



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	ENER.C3
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Provisional starting date:	1... quarter 2025
Initial duration:	1... years
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 checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as <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: ... <input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein,	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 25-11-2024

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Energy works towards ensuring secure, sustainable, competitive and affordable energy for all EU citizens and the economy. Its policies play a central role in the implementation of the European Green Deal and REPowerEU. They help the EU meet its ambitious climate and energy targets and contribute to achieving climate-neutrality by 2050.

Unit C3 is responsible for the development of a truly integrated Internal Energy Market for electricity and gas at wholesale level. It is the task of the Unit and each single member to develop policies and concrete legislative, regulatory and advocacy measures to improve the functioning of EU wholesale electricity and gas markets, to lower the cost for consumers, enable better integration of renewables into the energy system, to minimise the need for subsidies and increase security of supply through connecting markets across borders and through demand response and other flexibility measures. We also undertake the assessment of national energy policies and legislation as to their compatibility with EU law. In the current context, Unit C3 will also play an important role in the implementation of REPowerEU, in particular as regards the functioning of electricity and gas markets across the EU. An important part of the Unit's activities concerns international matters such as negotiations and implementation of agreements with third countries (e.g. Switzerland, United Kingdom and Energy Community countries) aiming at establishing fair rules for access to the Internal Energy Market.

Job Presentation (We propose)

We propose the following tasks for our future colleague:

- Ensuring the effective implementation of EU electricity market rules, notably the electricity directives and regulations, network codes and guidelines; monitoring and enforcing the implementation of the internal market rules in Member States;
- Developing and / or amending of EU electricity market rules;
- Coordinating and advising national regulators, the Agency for the cooperation of EU Energy Regulators, transmission system operators, power exchanges and other stakeholders on the implementation of EU energy market rules, notably in the framework of the development of joint methods to harmonise cross-border trade and grid operation rules;
- Advising on the compatibility of state interventions with EU energy market rules, e.g. in the context of support by way so-called capacity mechanisms, in close cooperation with DG Competition;
- Representing the Commission in discussions on issues related to the Internal Energy Market, including presentation in meetings, energy fora and committees;
- Assuming specific responsibility as a “country desk” for the implementation of market rules in one or two EU Member States; providing advice and input in the context of the Recovery and Resiliency Facility and the National Energy and Climate Plans
- Preparing notes, briefings and speeches for hierarchy and Commissioner on the above mentioned topics.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Experience:

- Experience in the development and / or implementation of the EU electricity market rules, in particular of the electricity network codes and guidelines;
- Experience interacting with EU and national institutions and electricity stakeholders;

- Experience acquired in the private sector, e.g. in system operators, power exchanges and other trading venues, or electricity utilities would be an asset.

Skills:

- Strong drafting, analytical, advocacy and communication skills;
- Ability to deal with cases of highly political nature and work under tight deadlines;
- Strong sense of initiative and ability to work autonomously as well as in teams;
- Dynamic, motivated and open-minded.

The successful candidate must be proficient in English. Knowledge of other EU official languages would be an asset.

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)