

**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

DG – Directorate – Unit	ENV C3
Post number in sysper:	164115
Contact person:	François Wakenhut
Provisional starting date:	1 st quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
	<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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Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month

Entity Presentation (We are)

Unit C.3 of DG Environment contributes to the European Green Deal, in particular the zero pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment, and to the protection of human health and the environment, through the development and implementation of science-based and cost-effective EU policies aimed at reaching levels of ambient air quality that do not cause significant harm to people and the environment.

The unit is responsible for a range of policies in the area of air quality and air pollutant emissions, urban policy and environmental noise, as well as for Multilateral Environment Agreements, in particular the UNECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Pollution (Air Convention) and its Protocols. The unit has one vacancy for a Secoded

National Expert to be filled as soon as possible with a proposed commencement date of 1 February 2025.

Job Presentation (We propose)

An attractive post for a dynamic, enthusiastic colleague, in a friendly, motivated team, to contribute to a set of tasks related to clean air policy and broader zero pollution priorities.

The main focus of the tasks will be to support unit work regarding the implementation of the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive (NECD), the Air Convention, the mainstreaming of clean air policy into specific sectoral policies, in particular agriculture and food, and the assessment and promotion of clean air and zero pollution technologies.

More specifically, the post will cover essential areas of work in support of clean air and broader zero pollution priorities. The specific areas of work that the post-holder may be expected to cover are as set out below, although the post holder may also be involved in other areas of the Unit's work depending on his/her qualifications and the needs of the service:

- To contribute to the overall implementation of the NECD, and in particular lead on ecosystem monitoring requirements (article 9).
- To provide support to the ongoing evaluation of the NECD, due to be finalised by end 2025, and to follow-up initiatives.
- To provide technical support in relation to the international EU representation work in the context of the Air Convention, notably in the context of ongoing negotiations on the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol.
- To further develop the knowledge and mainstreaming of clean air policy and zero pollution objectives into the agriculture and food sectors.
- To contribute to the promotion of clean air and broader zero pollution technology development and innovation.
- To contribute to unit and directorate follow-up to broader environmental initiatives stemming from the implementation of the European Green Deal.

The fulfilment of these tasks will also imply activities such as:

- To assist in the preparation of Expert Group meetings regarding clean air legislation implementation, and of Council working parties linked to Air Convention, as well as in the production of input for such meetings.
- To support the preparation of Commission and EU negotiating positions in the context of the Air Convention.
- To participate in other activities linked to EU clean air policy and legislation, including stakeholder inter-face, answering correspondence, development of guidance or support action, assistance to Member States, conducting support

studies and providing input to Commission reports for the Council and the Parliament.

- To provide input to Commission inter-service groups concerning air pollution legislation, or source emission legislation
- To provide briefings and speeches on clean air files.
- To manage administrative matters in relation to contracts.

Travelling will be required on an occasional basis.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A highly motivated, well-organised colleague and team player.

Generalist, scientific, engineering and economic profiles will be considered, provided that candidates can demonstrate strong and tested analytical skills, experience in and aptitude for clean air and broader pollution-related policy development, integration and implementation work, and a high level of versatility so as to contribute to the full range of unit files and to broader Commission priorities/initiatives of relevance to the clean air portfolio and to zero pollution.

Familiarity with existing EU policies in the field of air quality, air pollutant emissions, as well as source emission legislation (e.g. transport emissions, energy efficiency, agriculture and food policy, climate mitigation, etc.). Experience related to impacts of air pollution on ecosystems would be an asset.

Experience in a public administration, working in teams and with stakeholders, and the possession of effective negotiating skills (preferably at the European level) are an important advantage.

Excellent analytical, IT and communication skills are a pre-requisite, including the ability to synthesise complex issues, identify practical solutions and to communicate effectively with non-specialists.

Ability to manage a number of files simultaneously with the capacity to produce high quality output often within short deadlines.

Team spirit, self-reliance, strong organisational skills are important pre-requisites as the ability to adapt quickly and thrive in a multi-lingual and multicultural environment.

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 ⁽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)