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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | BUDG-D-D1 |
| Post number in sysper: | 421949 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Alessandro Nucara  fourth quarter 2023  two years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
|  | 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)**

DG BUDG is responsible for managing the budget of the European Union and plays a central role in achieving the Commission’s political priorities. As domain leader on financial management, DG BUDG has a growing strategic role at the heart of the Commission. Working in DG BUDG is not just about figures, you actually get to see the bigger picture of what is happening across the whole Commission and in key EU-wide policies and how the budget contributes to achieving the Commission’s objectives. Within DG BUDG, Directorate D – also known as the Central Financial Service – is composed primarily of lawyers, auditors, economists, trainers and communicators who all play a key role in governance. Within Directorate D, Unit D1 is a team of around 20 colleagues responsible for a number of very important and highly sensitive files related to the protection of the EU budget against fraud and conflicts of interests and other rule of law deficiencies. Our work involves coordinating horizontal and crosscutting issues for the Directorate, in close cooperation with units 01 and 03. More broadly, D1 represents DG BUDG in the Commission-wide “country teams” for the Rule of Law mechanism and for the Recovery and Resilience Facility, and also operates the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES).

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

This is an interesting position to join Unit BUDG D1. It is a key moment to join this team, still at the early stages of its work in certain areas, with the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Unit in high-profile files on horizontal and crosscutting issues that are key for the protection of EU financial interests. In this post, you can help shaping the work to enforce the rule of law general conditionality regime, contributing to the assessment of the implementation phase of RRF, working on the shaping of EDES exclusion cases, and enhancing the coordination and guidance role within BUDG and vis-à-vis other relevant Commission services. Ideally, you would also be involved in the project-management and development of a single data-mining and risk-scoring tool that the Commission provides for the purposes of enhancing its control and audit as well as that of Member States. We offer exciting work in a friendly and collegiate atmosphere, which will bring opportunities for the right candidate to learn and develop further in her/his career. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to interact and cooperate with other DGs. She/he will also liaise closely with the coordination Units at DG level, the Assistant of the Director General, the Director and the senior management of the DG. Given the nature of the Unit’s tasks, extensive contacts with other Commission services (including OLAF, Legal Service and the key spending DGs, as well as DIGIT), EU Institutions, Agencies and Bodies, as well as with officials from national administrations, will be required. Depending on seniority and background, the successful candidate may be given full responsibility for certain files (e.g. project manager for the management and development of the single data-mining and risk-scoring tool). There could not be a more interesting time to join us as we develop the unit.

Our work is interactive and exciting, which will make for a rewarding experience for the right candidate. You will be supported by a HoU with modern management style that believes in fostering professionalism and mutual trust.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

A highly motivated and proactive candidate, who is a team player and can demonstrate an ability and a strong interest in the Unit’s mission, as well as a good understanding/overview of legal, financial and operational issues in the Commission, in the wider political context. Project management and/or IT tools experience are an asset.

The right candidate should have:

* very good communication skills, both orally and written, preferably in English (additional EU languages are an asset);
* good knowledge (or willingness to quickly acquire a good level of knowledge) of the financial rules applicable to the general budget;
* preferably, experience in issues related to the protection of the Union’s financial interests (e.g. conflict of interests, antifraud, rule of law, EDES);
* experience in the use and/or the setting up or development of IT data-mining and risk-scoring tools would be considered an asset;
* project management experience would be considered an asset;
* a legal background (concrete experience in drafting legal documents, as well as dealings with Member States’ authorities is an asset) would be considered an asset;
* very good analytical and problem-solving skills as well as an ability to translate complex ideas into clear and concise language;
* a strong sense of initiative and the ability to work with little guidance;
* the ability to communicate convincingly and to defend their position in meetings;
* the willingness to learn and develop along with new tasks.

We offer:

* Extensive set of tools to drive your career, including a broad learning and development offer for job specific and soft skills;
* Mentoring and on-the-job coaching upon joining DG BUDG;
* A friendly and collegial atmosphere where teamwork and flexibility are key to the success of our unit and DG and colleagues are highly motivated and committed.

**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)