

NOTICE OF VACANCY

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Post identification:

DG Trade – Chief Economist and Trade Analysis

Nature of the tasks:

DG Trade conducts the EU's common commercial policy and ensures that trade policy contributes to the Union's wider policy goals such as growth and jobs, while supporting development. The Chief Economist and Trade Analysis Unit contributes to this task by providing policy advice and economic analysis to trade policy makers in the DG. We are a small team of economists, including a statistical sector, with an important mission. To fulfil our role in DG TRADE, we combine in-house policy-focused analytical work, often based on quantitative models, with outsourcing of tasks to researchers and academics.

The current post is for an economist with good analytical, policy and communication skills. He/she would assist, inter alia, in (i) providing analytical input to studies carried out internally and externally and (ii) contributing to the economic analysis of the link between internal market policies and EU trade policies. (S)he would also work to further improve outreach and relations with various stakeholders (other DGs, Member States, European Parliament, etc.)

Eligibility criteria

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

- Professional experience : at least three years' experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which can be regarded as equivalent to those of function groups AD;
- Seniority : at least one year by your employer, that is having worked for an eligible employer (as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision) on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months 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. An SNE from a non-member country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

Selection criteria

A minimum of a BSc. in Economics, but advanced degrees preferred.

- professional experience:

- A good background in economics and policy research, ideally with experience in academia or an international organisation;
- Familiarity with quantitative economic modelling techniques, in particular in an international trade context. Knowledge of econometrics, partial or general equilibrium models and software would be an advantage;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Proven experience of EU trade policy, as well as a wider awareness of the EU economic policies, in particular those related to the Single Market, and/or international relations;
- Familiarity with the working methods of the Commission and other EU institutions and experience of interdepartmental coordination would be an advantage;
- Good strategic insights, ability to steer and coordinate policy initiatives, experience in providing policy advice to senior policy makers;
- Experience in preparing briefings, notes and speaking points, often at short notice and with tight deadlines, accurately and succinctly in correct English;
- A good sense of initiative, judgement and responsibility and good inter-personal skills.

- language(s) necessary for the performance of duties: Excellent spoken and written English is required.

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 the applications to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter. Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.

Candidates are required not to add 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.