



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG CLIMA – D – D3
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Provisional starting date:	1st quarter 2026
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	☒ Brussels ☐ Luxemburg ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	☐ With allowances ☒ Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: ☒ EU Member States as well as ☐ The following EFTA countries: ☐ Iceland ☐ Liechtenstein ☐ Norway ☐ Switzerland ☐ The following third countries: ☒ The following intergovernmental organisations: OECD, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, EIB, EBRD ☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norw...	
Deadline for applications	☒ 2 months ☐ 1 month Latest application date: 19-12-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) leads the European Commission's efforts to fight climate change, the defining challenge of our times. Our mission, based on the European Green Deal and the European Climate Law, is to formulate

and implement policies and strategies that will enable the EU to meet its climate targets and achieve its planned transition to a climate neutral economy.

The work of Unit D3 supports the reorientation of finance flows towards the establishment of a resilient, climate-neutral economy, in the EU and abroad. This includes works in the international arena to establish EU positions on climate finance, in the context of the international climate negotiations, as well as on international sustainable finance issues. The Unit also supports the development of international lending to finance the climate and energy transition, especially in developing countries, and contributes to directing EU cooperation financing towards climate-neutral and resilient transformation. It promotes new and innovative sources of finance, as well as green taxation. Finally, the unit supports the integration of climate change matters into the capital markets framework and into corporate governance, accounting, disclosure, financial risk management as well as the activities of supervisory bodies and related impacts on financial product rules.

Job Presentation (We propose)

An interesting and challenging post, providing expertise to colleagues within and outside the Unit in the areas of financing climate action in the context of international partnerships, and innovative sources of finance.

The job will require extensive collaboration and coordination with stakeholders within and outside the Commission, including EU and NON EU government representatives, MDBs and IFIs, and think-tanks. The job offers a full set of training and learning opportunities. The SNE will in particular:

a) External dimension of EU climate policies (policy development)

- Contribute to the design of cooperation activities with Commission services (FPI, EEAS, INTPA, ENEST, and MENA) and with external partners, with a view to promoting the uptake of measures supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- Contribute to strengthening cooperation between DG CLIMA, EU Delegation and external Commission services.

b) Mobilising finance at scale, with a specific focus on Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries

- Contribute to policy dialogues with partner countries, in particular Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to support capital flow towards climate actions – with a specific focus on adaptation and resilience;
- Contribute to identifying and developing investment programmes and financial solutions for climate change action in SIDS and LDCs, bringing together private investors, public finance, and financial institutions with governments and local businesses.
- Contribute to advancing discussions on new and innovative sources of finance, including by coordinating assessments and studies on new sources and by working with other Units in the DG and other Commission services to prepare the Commission position

on such matters, as well as potential new initiatives on new sources of finance for climate action.

- Follow international and regional developments, including negotiations on the Means of Implementation under the UNFCCC, and work with relevant stakeholders, including governments, MDBs and think tank, to advance knowledge and action on innovative sources of finance for climate action.

c) General tasks

- Represent the unit in meetings with stakeholders and experts.
- Prepare briefings on the subject covered for the Commissioners and the hierarchy in accordance with the line to take of the DG, contribute to Interservice consultations and other ad hoc tasks as they may be requested by the hierarchy.
- Perform the necessary general or ad hoc tasks that arise in relation to the post and the achievement of the objectives of the unit particularly in the area of the Paris Agreement.
- Monitor international developments and positioning of key partners in the international climate issues and inform the hierarchy of all relevant developments.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A motivated colleague to provide expertise in the area of climate finance, with a specific focus on climate finance and development, or innovative and new sources of climate finance.

We are looking for a proactive and well-organised colleague, with knowledge of development economics, climate change challenges and opportunities, and how they link to both EU policies and the Paris Agreement. The candidate should have knowledge of the international context, as well as a good background in economics. Previous experience with EU development cooperation policies and programmes would be an advantage.

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, you need 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 your 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 your 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. If you come from a third country, you 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 your secondment, you must remain employed and remunerated by your employer and covered by your (national) social security system.

You shall exercise your 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.

In case the position is published with allowances, these can only be granted when you fulfil 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](#)). It is up to you to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

Submission of applications and selection procedure

If you are interested, please follow the instructions given by your employer on how to apply.

The European Commission **only accepts applications which have been submitted through the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of your country, the EFTA Secretariat or through the channel(s) it has specifically agreed to**. Applications received directly from you or your employer will not be taken into consideration.

You should draft your CV in English, French or German using the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)). It must mention your nationality.

Please do not 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). 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)