



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	INTPA.F.2
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Provisional starting date:	...4 quarter 2024
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.
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 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

Entity Presentation (We are)

INTPA Unit.F.2 – Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources - is offering a seconded national expert position under the responsibility of the Head of Unit.

The European Union is at a crucial juncture, with a new Commission, a new European Parliament and the deployment of new EU legislation related to water, climate and biodiversity. The next years will be critical to further promote the EU vision and ambition internationally, notably on Water. In the context of the Green Deal and its related investment agenda with the Global Gateway, the water sector is gaining importance as a

strategic enabler and asset for investments notably in Critical Raw Materials, Digital transformation, Clean Energy or Agriculture, while continuing to be an equity integrator and social enabler. Particular attention will be paid to the development of an innovative financing offer that blends public, private and international finance regarding climate and biodiversity.

The mandate of Unit INTPA.F.2 is to support developing countries in addressing challenges related to environment, forest (biodiversity, climate change and sustainable management and use), water as well as the transition to a green economy.

With this aim, Unit INTPA.F.2 develops three main areas of work: policy development; thematic and methodological support to EU Delegations and counterparts; programming and implementation. This also includes networking, collaborating, policy dialogue and exchange of experience and information.

Unit INTPA.F.2 has the mandate to establish and implement water sector policies (including the related pollution agenda), and work on the support to its international governance.

The next years will be characterised notably by a comprehensive water agenda between 2024 and 2028: potential development of the Water Resilience Initiative ; One Water Summit in 2024 ; preparation of the UN Water Conferences in 2026 ; End review of the Decade of Action on Water by the United Nations in 2028 and numerous preparatory processes and meetings.

We see also an increased portfolio of projects and investments to follow and which develops as part of the Global Gateway. EUR 1.4 billion were invested in water (DAC code 140) by COMM between 2021 and 2023 and today we have around 60 INTPA Delegations which developed water activities. Two Team Europe Initiatives on transboundary water management in Africa and Central Asia are now entering in the implementation phase. An increase in requests for support is therefore expected.

This is also translated in a gradual increase in the use of guarantees and financial mixing in the sector which should make it possible to significantly improve the impact of our actions but also requires strengthening coordination with financial institutions and the Private Sector.

Finally the preparations for the new Multiannual Financial Framework and next programming cycle that are starting with the ongoing mid-term review and will be finalised by end 2027 will be critical for the sector.

Job Presentation (We propose)

Working in the areas of water investments and related global and regional policies and governance, including related pollution (Marine litter, water eutrophication and water pollution). Provide inputs on policies, strategies, and regulations, notably to support investment strategies with partner countries and ensure their rooting in a 360° approach (Human rights, environment...). Supporting the preparation and monitoring of related global and regional programmes and supporting related work with EU Delegations notably on operationalising the Global Gateway strategy. Liaising with CODEV, WPIE, Lines DGs and the Parliament for related work streams and notably the preparation of upcoming international conferences on water.

Policy formulation and representation

- Support policy dialogue with relevant ministries, agencies, financial institutions, donors, the private sector and CSOs.
- Support the coordination of water related policies with other DG INTPA Units and other DGs like DG ENV, ECHO and EEAS, CODEV, WPIE and European Parliament.
- Analyse policies and strategies.
- Support coordination mechanisms with Member States and water stakeholders.
- Contribute to formulation of policy and strategic documents (policy notes, booklet, sector result matrix, etc.), briefings and replies to sector related question from the Parliament, the Council or the European Court of Auditors.
- Participate in international meetings and forums related to water issues (UN-Water meetings, World Water Week, World Water Forum, UN Water Conference, etc.).

Thematic support to Delegations

- Provide thematic support to EU Delegations for the formulation of programming documents and Team Europe initiatives under next MFF and programmes and projects under Annual Action Plans.
- Participation to Quality Support in order to provide assurance on the application of quality standards to programmes and projects in the domain of water.
- Support the development of updated guidance, training and thematic support in the covered sectors.

Programmes and projects management/monitoring

- Analyse and process proposals for water related programmes and projects submitted by EU MS Agencies/Financial Institutions, UN Agencies and other international organisations and NGOs.
- Support colleagues in the management, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of programmes and projects under centralised management in line with the conditions set out in the Commission's decision and the objectives set in the programme/project.
- Support the development of a stronger Global Gateway investment strategy for the water sector including looking at the role of the EU private sector.
- Organise and guide external experts concerned by the assigned work.
- Organization of sector related events, overall coordination and planning tasks.
- Provide input for communication activities where appropriate.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

At least 3 years of proven full-time professional experience in areas relevant to water and sanitation governance and policies.

Experience in the design of sector strategies/policies and programmes;

Knowledge of EU and UN international governance and development policies on water would be an asset as well as experience in the analysis and development of sector policies related to water management, including the involvement of the private sector and the development of water investments.

Field experience in the African and/or South America and/or Central Asia/Himalaya region is considered an asset.

Capacity to handle complex files; team worker with a strong sense of initiative and ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment. Proven capacity to review policies and strategies, analyse and reports and to draft position papers are necessary.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Excellent writing and oral communication in English and/or in French. Spanish 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)