the EU's courts

B. Qualifications and experience required

Essential:

- University degree in law (Master's degree)
- Very good knowledge of French and English enabling to communicate and write in both languages
- In-depth knowledge of EU law
- In-depth knowledge of the functioning and procedures of the EU
- Experience of 5 years in legal matters

Advantageous:

- Satisfactory knowledge of another official language of the European Union¹

C. Skills and abilities required

- Ability to anticipate and identify potential problems and to solve them
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Capacity to work in an international and multicultural environment and with a variety of diplomatic and military actors
- Ability to adapt to different situations and to work under pressure against tight deadlines
- Ability to work in a team and flexibility in terms of presence and working hours, as may be required by the needs of the service

D. General conditions:

Applicants must:

- Be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union and enjoy full rights as a citizen;
- Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the laws on military service.

The General Secretariat of the Council applies a diversity and inclusion policy.

¹ The languages of the EU are: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish.