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1. Nature of the tasks

Who we are?

We are the Platforms Directorate at DG CONNECT.

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

Our work covers a broad range of policies and regulations applicable to online intermediary services, including the Digital Services Act, the Digital Markets Act, the Platform-to-Business Regulation, and the E-commerce Directive.

A major part of our work concerns the enforcement of the Digital Services Act. This is a growing, dynamic and highly motivated team of enforcers from a broad variety of background.

For this groundbreaking new task, we seek to recruit highly motivated Seconded National Experts with a range of skills to work in the multi-disciplinary enforcement team.

Why join us?

The Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act constitute ground-breaking new digital regulations and are amongst this Commission's priority actions in the field of digital rules and regulations as part of the policies to build Europe fit for the digital age.

The Commission has established a new regulatory entity within DG CONNECT, in a dedicated 'Platforms Directorate'. Inside this Directorate, the Digital Services Act Enforcement Team will be tasked with the regulatory work, under worldwide unique new powers of the Commission, supervising "very large online platforms" and "very large online search engines" designated by the Commission, i.e. those with more than 45 million users in the EU. This includes search engines and platforms such as social media sites, video-sharing platforms, and online marketplaces. The designated very large online platforms and search engines are also charged a supervisory fee on an annual basis, that the Commission needs to collect and manage. The Commission is also called to chair and convene the meetings of the DSA Board.

With these ground-breaking new regulatory powers, the Commission supervises the systems that such online platforms put into place to tackle illegal content, fight disinformation, uphold user rights, and protect user's health and wellbeing – hand-in-hand with the national regulatory authorities. The team cooperates closely and seamlessly with the newly established European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency, established at the Commission's Joint Research Centre. Part of the work involves scrutinising platforms' recommender systems and content moderation algorithms, as part of their overall compliance with the Digital Services Act. The team also ensures coherence between the DSA and DMA, as well as coherence with other legislative initiatives at EU and national level.

The team frequently interacts with external stakeholders, including the regulated entities, civil society actors and academics, as well as works closely with Member States, regulatory authorities and other bodies with relevant expertise as well as relevant third countries and international organisations.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Overall purpose

On the basis of the powers delegated to the Commission under the Digital Services Act, the team shall carry out its new supervisory and enforcement tasks.

Data scientist

Working in this profile, you would bring specialist technical skills into DSA enforcement teams.

Typically, your work will involve translating between engineering or data science questions and legal and policy teams. You would use your technical skills to monitor compliance, establish the evidence base for potential breaches of the DSA, and investigate suspected non-compliance, in relevant domains. Depending on your background and expertise, you would also contribute to the creation of the technical infrastructure being built to monitor compliance and investigate non-compliance, and / or contribute to ad-hoc analyses and reports as the need arises. You will carry out evidence gathering, data analysis and / or technology investigations and forensics on algorithms, data and other technological assets, including those inside the designated entities, based on the investigatory power of the Commission.

You will work in seamless cooperation with the European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency (ECAT) and facilitate interactions with technical teams at very large online platforms and search engines (VLOPs and VLOSEs). Candidates for this profile will be based in Brussels.

Duties

The tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Contribute to the enforcement of the Digital Services Act, by establishing evidence-based approaches, guidelines and analytical frameworks;
- Contribute to the establishment of sound internal and external procedures and processes, including the relevant internal digital workflows, such as data gathering, analysis, etc;
- Engage with relevant stakeholders to gather knowledge and evidence to support the application of the Digital Services Act;
- Work with entities in scope, Member States, third parties and other stakeholders to prepare the effective implementation of the rules, including by contributing to secondary legislation, guidelines, codes of conducts, or relevant standards;
- As part of multi-disciplinary case-teams detect, investigate, and analyse potential infringements of the Digital Services Act;
- Contribute to internal and external knowledge management, training, and communications activities;
- Contribute to technology foresight projects.

Duties may also involve:

- Carrying out investigations, and in particular inspections, of designated entities and related activities;
- Contribute to joint investigations carried out with Member States;
- Carrying out monitoring and control activities.

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.

- 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) : physics, mathematics, computer science, software engineering and other relevant fields

Professional experience

Candidates must have at least 2 years of professional experience in data science and/or wider relevant technology domain.

The following expertise or professional experience in any of the following areas would also be an advantage:

- Professional experience in an international and multicultural environment;
- Knowledge / understanding of EU policies in the fields relevant to the profile;
- Knowledge / experience of regulatory supervision and enforcement in any related domain;
- Experience and understanding of audit & control systems;
- Procurement procedures involving the EU budget;
- Knowledge / experience in recommender and content moderation algorithms, technologies underpinning search engines and advertising systems or other relevant skills.

Additional required competences:

- A proven ability to produce high-quality written output on complex matters, based on multi-disciplinary team work, under tight deadlines;
- A proven ability to work successfully and autonomously in multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural teams;
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and problem solving skills;
- Good organisational skills, capacity to work as a team member and interact with external stakeholders;
- A constructive and pro-active attitude and the willingness and ability to contribute creatively to the evolving organizational goals.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Excellent oral and written command of English: spoken and written skills equivalent to level C1 or higher level for working purposes.

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.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (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) 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.