



VACANCY NOTICE

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Post identification: (DG-DIR-UNIT)	ENV-F-1
Head of Unit: Email address: Telephone: Number of available posts: Suggested taking up duty: Suggested initial duration: Place of secondment:	Astrid LADEFOGED Astrid.Ladefoged@ec.europa.eu +32 2 29 560191 1 2 nd quarter 2023 ¹ 2 years ¹ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	<input type="checkbox"/> With allowances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost-free
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 type="checkbox"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) <input type="checkbox"/> the following third countries: <input type="checkbox"/> the following intergovernmental organisations:	

1. Nature of the tasks

The "Planetary Common Goods, Universal Values and Environmental Security" Unit of DG Environment (ENV.F.1), dealing with the three interconnected dimensions of sustainable development, works on the environment equity-stability-peace nexus. The unit aims to enhance the understanding of this nexus and its link to resource management, and pursues a better integration of the importance to protect the natural resource base in EU and global policy responses on climate, energy, development, trade, and foreign and security policy.

Under the responsibility of the Head of Unit, the successful candidate will form part of a team dealing with international water policy issues and responsible for follow up on the UN Water Conference 2023. The expert will contribute in particular to:

- Global sustainable management of planetary natural resources, comprises work on the UNECE water convention and more specifically follow up to the UN water conference.
- Environment policy to promote universal values, global stability and security, comprises work on the links between water management and conflicts, displacement and migration, and humanitarian disasters. Making the Union a more effective actor in strengthening global resilience and reducing the risk of conflict over resources.
- Work on the interdependence between water and energy, as water is used throughout the energy industry, and the water system needs energy for collecting, pumping, treating and desalinating water. Saving water means saving energy, hence water efficiency drives energy savings.

In the discharge of his/her duties, the colleague will be involved in the drafting of policy documents and will frequently interact with internal and external stakeholders. He/she will participate in relevant Council Working

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

Party and inter-service co-ordination meetings, in bilateral and multilateral international negotiations, and in dialogues with stakeholders as necessary.

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

- Contribute to the follow up of the UN Water Conference 2023 including by promoting an enhanced reflection of the water agenda in relevant UN processes on food, health, sustainable consumption and production, climate and biodiversity, peace and security;
- Support the work of the unit in better engaging with private sector and other stakeholders, as regards the follow up of the UN Water Conference 2023;
- Support the organisation, participate and contribute actively to the meetings of the relevant committees, expert groups and other meetings;
- Support to the cooperation with third countries;
- Contribute to unit work on disasters, displacement, resilience building and humanitarian with DG ECHO and relevant organisations eg Red Cross, UNHRC and the links between EU's global energy and water policies;
- Undertake any other relevant tasks assigned by the Head of Unit.

This post involves frequent contacts with other services within the Commission (particularly DG INTPA, DG ECHO, DG ENER, DG AGRI, DG GROW, DG CLIMA and the EEAS), with Member States, stakeholders and contractors.

2. **Main qualifications**

a) Eligibility criteria

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

- **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**: candidates must have at least one year seniority with their employer, that means having worked for an eligible employer as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision on a permanent or contract basis for at least one year 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. SNE from a third country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

b) Selection criteria

Diploma

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

in the field(s) : law, international relations, environmental/political sciences, economics, or related disciplines.

Professional experience

Experience in policy development and implementation would be an advantage.

Good practical knowledge of international processes, EU inter-institutional procedures, experience in drafting policy papers, and contract management would be an asset.

The applicant should be able to demonstrate a high level of organization skills and team spirit, with a sense of initiative.

The person we are looking for should be willing to travel.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

Fluent and proficient spoken and written English is required, while a good knowledge of French is 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 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. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

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.

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).

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 system.

Unless for cost-free SNE, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNE fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.

During the secondment, SNE 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 application may be cancelled.

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, OJ L 72, 17.03.2015, p. 53).

The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

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.1. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Data is kept by the competent services for 7 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected experts).

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.

Contact information

- **The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, Unit HR.B.1, HR-B1-DPR@ec.europa.eu.

- **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for security checks.