

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

**DG JUR,
Directorate 3 – External Relations**

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Job description

A. Main tasks and responsibilities

As a member of Directorate 3 of the Legal Service, the legal adviser will be called upon to:

- give advice and oral or written opinions on legal and institutional questions related to EU restrictive measures to the Council and/or its preparatory bodies and/or the different GSC services;
- advise the Presidency and/or the GSC in identifying 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, where 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 to assist and represent the institution in disputes and, where appropriate, in cases before EU courts.

B. General conditions

According to the Decision¹, applicants must:

- have worked for their employer on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before their secondment;
- remain in the service of their employer throughout the period of secondment;
- have at least three years' full-time experience of administrative, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions relevant to the performance of the duties assigned to them;
- be nationals of one of the Member States of the European Union;
- have a thorough knowledge of one official language of the EU² and a sufficient knowledge of a second language to enable them to perform their duties.

¹ Council Decision of 23 June 2015 concerning the rules applicable to experts on secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council.

² 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 and Swedish.

C. Qualifications and experience

- University degree in law (Master's degree)
- Good knowledge of EU law
- Good knowledge of the functioning and procedures of the EU
- Five years' experience in legal matters

D. Skills required

- Relevant knowledge or experience in matters concerning EU restrictive measures is required.
- Practical experience in some or all of the areas covered by the Directorate: international law, foreign policy, defence, trade, development, enlargement;
- Good knowledge of French and English with an ability to communicate and write in both languages.

E. Security clearance

National security clearance at EU SECRET level. That clearance must be requested by the candidate from his/her competent authorities before secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council. The validity of the clearance should cover the entire period of the secondment. In the absence thereof, the General Secretariat reserves the right to refuse the candidate's secondment as a national expert.

The GSC is committed to diversity and inclusion. We actively seek diversity and promote inclusion among staff. We embrace all differences based on geographical and demographic characteristics and identities and strongly believe that diversity enriches our perspectives, improves our performance, and increases our well-being. We therefore encourage applications from qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds and on the broadest possible geographical basis amongst the EU Member States.

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