



VACANCY NOTICE

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Post identification: (DG-DIR-UNIT)	ENV-C-3
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With allowances <input type="checkbox"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is also open to <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the following EFTA countries : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) <input type="checkbox"/> the following third countries: <input type="checkbox"/> the following intergovernmental organisations:	

1. Nature of the tasks

Unit C.3 (Clean Air & Urban Policy) of DG Environment is responsible for a range of policies in the area of air quality, air pollutant emissions, urban policy, and noise.

The tasks linked to this position will relate to the (1) the implementation of clean air legislation and policies, in particular but not exclusively the implementation of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directives and the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive; (2) the development of related implementation support and new policy development initiatives, including in the context of the revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directives and the planned review of the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive; and (3) the integration of clean air policy objectives into relevant sectoral policies (e.g. MOVE, GROW, ENER, SANTE, AGRI, CLIMA, TAXUD, JRC, RTD etc) and funding streams, as well as promotion of synergies with broader EU policy priorities under the European Green Deal, in particular in relation to the zero pollution ambition.

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.

- Key tasks linked to the implementation of the Ambient Air Quality Directives and the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive, involving direct responsibility for selected thematic tasks and/or group of Member States and managing compliance checking including via support to infringement procedures where required.
- Contribution to new policy developments under the responsibility of the unit or in cooperation with relevant Commission services, in particular in the context of the revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directives and the planned review of the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive.

¹ These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision).

- Specific mainstreaming tasks with relevant Commission services in support of the attainment of EU air quality and emission reduction objectives and related priorities under the European Green Deal, to be defined based on the profile of the selected colleague.
- Inputs to innovative implementation support instruments in support of more effective interaction with Member States.

The above responsibilities will require policy implementation, conception and development, internal and external networking activities, including regular interaction with other Commission Services of relevance to air quality and emissions (e.g. representation of the unit in inter-service meetings, stakeholder consultations, Expert Group / Committee meetings with Member States, representatives and NGOs and inter-institutional meetings).

The post will offer a stimulating experience in a core area of the environmental acquis, the opportunity to contribute to the implementation, shaping and advancement of a policy of prime importance to citizens, and requiring coherence and integration at all levels of vertical (EU, national, regional, local) and horizontal (cross-sectoral) governance.

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

- To assist in the preparation of Expert Group meetings regarding the implementation of the Ambient Air Quality Directives and of the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive, as well as in the production of papers for such meetings.
- To provide briefings and speeches on clean air policy, to be given by senior Commission staff.
- To participate in other activities implementing clean air legislation, such as answering correspondence, developing guidance, assisting 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 clean air legislation, or source emission legislation.
- To manage administrative matters in relation to contracts.

Travelling will be required on an occasional basis.

2. Main qualifications

a) Eligibility criteria

The following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil all of these criteria will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.

- 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: candidates must have at least one year seniority with their employer, that means having worked for an eligible employer as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision on a permanent or contract basis for at least one year before the secondment;
- 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. SNE from a third country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

b) Selection criteria

Diploma

- university degree or
- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) : clean air policy, air pollutant emissions, air quality management and monitoring. Broader environmental profiles of relevance to the portfolio of the unit will be considered as well.

Scientific or engineering background will be considered a plus, but other profiles may also be acceptable if accompanied by appropriate experience; knowledge of economic and legal aspects of environmental policy is an asset.

Professional experience

- 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, climate mitigation, agriculture, etc.).
- 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.

Other skills:

- 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..

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A very good oral and written command of English is essential as well as a good knowledge of another official language of the European Union. Ability in other languages would be an asset.

3. Submission of applications and selection procedure

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>) 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. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

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. Candidates will be informed of the follow-up of their application by the unit concerned.

4. Conditions of the secondment

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).

The SNE will remain employed and remunerated by his/her employer during the secondment. He/she will equally remain covered by the national social security system.

Unless for cost-free SNE, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNE fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.

During the secondment, SNE are subject to confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest obligations, as provided for in Art. 6 and 7 of the SNE Decision.

If any document is inexact, incomplete or missing, the application may be cancelled.

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, OJ L 72, 17.03.2015, p. 53).

The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

5. Processing of personal data

The selection, secondment and termination of the secondment of a national expert requires the Commission (the competent services of DG HR, DG BUDG, PMO and the DG concerned) to process personal data concerning the person to be seconded, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit of DG HR.B.1. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Data is kept by the competent services for 7 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected experts).

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.

Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, Unit HR.B.1, HR-B1-DPR@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for security checks.