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(DG-DIR-UNIT)

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Number of available posts: 1

Category: Administrator (AD)

Suggested taking up duty: 3rd quarter 2018

Suggested initial duration: 2 year(s)

Place of secondment: Brussels

Specificities

☐ With allowances ☒ COST-FREE

This vacancy notice is also open to

☐ the following EFTA countries:
  ○ Iceland  ☐ Liechtenstein  ☐ Norway  ☐ Switzerland
  ☐ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement
    (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

☐ the following third countries:

☐ the following intergovernmental organisations:

1 Nature of the tasks:

The "Multilateral Environmental Cooperation” Unit of DG Environment is dealing with multilateral environmental agreements and processes (UN), international forest policy, wildlife trade and conservation, as well as environmental aspects of trade policy.

Within the team dealing with international forest policy issues such as the implementation of the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan and the EU Timber Regulation, you will contribute to step up EU action to combat deforestation and forest degradation by implementing a more coherent and comprehensive approach with a view to enabling the EU to deliver on its objective to “halt global forest cover loss by 2030 at the latest and to reduce gross tropical deforestation by at least 50 % by 2020 compared to 2008 levels”, as well as its related international commitments.

Specific objectives may include to:

1) Building effective partnerships with producer countries to support the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices and climate-smart agriculture in tropical countries at risk of deforestation, and promoting better protection of tropical forests through better land use practices, land governance

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

2) Promoting responsible/sustainable supply chains, and EU demand for sustainably produced agricultural commodities which are not linked to deforestation;

3) Ensuring improved access, particularly by smallholders, to public and private investment and financial support for sustainable landscapes/value chains and achieve enhanced transparency of investment flows associated with deforestation;

4) Strengthening international cooperation/dialogue with other major markets (e.g. US, China, India) to ensure responsible and sustainable supply chains at the global level and reduce risk of "leakages";

5) Better mainstreaming deforestation considerations throughout relevant EU policies.

The job requires frequent contacts with other units in DG Environment, other Commission services, Member States authorities and stakeholders, and third countries.

2 Main qualifications:

a) Eligibility criteria

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

- Professional experience: at least three years’ experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which can be regarded as equivalent to those of function groups AD;

- Seniority: at least one year by your employer, that is having worked for an eligible employer (as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision) on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months 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. An SNE from a non-member country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

b) Selection criteria

- diploma: scientific or policy background relevant to forestry and environment.
  - university degree or
    - professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

- professional experience:

The ideal candidate would have experience in the forest or natural resource sector. We look for a well-organised candidate with a sense of initiative, excellent written and oral communication skills, good negotiation skills (preferably also at international level), and able to work in a team. The ability to draft legal texts would be an advantage. The person we are looking for should be willing to travel

- language(s) necessary for the performance of duties:

While the main working language of the Unit is English, excellent knowledge of which is required; good knowledge of other EU or UN languages would be an advantage.
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 the applications to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter. Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application. Candidates are required not to add 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). This decision is available on http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/job/sne/index_en.htm. 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. Unless for cost-free SNEs, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNEs fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision. During the secondment, SNEs 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 secondment may be cancelled.

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.4. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Data is kept by the competent services for 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded experts). Data subjects may exercise their right of access to data concerning them and the right to rectify such data by applying to the controller, in accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation on the processing of personal data. The candidate may send complaints to the European Data Protection Supervisor edps@edps.europa.eu. To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks. More information is available on http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/personnel_administration/security_en.htm. Information on data protection for candidates to a JRC post is available on: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=6270.