



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	MARE.A.3
Post number in sysper:	111576
Contact person:	Christos Economou
Provisional starting date:	4 quarter 2024
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.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With allowances <input 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)	
This vacancy notice is also open to:	
<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:	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month

Entity Presentation (We are)

DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) aims to develop the potential of the European maritime economy and to secure sustainable fisheries, a stable supply of seafood, healthy seas and prosperous coastal communities – for today's Europeans and for future generations. This involves formulating, developing and implementing the Common Fisheries Policy – the cornerstone of our actions for a sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources; and promoting an integrated approach to all maritime policies. The DG has around 370 staff, distributed over 5 Directorates and 21 Units.

The wide variety of responsibilities creates an interesting and challenging working environment. Hierarchical circuits are short, and working efforts translate into tangible results with a direct impact on the ground and on stakeholders.

Unit A3 drives forward the maritime policy of the EU by fostering dialogue and cooperation on maritime issues and by developing initiatives in the European sea basins to help coastal communities and regions diversify and expand their economies. It also coordinates the implementation of the EU Maritime Security Strategy, including by further integrating maritime surveillance activities in the EU and by promoting cooperation between authorities carrying out coastguard functions. The Unit is part of Directorate A: "Maritime Policy and Blue economy" and is composed of a dynamic and motivated team of 14 people. The Directorate promotes actively a collaborative work spirit within its four Units

Job Presentation (We propose)

We offer a challenging position as policy officer on matters related to maritime regional cooperation, sea basins initiatives and maritime surveillance. This involves:

- Providing policy advice and support for developing maritime policy in selected sea basins (e.g. Atlantic, Mediterranean, including Western Mediterranean and the Adriatic-Ionian sea basin, Black Sea, Baltic Sea and North Sea) and Outermost Regions;
- Promoting coordination and cooperation on maritime policy and the blue economy in one or more sea basins with maritime authorities of Member States and/or third countries, other organisations and bodies, such as the Union for the Mediterranean, the International Maritime Organisation, the European Investment Bank and authorities carrying out maritime functionalities and coastguard functions;
- Contributing to the work of the Unit regarding funding sources for sustainable blue economy, notably for EMFAF, ERDF, Horizon Europe, ESF, NDICI, aiming to mainstream sea basin priorities into relevant regional, national and cooperation programmes; and liaising with other services in the Commission to this end;
- Providing input and expertise into the crosscutting and sectorial aspects of maritime policy and contributing, if appropriate, to the development of specific projects;
- Contributing to the Unit's input into DG MARE's processes for policy development, including contributions to proposals, background papers, legislative texts, briefings, answers to letters and other requests;

Preparation and attendance to meetings with other Commission services and EU/International institutions on maritime issues and exchanges of information with public bodies and stakeholders in the EU Member States and partner countries.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A dynamic and well organized candidate capable of working as part of a team and independently. The candidate should have in depth knowledge and experience of the Maritime Policy and/or Regional/Neighborhood policies. Applicants are expected to show a strong sense of initiative and responsibility and to have very good analytical skills. The candidates must possess political judgement plus excellent organizational and interpersonal skills since close co-operation and co-ordination with colleagues in charge of related files in other Commission Services will be essential. The position will involve regular contacts with staff within and outside the DG, with Member States and third country officials, industry and other stakeholders so service orientation and good communication skills are very important. The candidate should be available to travel abroad 5-7 times per year for periods of 1 to 2 days. The candidate should have a very good

command of English and very good drafting skills. Knowledge of French or Spanish 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 ⁽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)