



VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG Environment, Directorate C – Zero Pollution, Unit C.1 Sustainable Freshwater Management Policy Officer - EU water legislation and policy (with focus on water quality, chemicals and pollution)
Post number in sysper:	271085
Contact person: Provisional starting date: Initial duration: Place of secondment:	Claudia OLAZABAL, Head of Unit, Claudia.Olazabal@ec.europa.eu 2 nd quarter 2023 2 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of secondment	<input type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" 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 Latest application date: 25-04-2024

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Environment's mission is to enable EU citizens to live well, within the planet's ecological limits, based on an innovative, circular economy, where biodiversity and ecosystems are protected and restored, environment-related health risks are minimized in ways to enhance our society's resilience, and where growth has been decoupled from resource use. The DG acts as a main policy driver under the European Green Deal.

Within DG ENV, Directorate C's policies and activities aim to safeguard EU citizens from harmful environmental and health impacts originating from pressures on air, freshwaters and seas, as well as from industrial contamination of soils, thus contributing to protect and improve the sustainable use of the EU's natural resources, in line with the European Green Deal objectives and the Zero Pollution Action Plan.

Unit C1- Sustainable Freshwater Management works on protecting European freshwaters as a key part of our Natural Capital. We contribute to the implementation and development of EU water legislation and policy, we aim to achieve clean water and healthy aquatic ecosystems, ensuring also a much more efficient use of water and reducing the effects of droughts and floods.

Job Presentation (We propose)

An attractive position of Policy Officer for EU water legislation and policy, with a focus on water quality, chemical and pollution to join our friendly team of around 20 people.

As part of the water quality team, the jobholder will provide technical advice and contribute to the development of EU water policy in the wider context of the European Green Deal, contributing to the full implementation of the Water Resilience Initiative and the achievement of the Zero Pollution, Circular Economy and Biodiversity objectives. He/she contribute to managing the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the Water Framework Directive, the Environmental Quality Standards Directive, the Groundwater Directive, especially their pollution-related provisions. This includes participation in the ongoing discussions on the Commission proposal on the updated list of priority substances which is currently with the co-legislators. The jobholder will also contribute to the development of secondary and implementing legislation. He/she will participate in the work of the Common Implementation Strategy, in particular as regards the Working Group on Chemicals. In addition, the jobholder will also contribute to the integration of pollution aspects of EU water legislation objectives into other policy areas and legislation, in particular to ensure legal coherence. He/she will follow and contribute to the coordination of relevant activities of the Commission, the European Chemicals Agency, European Environment Agency, and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. Finally, he/she will be responsible to serve as country desk for 1-3 EU Member States in terms of support for water acquis implementation (written questions, briefings, Cohesion policy, infringements).

The job requires the ability to manage a number of issues simultaneously and to produce high quality output often within short deadlines.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We are looking for a highly motivated, curious, resourceful and well-organised colleague who enjoys working both independently and as part of a team and has the capacity to deal with complex scientific and technical issues related to water-pollution.

S/he should have:

- An educational/academic background in environmental sciences, chemistry, biology, geosciences or other relevant domain.
- Previous experience particularly in EU water legislation and policies is a clear advantage.
- Demonstrated experience in legal matters and procedures, including developing secondary and implementing environmental legislation.
- Experience in geospatial data and data handling and processing would be an asset.
- Strong analytical capacities, excellent drafting skills, very good communication, negotiation and networking capacities
- A high sense of initiative and a good sense of judgement.
- A very good command of English is necessary; command of French 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)