



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG CLIMA – Directorate C – Unit C.3
Post number in sysper:	425986
Contact person:	Christian HOLZLEITNER
Provisional starting date:	1 st quarter 2025
Initial duration:	1 year
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as <input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: <input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ... <input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 27-01-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

We are a highly motivated team of 20 professionals made up of economists, lawyers, technical and natural scientists, working in the political spotlight on climate action. We are developing and implementing policies for a climate-neutral land economy, which produces food and biomass from sustainable agriculture and forestry, and for industrial processes that remove carbon from the atmosphere. As a Unit we are:

- Responsible for the implementation of the revised Regulation for Land Use, Forestry, and Agriculture (LULUCF Regulation)
- Responsible for the implementation of the Certification Framework for Carbon Removals, Carbon Farming, and long-lasting Carbon Storage Products
- Leading with DG ENV the co-decision process on the Commission proposal on Forest Monitoring
- Developing the EU policy on carbon removals in industry, including bio-energy with carbon capture and storage (CCS) and Direct Air Capture (DAC) as well as use of biomass in materials
- Developing policies for climate action in the agrifood value chain and better incentives for land managers to be rewarded for their climate actions on agricultural land and in forest (“carbon farming”)
- Involved in the related research policies and programs, including the Mission for Healthy Soils.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose a position for a highly motivated Seconded National Expert as part of our team. The post will offer a stimulating experience in one of the fast developing policy areas of DG CLIMA.

Among the tasks of the new colleague will be the following:

- Contribute to the development of certification methodologies for permanent removals, carbon farming, and long-lasting carbon storage products
- Contribute to the development of market-based approaches for climate action in the agrifood supply chain
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the climate policy framework on land use, forestry and agriculture, including the review of the LULUCF Regulation

The tasks will involve regular collaboration with other Commission services (primarily DG AGRI, ENER, ENV, JRC, RTD), the EEA, as well as contact with Member State counterparts, through working groups and seminars.

The work takes place at the crossroads of technical and financial elements, covering the whole of the EU geography and related to policies of high importance to European citizens in a rapidly evolving policy and innovation context.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A dynamic and pro-active candidate who has

- Strong experience in applied areas of environmental, economic, legal, social, or natural sciences, related to carbon markets, land use, agriculture, forestry, bio-economy or technological carbon removals
- A background in developing policies that will help the transition to climate neutrality
- Strong sense of collaboration with team members and with other services within the Commission
- Curiosity, adaptability, flexibility, ability to prioritise and work to deadlines, and desire to continuously learn
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English, including the capacity to explain complex issues in a non-technical and comprehensible way
- A strong sense of initiative and very good inter-personal and networking skills
- A structured, systematic and thorough approach to work

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)