



## VACANCY NOTICE

### SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

<b>Post identification:</b> (DG-DIR-UNIT)	<b>TRADE-E-2</b>
<b>Head of Unit:</b> <b>Email address:</b> <b>Telephone:</b> <b>Number of available posts:</b> <b>Suggested taking up duty:</b> <b>Suggested initial duration:</b> <b>Place of secondment:</b>	<b>Petros SOURMELIS</b> <a href="mailto:petros.sourmelis@ec.europa.eu">petros.sourmelis@ec.europa.eu</a> +32 229 87935 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 <sup>1</sup> 2 years <sup>1</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: .....
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With allowances <input type="checkbox"/> Cost-free
<p><b>This vacancy notice is also open to</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>the following EFTA countries :</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Iceland   <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein   <input type="checkbox"/> Norway   <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>the following third countries:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>the following intergovernmental organisations:</b></p>	

#### 1. Nature of the tasks

The selected seconded national expert will work on the bilateral EU trade policy with regard to Russia, Central Asian countries and the Eurasian Economic Union. The post holder will contribute to the development, coordination and implementation of the overall EU trade strategy and specific instruments concerning these partners. As appropriate, he/she will be a contact point for relevant trade issues with the concerned countries vis-à-vis Commission services, other EU institutions, Member States and business and non-business stakeholders. She/he will prepare and attend meetings and other events, follow up on specific trade irritants and other issues as well as coordinate the preparation of negotiations with Central Asian countries, as relevant. The work is diverse, challenging, interesting and at the heart of EU political and economic priorities.

On all of the above tasks, 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 with files he/she would have 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 he/she shall represent the Commission in order to make commitments, financial or otherwise, or to negotiate on behalf of the Commission.

#### 2. Main qualifications

##### a) Eligibility criteria

The following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil all of these criteria will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.

<sup>1</sup> These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision).

- 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: candidates must have at least one year seniority with their employer, that means having worked for an eligible employer as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision on a permanent or contract basis for at least one year before the secondment;
- 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. SNE from a third country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

## **b) Selection criteria**

### Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) : trade policy, economics, law, European studies.

### Professional experience

We are looking for an expert with experience in international trade policy and/or EU economic affairs. Good knowledge of and prior experience in EU relations with Russia and the Commonwealth Independent States would be an asset. Experience in trade negotiations would be an advantage.

### Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Candidates must be fluent in English, both in writing and orally. Knowledge of Russian would be an asset.

## **3. Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** (<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. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

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. Candidates will be informed of the follow-up of their application by the unit concerned.

## **4. Conditions of the secondment**

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).

The SNE will remain employed and remunerated by his/her employer during the secondment. He/she will equally remain covered by the national social security system.

Unless for cost-free SNE, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNE fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.

During the secondment, SNE are subject to confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest obligations, as provided for in Art. 6 and 7 of the SNE Decision.

If any document is inexact, incomplete or missing, the application may be cancelled.

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, OJ L 72, 17.03.2015, p. 53).

The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

## **5. Processing of personal data**

The selection, secondment and termination of the secondment of a national expert requires the Commission (the competent services of DG HR, DG BUDG, PMO and the DG concerned) to process personal data concerning the person to be seconded, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit of DG HR.DDG.B4. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Data is kept by the competent services for 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded experts).

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.

### **Contact information**

#### **- The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, HR.DDG.B.4, [HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu).

#### **- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

#### **- The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks.