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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | DG Agriculture and Rural Development- Dir Sustainability- B4 Organics |
| Post number in sysper: | 318423 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | PANICHI Elena  2nd quarter 2024  2 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Type of secondment |  |
| This vacancy notice is open to:    as well as  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries: ….  The following intergovernmental organisations: … | |
| Deadline for applications |  |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

Unit AGRI-B-4 is in charge of Organic production at the European Commission.

The unit is responsible for the European Union's legal framework for organic production, including EU-wide harmonized standards on organic farming and food production, as well as rules on labeling, controls and trade. The unit is responsible for the recognition and supervision of control bodies in third countries and for the recognition and supervision of equivalent third countries and to manage bilateral arrangements in organics and in particular to monitor and supervise non conformity of products imported from third countries.

The unit manages a specialized regulatory committee, the Organic Production Committee (OPC).

In exercising its tasks, the unit exchanges information and consults with stakeholders, including market operators, Member State authorities, researchers, control bodies, NGOs, international organisations and Third countries.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose a job to implement the organic legislation on trade with Third Countries and to contribute to the development of the policy regarding international issues.

In particular the SNE will join a dynamic and motivated team. The main tasks to be covered are:

to contribute to the implementation of the import system of organic products from third countries, in particular ensuring the future compliance of the production and control rules applied in third countries to products intended to be imported into the EU as organic;

- to supervise the activities of a number of recognised control bodies in third countries through the assessment of annual reports, the follow up to irregularities notifications and supporting Commission audits;

- to assess requests for recognition from new control bodies;

- to contribute to the strengthening of the Commission supervision on imports of organic products through the development of control legal provisions applied to imported products and the implementation of sound internal procedures;

- to contribute to the implementation of the strategy and priority setting for negotiations on organics with third countries, in particular as regards the transformation of the current arrangements into fully fledged international agreements;

These tasks include intense internal and external communication activities, including representation of the unit in inter-service meetings, steering groups, conferences and in meetings with stakeholders and NGOs. Day-to-day work involves a working cooperation with other units and services as well as replying to various requests for information from the hierarchy and from external bodies. For an effective cooperation among colleagues, 3 days presence in the office is required.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

An enthusiastic person interested in the unit's portfolio preferably with a good technical knowledge of the agricultural sector and with experience in policy analysis having a well structured analytical working methods, for this reason we welcome applications from agronomists and veterinarians.

The candidate should show a high level of curiosity and multipurpose abilities able to cope with a very high workload. He/she should be able to work independently and, at the same time, ensure continuous feedback into the team's work and interaction with other team members and with stakeholders in the EU and in third countries. The candidate should be able to react to short-term requests and to meet the strict deadlines the unit is confronted with. Long missions (+3days) might tbe possible.

We are looking for a candidate who combines excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to lead in the processes he or she is responsible for. We would expect a strong sense of responsibility and initiative and the ability to keep good relations with colleagues, including outside the unit.

Good communication and drafting skills are essential. A thorough knowledge of English is requested. Other languages, in particular 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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444). 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 you CV in English, French or German using the **Europass CV format** ([[Create your Europass CV | Europass](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae)). 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]](#footnote-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 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)