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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | RTD.02 |
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| Contact person:Provisional starting date:Initial duration:Place of secondment: | Gilles LAROCHE1st quarter 20241 years[x]  Brussels [ ]  Luxemburg [ ]  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| 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)**

Our unit is part of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission and forms an interface between the world of science and policymaking. Unit RTD.02 provides scientific advice to the European Commission, supports the functioning of the European Research Council for excellence in frontier research; advises the College on questions relating to ethics and values; puts ethics and integrity in practice to ensure excellence and trust and sets the scene for a European Science for Policy ecosystem.

The Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM), coordinated by the unit, delivers transparent, high quality, timely and independent scientific advice for policy and/or legislation to the College of European Commissioners.

The [Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (europa.eu)](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/support-policy-making/scientific-support-eu-policies/group-chief-scientific-advisors_en) (GCSA) is part of SAM. It is a group of seven eminent scientists that develop policy recommendations on the basis scientific evidence. The gathering and synthesis of scientific evidence is done by the consortium of academy networks [SAPEA](https://sapea.info/).

The SAM team in the unit identifies priority areas where scientific advice is needed, together with other Commission services responsible for policy development. We support the work of the GCSA, amongst others by gathering knowledge on the policy landscape, needed to make the recommendations of the group relevant for EU policy. We contribute to the gathering and synthesis of evidence, organise expert elicitation and stakeholder meetings, support the writing of scientific opinions and organise the communication of the work of the SAM.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

The successful candidate will contribute to the co-ordination and effective implementation of projects of the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) of the European Commission providing support to the European Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA). SAM is tasked with delivering high-quality, timely and independent scientific advice directly to the College of European Commissioners.

The Seconded National Expert (SNE) will work at the crucial interface between science and EU policymaking, supporting the development of scientific advice to policy on topics that are complex and highly relevant for European citizens such as artificial intelligence, geoengineering and the implementation of the one-health approach.

The SNE will contribute to the entire process of developing scientific advice, from the scoping of the questions to be addressed to the final reports and outreach. This includes the contributing to the conception and preparation of reports, to search, verifying and synthesising data, carry out analyses, prepare briefings and speeches, talk in public, report from meetings and other activities instrumental for policy shaping and defining options at EU level.

The SNE will work under the supervision of an administrator. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between the national/regional and European administrations, the SNE will not work on individual cases with implications for files he/she had to deal with in his/her national administration in the two years preceding its entry into the Commission, or directly adjacent cases

In no case the SNE shall represent the Commission in order to make commitments, financial or otherwise, or to negotiate on behalf of the Commission.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

The successful candidate must be an experienced person able to demonstrate very good analytical skills to make sound judgements on the current state of play on relevant policy and programmes. Excellent drafting skills; excellent organisational and inter-personal skills and teamwork.

Good command of English is essential; any other language would be an asset.

**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)