



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	Unit F.3 – Global Environmental Cooperation and Multilateralism
Post number in sysper:	339735
Contact person:	Cristina DE AVILA
Provisional starting date:	2nd quarter of 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
	<input type="checkbox"/> With allowances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU Member States <input type="checkbox"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: <input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations:	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month

### Entity Presentation (We are)

The expert will work in the "Global Environmental Cooperation and Multilateralism" Unit of DG Environment (ENV.F.3), which deals with multilateral environmental agreements, global biodiversity policy, wildlife trade and conservation, access to genetic resources, desertification, and relations with UN Environment Programme.

### Job Presentation (We propose)

The new colleague will provide support to the overall work of the Unit to promote international action in addressing global and transboundary environmental issues, mainly

through dealing with the international dimension of plastic pollution and circular economy, including the implementation of EU policies in that area.

This includes in particular:

- Supporting negotiations and preparations for the new legally binding instrument on plastic pollution and its implementation, once adopted;
- Contributing to the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Environment Assembly;
- Providing support for the preparation of meetings of the United Nations Environment Assembly and other relevant international processes or frameworks, as well as contributing to ensuring appropriate and timely follow-up.

The new colleague will also liaise with the substantive work on plastics in the context of the Circular Economy Action Plan and the Chemicals Strategy.

The job requires frequent contacts with other units in DG Environment, other Commission services and EU institutions, Member States authorities and stakeholders, and third countries.

### **Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

The ideal candidate has a scientific or policy background relevant to environmental policy and international relations and/or relevant professional experience in the field of environmental policy and international relations.

We look for a well-organised colleague with a sense of initiative, excellent written and oral communication skills, good negotiation skills (preferably also at international level), and able to work in a team. The ability to draft legal texts would be an advantage.

The person we are looking for should be willing to travel.

While the main working language of the Unit is English, excellent knowledge of which is required, good knowledge of other EU or UN languages 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, a national expert needs 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 the 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 the 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. The national expert from a third country 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 the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her 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.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils 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](#)). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

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

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)) 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.

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.

## **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 <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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)