



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	INTPA – F - 2
Post number in sysper:	4345
Contact person:	Chantal Marijnissen
Provisional starting date:	3 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.
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: ... <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

Entity Presentation (We are)

INTPA Unit.F.2 – Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources - is offering a seconded national expert position under the responsibility of the Head of Unit.

The European Union is at a crucial juncture, with a new Commission, a new European Parliament and the entry into application of new EU legislation related to forest, climate and biodiversity. The next years will be critical to further promote the EU vision and ambition on forest internationally. Particular attention will be paid to the

development of an innovative financing offer that blends public, private and international finance regarding climate and biodiversity.

The mandate of Unit INTPA.F.2 is to support developing countries in addressing challenges related to environment, forest (biodiversity, climate change and sustainable management and use), water as well as the transition to a green economy.

With this aim, Unit INTPA.F.2 develops three main areas of work: policy development; thematic and methodological support to EU Delegations and counterparts; programming and implementation. This also includes networking, collaborating, policy dialogue and exchange of experience and information.

Unit INTPA.F.2 promotes the design and implementation of the external dimension of the European Green Deal. In order to improve impact of its support to forest and to effectively contribute to implementing the Green Deal, INTPA Unit F2 is proposing to develop and implement EU Forest Partnerships with partner countries or regions through a Team Europe approach. This new, comprehensive and integrated approach will deliver on EU commitments, notably climate and biodiversity, while enabling partners to meet their socio-economic development objectives through the transition to a greener economy.

The Forest Partnerships will represent the overarching framework to implement the EU forest policy framework under the responsibility of Unit INTPA.F.2, notably the Action Plan (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) and the Communication COM/2019/352 “Stepping up EU action to protect and restore world’s forests” (Communication on deforestation) and the upcoming “EU Forest Strategy” with a view to promoting private sector investments and sustainable forest-based value chains. Unit INTPA.F.2 will also help address deforestation and forest degradation in partner countries, notably through its support to the REDD+ mechanisms and zero-deforestation agriculture programmes as well as the design and implementation of programmes on biodiversity.

Job Presentation (We propose)

Under the responsibility of the Head of Unit and the direct supervision of the head of sector for forest, the successful candidate will support INTPA's work in the area of sustainable forest management, with a particular focus on the implementation of EU forest policy instruments (VPAs, Forest Partnerships) and innovative financing mechanisms for forest.

In this context, the successful candidate will carry out the following tasks:

1. In collaboration with EU Delegations, INTPA geographic units and Member States, act as EU focal point for the negotiations, development and implementation in some countries of the EU Forest Partnerships and FLEGT Voluntary Partnerships;
2. Contribute to the development of the EU investment and financing strategy to support the sustainable financing of forest in partner countries. This includes the identification and implementation of innovative financing instruments such as payment for ecosystems services, REDD+, biodiversity certificates, carbon credits, debt-swap-for-nature, green bonds as well as guarantees, blending, or fiscal policy reforms;
3. Coordinate work with Member States and liaise with other Commission departments, Council and the European Parliament to implement the FLEGT Action Plan;
4. Advise on development assistance to support implementation of the FLEGT Action Plan;
5. Support multi-stakeholder processes and ensure effective communication on FLEGT Action Plan with EU stakeholders as well as in partner developing countries;

6. Contribute to analytical work and strategic reflection on a number of thematic topics related to FLEGT and EU Regulation on Deforestation, notably supporting compliance (due diligence, benchmarking);
7. Support the mainstreaming of climate change throughout the forest portfolio in line with the NDICI's financial obligation (2021-2027) of 30% climate relevant actions;
8. Conduct support missions in partner countries to provide policy and technical support in the area of green/circular economy, environment and greening development policies, programmes and investments;
9. Provide technical support to colleagues in INTPA and EU delegations in the area of sustainable forest management, and potentially on broader environmental matters.
10. Engage in and promote sector and thematic relations within the Commission and other EU institutions, Member States and other stakeholders;

The Seconded National Expert will also undertake any other relevant tasks assigned by the Head of Unit and could be called to participate in other areas of work such as forestry and agricultural policies in a land-based approach and, more broadly, to contribute to the environmental dimension of INTPA's work.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

Diploma

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

in the field(s) :

Master degree or equivalent qualification preferably in environmental or forestry studies, law, agro-economics or similar

Professional experience

At least 5 years of proven full-time professional experience in areas relevant to sustainable forest management: particularly in the design of sector strategies/policies and/or projects/programmes;

Experience in the field of sustainable finance mechanisms for forests would be appreciated (blending, trust fund, Payment for Ecosystem Services);

Experience in the analysis and development of sector value chains, including involvement of the private sector;

Field experience in the African and/or South America region is considered as an asset.

Experience in international conventions on biodiversity, climate and forests will be an advantage. Knowledge of EU development policies and biodiversity/forest strategy would be appreciated.

Capacity to handle complex files; team worker with a strong sense of initiative and ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment. Proven capacity to analyse, synthesize reports and draft recommendations would be an asset. Negotiations skills/experience would be an advantage.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Excellent writing and oral communication skills in English and/or in French. Spanish 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)