

**VACANCY NOTICE**

**SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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| **Post identification:**  (DG-DIR-UNIT) | CLIMA C3 |
| **Head of Unit:**  **Email address: Telephone:**  **Number of available posts: Suggested taking up duty: Suggested initial duration: Place of secondment:** | Christian HOLZLEITNER [Christian.holzleitner@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Christian.holzleitner@ec.europa.eu)  +32 460 755 723  1  **3rd quarter 2023 1**  **2 year(s)1**   **Brussels**  **Luxemburg**  **Other: ……………..** |
|  **With allowances**  **Cost-free** |
| **This vacancy notice is also open to**   * **the following EFTA countries :**   + **Iceland ** **Liechtenstein**  **Norway ** **Switzerland**   + **EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)** * **the following third countries:** * **the following intergovernmental organisations:** IEA, OECD, Worldbank, IRENA, IAEA, IIASA, FAO | |

1. **Nature of the tasks**

Located in newly refurbished offices in the heart of the European quarter, we are: a highly motivated team of 14 professionals made up of economists, lawyers, technical and natural scientists, working in the political spotlight on climate action. We are developing and implementing policies for a climate-neutral bio-economy, that covers greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from the management of land, forests and agriculture and biomass. Our Unit is:

* + Developing, in parallel to the co-decision negotiation, the EU policy on carbon removals both in the land sector as well as in industry, including bio-energy with carbon capture and storage (CCS) and Direct Air Capture (DAC) as well as use of biomass in materials.
  + Responsible for the revised Regulation for Land Use, Forestry, and Agriculture, including the achievement of enhanced monitoring linked to high carbon stock and biodiverse land areas, and the pathway of renewed targets for Member States
  + Leading the co-decision process on the Commission proposal on carbon removal certification.
  + Working on new incentives for land managers to be better rewarded for climate-friendly land management (“carbon farming”)
  + Involved in the related research policies and programs, including the Soil Mission.

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

We propose a position for a highly motivated Seconded National Expert as part of our team. The post will offer a stimulating experience in one of the fast developing policy areas of DG CLIMA.

POLICY ANALYSIS AND SUPPORT

* + - Implementing the LULUCF Regulation within the Fit-for-55 package, including the strategic interlinkages between the different proposals in the context of the Green Deal, with particular focus on the policy nexus between land use, forestry, agriculture and the bioeconomy
    - Prepare and give presentations, draft articles, use statistics, research and other information for the development of evidence-based policy
    - Draft policy proposals, background papers, legislative texts, briefings, replies to correspondence and parliamentary questions, negotiations with other services, especially DG AGRI and DG ENV

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

* + - Assist with the fast-developing areas such as: carbon removal certification framework, especially in relation to carbon farming; underpinning of the bio-economy with a view towards a post-2030 climate framework;
    - With the multi-unit team, look ahead to review of the land-sector, and establishment of a pathway through 2040 for achievement of higher carbon removals in 2050, enhanced and integrated sector governance, better monitoring (e.g. through satellites and the Copernicus programme), leading to better incentives at the level of farmers and foresters
    - Perform the necessary general or ad hoc tasks that arise in relation to the post and the achievement of the objectives of the unit
    - Prepare and give presentations, draft articles, use statistics, research and other information for the development of credible policy

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

* + - **Assist Commission officials in representing the Commission, before the Council, European Parliament and other institutions on issues related to the job**

1. **Main qualifications**

# 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.

# Selection criteria

Diploma

* + university degree or
  + professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) : preferably engineering, economics, geography, environmental science, or similar Professional experience

Preferably at least 3 years in a climate related field; familiarity with basic data (e.g. related to international reporting) management or modelling.

General knowledge of EU climate policy as well as of related sectoral policies for one or more sectors would be an advantage

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A very good command of English, (main working language for the post and team). The ability to work in other official EU languages would be considered an asset.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.DDG.B4. 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 10 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected or not seconded 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, HR.DDG.B.4, [HR-MAIL-](mailto:HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu) [B4@ec.europa.eu.](mailto:HR-MAIL-B4@ec.europa.eu)

# The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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](mailto: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 necessary checks.