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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | ENV-C-3 |
| Post number in sysper: | 319954 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | François Wakenhut  4st quarter 2023  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 C.3 (Clean Air & Urban Policy) of DG Environment is responsible for a range of policies in the area of air quality, air pollutant emissions, urban policy, and noise.

The tasks linked to this position will relate to the (1) the implementation of clean air legislation and policies, in particular but not exclusively the implementation of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directives (and links to the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive); (2) the development of related implementation support and new policy development initiatives, including in the context of the follow-up to ongoing co-decision negotiations and future implementation of the proposed revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directive (recast); and (3) the integration of clean air policy objectives into relevant, selected, sectoral policies, as well as promotion of synergies with broader EU policy priorities under the European Green Deal, in particular in relation to the zero pollution ambition and implementation of the Zero Pollution Action Plan.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

The specific areas of work that the post-holder may be expected to cover are as set out below, although the post-holder may also be involved in other areas of the unit's work depending on his/her qualifications and the needs of the Service.

- To contribute to the implementation and further development of EU clean air policy, with a focus on specific geographical and thematic coverage of the Ambient Air Quality Directives and in particular informing good practice in establishing air quality plans.

- To provide technical contributions as part of the follow-up to ongoing co-decision negotiations and future implementation of the proposed revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directive (recast), in particular on monitoring provisions (including new requirements on monitoring supersites).

- To contribute to air quality work strands linked to information to the public, including the EU Air Quality Index and the EU Air Quality Index mobile application developed jointly with the European Environment Agency.

- To contribute to health impact assessments of air and noise pollution, including on methodological developments and the further development of evidence-based advice to citizens, in cooperation with the World Health Organization and the European Environment Agency.

- To contribute to structured outreach to stakeholders, including as co-lead desk officer on the organisation of the biennial EU Clean Air Forum (as set out in the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive).

- To contribute to mainstreaming clean air policy and zero pollution objectives into specific policies.

- To contribute to technical underpinning and assessment of implementation of the Environmental Noise Directive.

The above responsibilities will require policy implementation, conception and development, internal and external networking activities, including regular interaction with other Commission Services of relevance to air quality and emissions (e.g. representation of the unit in inter-service meetings, stakeholder consultations, Expert Group / Committee meetings with Member States, representatives and NGOs and inter-institutional meetings).

The post will offer a stimulating experience in a core area of the environmental acquis, the opportunity to contribute to the implementation, shaping and advancement of a policy of prime importance to citizens, and requiring coherence and integration at all levels of vertical (EU, national, regional, local) and horizontal (cross-sectoral) governance.

The fulfilment of these tasks will also imply activities such as:

• To assist in the preparation of Expert Group meetings regarding the implementation of the Ambient Air Quality Directives and of the Environmental Noise Directive, as well as in the production of papers for such meetings.

• To provide briefings and speeches on clean air policy, on noise policy, an on related health impact assessments, to be given by senior Commission staff.

• To participate in other activities implementing clean air and noise legislation, such as answering correspondence, developing guidance, assisting Member States, conducting support studies and providing input to Commission reports for the Council and the Parliament.

• To coordinate cooperation with the World Health Organization and the European Environment Agency on health impact assessments of air and noise pollution, including on methodological developments and the further development of evidence-based advice to citizens.

• To provide input to Commission inter-service groups concerning clean air and noise legislation, or source emission legislation.

• To manage administrative matters in relation to contracts.

Travelling will be required on an occasional basis.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

Selection criteria

Diploma

- university degree or

- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) : clean air policy, air pollutant emissions, air quality management and monitoring. Broader environmental profiles of relevance to the portfolio of the unit, such as expertise on noise pollution, will be considered as well.

Scientific or engineering background will be considered a plus, but other profiles may also be acceptable if accompanied by appropriate experience; knowledge of economic and legal aspects of environmental policy is an asset.

Professional experience

• Familiarity with existing EU policies in the field of air quality, air pollutant emissions, as well as source emission legislation (e.g. transport emissions, energy efficiency, climate mitigation, agriculture, etc.). Experience in and understanding of noise pollution would be an additional asset.

• Experience in a public administration, working in teams and with stakeholders, and the possession of effective negotiating skills (preferably at the European level) are an important advantage.

Other skills:

• Excellent analytical, IT and communication skills are a pre-requisite, including the ability to synthesise complex issues, identify practical solutions and to communicate effectively with non-specialists.

• Ability to manage a number of files simultaneously with the capacity to produce high quality output often within short deadlines.

• Team spirit, self-reliance, strong organisational skills are important pre-requisites as the ability to adapt quickly and thrive in a multi-lingual and multicultural environment.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

A very good oral and written command of English is essential as well as a good knowledge of another official language of the European Union. Ability in other languages 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)