

**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

DG – Directorate – Unit	RTD.B.2-Bioeconomy & Food systems
Post number in sysper:	383095
Contact person:	Peter WEHRHEIM
Provisional starting date:	3rd quarter 2024
Initial duration:	1 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 type="radio"/> With allowances <input checked="" type="radio"/> Cost-free
<p>This vacancy notice is open to:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: FAO Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 00153 Rome, Italy e-mail : FAO-HQ@fao.org</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)</p>	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month
Latest application date: 25-06-2024	

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Directorate-General for Research and Innovation's mission is to develop and implement the European research and innovation policy with a view to achieving European policy priorities, and

in particular, the European Green Deal. The DG supports research and innovation through European Framework Programmes, coordinates and supports national and regional research and innovation programmes, contributes to the creation of the European Research Area and supports European organisations and researchers in their cooperation at international level.

Unit RTD.B2, “Bioeconomy & Food systems”, supports the transition to the Healthy Planet, which is climate neutral by 2050, and operates within safe planetary boundaries. The unit coordinates the implementation and further development of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy. Its activities contribute to future-proofing our food systems by engaging communities and delivering climate-neutral, circular, sustainable and innovative solutions that provide nutritious and healthy food and diets for all, and enabling place-based fair transition pathways towards sustainable circular bioeconomies thus accelerating their deployment across Europe.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The tasks of the national expert will include support on the following dossiers:

- Contributing to drafting the review of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy, to be published by the end of 2025
- Follow up Bioeconomy policy developments at national, regional or local level in Member States, including cooperation at international level;
- Providing support to the Bioeconomy team in DG R&I in planning and organising bioeconomy events;
- Draft comprehensive analysis reports, briefings and/or updates to existing ones on the implementation of the Bioeconomy Strategy;
- Implementation of the EU’s Bioeconomy Strategy (support to BIOEAST Member States; work on regional or environmental issues related to the implementation of the Bioeconomy strategy, etc.);
- Coordinate the cooperation with Joint Research Centre of the Commission on bioeconomy related policies (Monitoring Systems, Modelling, Knowledge synthesis, etc.).

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

We look for a highly motivated, dynamic and innovative colleague with a service-orientated approach. The post requires the ability to provide quick input, strategic intelligence and scientific analysis, and to ideate research and innovation topics and to draft targeted policy briefings for the hierarchy, as well as swift and sound responses to stakeholder concerns or political issues. Excellent oral and written skills in English, allowing for effective communication with all counterparts and partners, as well as the capacity to establish solid collaborative working relations are essential. The successful candidate will also be well organised and capable of working independently, and also be keen and ready to co-create and share with other members of the team. Practical experience in national administrations working on bioeconomy policies would be an advantage. A background, or qualifications, in a mix of the following fields would be an asset: environmental, social or political sciences, biotechnology, life cycle assessment, primary production (agriculture, fishery, forestry), or other fields, relevant for the bioeconomy.

Knowledge of the EU’s Bioeconomy strategy and other related policies (e.g. CAP, environment, climate) would be an advantage.

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)