



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG CLIMA – D « International affairs and climate finance » – D2 «Bilateral Relations»
Post number in sysper:	394812
Contact person:	Caroline EDERY
Provisional starting date:	4th quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg <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: OECD, World Bank, International Monetary Fund <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 Latest application date: 26-05-2025

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) leads the European Commission's efforts to fight climate change, the defining challenge of our times. Our mission, based on the European Green Deal and the European Climate Law, is to formulate

and implement policies and strategies that will enable the EU to meet its climate targets and achieve its planned transition to a climate neutral economy.

The Unit is in charge of projecting the Green Deal priorities related to climate policy and net-zero transition across external policy instruments and strategic partnerships. The Unit works to exert effective EU climate and energy diplomacy to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement in all regions of the world, in full synergy with the EEAS and other services of the Commission, EU delegations in third countries as well as the Member States. The Unit activates climate diplomacy instruments, such as climate policy dialogues, cooperation activities, Green Alliances and Green Partnerships with third countries and contributes to directing EU external financing towards climate-neutral and climate-resilient transformation. The Unit also coordinates accession negotiations in the area of climate policy.

The Unit manages and implements several climate diplomacy contracts.

19 highly-motivated colleagues work in the Unit.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The post consists in developing the EU bilateral relations with third countries, in order to promote ambitious climate and sustainable energy policies, notably through prompting partner countries transition to a net-zero and resilient economy and the alignment of national policies with Nationally-Determined Contributions.

The jobholder is supporting the desk officers of the Unit for a portfolio of countries in Asia. The jobholder is advising the DG CLIMA hierarchy and the Cabinets of the President, EVPs, HRVP and other members of the College in their interactions with the third countries, in a complex geopolitical environment. He/she will contribute to develop the country and regional engagement strategies, follow developments on climate and energy policies in Asia, prepare and participate in high level dialogues and joint committees with partner countries, prepare briefings and terms of reference for High level dialogues or statements for bilateral Summits, develop and follow climate cooperation projects in the region. The jobholder will also support the Climate Diplomacy project, a contract that aims at increasing awareness of EU delegations staff about climate issues and policies.

The post entails intensive contacts with third country representatives, the EEAS and other Commission services, EU delegations, EU Member States and other stakeholders, as well as DG CLIMA Units and the Cabinets.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A proactive person, with a climate/environment/international relations background. The job requires well-developed communication, proven diplomatic and negotiation skills and a good understanding of international climate issues and diplomacy. We are looking for a colleague who is open-minded, solution-oriented, has a sense of initiative and is a good

team player. Very good knowledge/ understanding of English is required. The selected candidate must be able to work under pressure and manage sensitive files. Expertise in climate mitigation and/or adaptation 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)