



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	ENER – Task Force – Relations with the Member States and the Energy Community
Post number in sysper:	406241
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Provisional starting date:	2nd 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.
	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Türkiye and Ukraine *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence	
<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)

Within the framework of the Energy Platform Task Force, Task Force 2 (TF2) is the unit responsible for the energy policy outreach to Member States and the overall coordination of their efforts to diversify energy supplies, reduce their overall reliance on fossil fuels and speed up the clean energy transition. This work is conducted notably via the implementation of the national Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs) and their REPowerEU chapters and the Country Specific Recommendations of the European Semester, instrumental to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal and REPowerEU.

TF2 is also coordinating the Energy Community file within DG ENER and across the Commission, As part of this, we are also engaging with the nine non-EU Contracting Parties of the Energy Community –(the six Western Balkan countries, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia) on various energy related matters including on enlargement.

Under the Energy Community Treaty, the focus of the work is on the Contracting Parties' alignment with the EU acquis, notably on the implementation of the internal energy market rules and the Clean Energy Package, including the 2030 energy and climate framework and the electricity market legislation. TF2 gathers intelligence on the nine non-EU Contracting Parties and provides policy advise and assessment within the Commission on energy-policy related matters. This is done in relation to the Energy Community Treaty and in the different Commission's cooperation frameworks (e.g., bilateral energy relations, enlargement process, Association agreements, Stabilisation and Association agreements).

Job Presentation (We propose)

- Follow the EU energy relations with the nine non-EU Contracting Parties of the Energy Community (the Western Balkans and the Eastern Trio).
- Support the procedures of the Energy Community Treaty and the Energy Community Secretariat with focus on the Contracting Parties' alignment with EU energy legislation, notably, in the field of the internal market in electricity.
- Support the work on other thematic areas covered by the Energy Community Treaty, such as security of supply, decarbonisation of the energy system and energy infrastructure development.
- Contribute to the substantive and procedural development of Commission proposals to the Energy Community in relation to the thematic areas of responsibility.
- Support the work of DG ENER in the EU accession process, EU bilateral relations, and other EU initiatives related to the nine non-EU Energy Community Contracting Parties.
- Act as a country desk for two Contracting Parties including maintaining up to date country intelligence for countries of responsibility.

The SNE will work under the supervision of an administrator. With a view to the principle of loyal cooperation between the national/regional and European administrations, the SNE will not work on individual cases with implications for files he/she would have had to deal with in his/her national administration in the two years preceding its entry into the Commission, or directly adjacent cases. He/she shall in no case make commitments, financial or otherwise, or negotiate on behalf of the Commission.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a proactive, committed and result-oriented colleague possessing the following competencies:

- Relevant job experience of at least 3 years in full time professional experience in EU energy policy and/or EU international relations, preferably with the Western Balkans and/or the Eastern Trio (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia).
- Strong analytical skills, and the ability to link analysis and policy development.
- Very good English and communication skills both oral and written.
- Ability to formulate concise and to-the-point briefings and presentations for hierarchy.
- High commitment to quality and accuracy, and ability to deliver within short deadlines.
- Capacity to perform duties autonomously and in a flexible way is important, coupled with strong team spirit.
- Understanding of the workings of the EU's wholesale electricity market 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, 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)