



NOTICE OF VACANCY

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate general: Directorate: Unit: Head of Unit: Telephone: Number of available post: Category Suggested taking up duty: Suggested initial duration: Place of secondment: Specificities:	Economic and Financial Affairs B-Structural reforms and competitiveness 1-Macroeconomic impact of structural reforms Joao Nogueira Martins +32 2 2933457 1 Administrator (AD) First quarter 2014¹ 2 year(s)¹ Bruxelles None
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1 Nature of the tasks:

Directorate B's mission is to contribute to an improved functioning of EMU by developing, and helping apply, a framework to prevent and/or correct harmful macroeconomic imbalances. The Directorate also contributes to efforts to help EU economies exit from the economic crisis by improving growth and jobs performance in the EU. This is to be achieved by promoting growth-enhancing structural reforms at EU and national level. The Directorate also plays a leading/coordinating role to ensure that the Commission's decisions on Community policies are built on a strong economic rationale.

Unit B1 is responsible for developing and helping apply a structured framework for identifying and correcting macroeconomic imbalances, especially those which threaten the functioning of EMU. It is also working on a framework for identifying main structural policies at EU and national level that can act as drivers of growth and jobs. The unit has five main tasks. First, the unit is responsible for the smooth functioning of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure (MIP). Second, the unit is responsible for developing and helping apply analytical tools that can be used in the monitoring/correction of imbalances in the MIP. Third, the unit is responsible for developing analytical tools to monitor and quantify the impact of structural reforms on the real economy, especially on growth and jobs. Fourth, the unit supports efforts to strengthen the Commission's surveillance of Member States' economies through its involvement in country teams.. Fifth the unit has significant coordination responsibilities which arise both internally within the Commission, and externally in terms of preparing the ECOFIN Council (especially the Economic Policy Committee), Eurogroup and OECD meetings. In exercising its tasks, the unit works closely with other units in the Directorate and throughout the DG, as well as with other Commission services. The unit also has considerable contacts with other EU institutions, especially the Council (through committees and working groups) and the European Parliament.

We are looking for an economist to contribute to developing and applying analytical tools on the macroeconomic impact of structural reforms, in particular on the detection and correction of macroeconomic imbalances. She or he will be called to contribute actively to the development of ECFIN's analytical and technical framework on macroeconomic imbalances and competitiveness. The successful candidate will co-operate closely with the Head of Unit, other parts of DG ECFIN, as well as with other Commission services, and will keep frequent contacts with national authorities as well as other EU and international institutions. The candidate will also be expected to prepare, and on occasion present, analytical notes for the Economic Policy

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

Committee and its working groups, notably the LIME working group.

2 Main qualifications:

a) 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 official languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU official 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 Community language necessary for the performance of his duties.

b) Selection criteria:

- diploma: Advance degree in economics

- professional experience:

The successful candidate is required to have strong analytical skills. She or he will have a very strong background in macroeconomics (an advanced degree in economics is expected), and proven experience in applied economic analysis. Expertise in international macroeconomics, including in examining the external positions, their driving factors and the role of public policies in addressing them, as well as macro-financial skills, including experience in examining the role played by financial markets as driving factors of macroeconomic imbalances, would be considered assets. Equally, knowledge of the structural policies/reforms of Member States, and the role which EU coordination plays in shaping these, would be an asset. The successful candidate should also possess good judgement, leadership, a sense of initiative, an attitude to problem-solving, good communication skills, ability to work effectively in small teams and to adapt quickly and flexibly.

-language(s) necessary for the performance of duties:

The seconded national expert must have knowledge of two Community languages.

An excellent command of written and oral English is a must and other languages are considered 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 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.

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). This decision is available on http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/job/sne/index_en.htm.

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.

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

During the secondment, SNEs 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 secondment may be cancelled.

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.B2. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

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

Data subjects may exercise their right of access to data concerning them and the right to rectify such data by applying to the controller, in accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation on the processing of personal data. The candidate may send complaints to the European Data Protection Supervisor edps@edps.europa.eu.

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

More information is available on http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/personnel_administration/security_en.htm.

Information on data protection for candidates to a JRC post is available on: <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=6270>.