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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG AGRI – Unit I1 |
| Post number in sysper: | 436360 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Oliver SITAR  2 quarter 2023  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: |
|  | With allowances  Cost-free |
| This vacancy notice is open to:  EU Member States  EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) | |
| This vacancy notice is also open to:  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries:  The following intergovernmental organisations: | |
| Deadline for applications | 2 months  1 month |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

We are the in-house lawyers of DG AGRI, in charge of all legal affairs and enforcement. DG AGRI’s management, DG AGRI’s policy units as well as our Commissioner’s Cabinet come to us for legal advice and assistance. We are unit of 31 colleagues, mostly lawyers. The team is young and dynamic and works in a friendly, open and collaborative spirit. Lawyers enjoy a degree of autonomy in a unit that is organised in teams in accordance with policy areas.  
  
We cover a great number of legal issues. They mostly concern agricultural law (e.g. support to farmers; organic farming; rural development; food quality schemes, agricultural markets). We also deal with other EU law areas, as institutional, finance or competition. We support DG AGRI colleagues when preparing and negotiating trade and other international agreements in agricultural matters. Sometimes we are called on to draft new legislation. We are in charge of the application and enforcement of EU law by the Member States (infringement, EU-pilot, complaints, notification under Regulation (EU) 2015/1535), the coordination of the replies to access-to-document requests and of enquiries and investigations originating with the European Ombudsman. We work closely with the Legal Service, including as regards cases before the European Court of Justice. We also actively participate in inter institutional negotiations with EP and Council.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

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| |  | | --- | | You will join colleagues who enjoy their work’s central importance in relation to all areas covered by the Common Agricultural Policy. You will be able to put into practice your knowledge, gain experience in a variety of areas and be key in helping colleagues in DG AGRI to put in place good and sound policies. Activities our colleagues carry out on a daily basis include:  - to provide legal advice and assistance to DG AGRI and its Cabinet; - to prepare and check draft legal acts; - to reply to requests for interpretation of agricultural law or international trade in agriculture; - to provide legal assistance during meetings within the Commission, the other Institutions and international negotiations; - to collaborate closely with the Legal Service in cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union; - to deal with infringement procedures in the field of agriculture; - to co-ordinate tasks concerning “technical standards” and Ombudsman files. | |

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

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| |  | | --- | | We look for a lawyer who has solid knowledge of EU law and excellent legal ‘reflexes’. Experience in working with agricultural law would be an advantage but is not a pre-requisite for the post. A good understanding of the EU’s Common Agricultural Policy is an asset.  Further important qualities we hope you will bring to this position are intellectual curiosity, a high level of engagement and an ability to analyse and solve problems and elaborate legally sound solutions together with the client units. A talent for communication and breaking down complex legal situations into actionable policy advice will help your work significantly. A very good command of English is indispensable, and a good understanding of French appreciated. | |
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**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, a national expert needs 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 the 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 the 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. The national expert from a third country 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 the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her 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.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils 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). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to 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)) in English, French or German **only to the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of their country**, which will forward it to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter.The CV must mention the date of birth and the nationality of the candidate.

Candidates are asked not to 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)