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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | GROW F1 |
| Post number in sysper: | 460053 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Giuseppe CASELLA  1st quarter 2025  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 | Latest application date: 17-12-2024 |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

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**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We are looking for a committed and pro-active seconded national expert with a regulatory or scientific background to work on:

- the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH);

- the revision of the REACH Regulation as announced in the Commission´s Chemical Strategy for Sustainability.

The post offers a varied and interesting range of activities related to the authorisation and restrictions of chemicals. More specifically, the seconded national expert is expected to have responsibilities related to:

- restrictions identified in the Commission´s Restrictions Roadmap.

- the revision of the REACH regulation (simplification).

The nature of the work requires frequent contacts with other Commission services, the European Chemicals Agency in Helsinki, Member States, the European Parliament and other stakeholders (industry, trade unions and NGOs).

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

The candidate needs to have a university degree and/or professional training and/or professional experience of an equivalent level in the fields, such as chemistry, chemical engineering, toxicology, environmental sciences, biology, pharmacology or medicine.

Due to the very technical nature of the work, it is required that interested candidates dispose of excellent knowledge in at least one of the described tasks in the REACH sector.

Experience with legislative texts, the capacity to implement regulatory requirements and the ability to understand and analyse technical, scientific and legal aspects related to the implementation of the REACH Regulation is an asset. We expect the candidate to have a pragmatic approach in solving implementation problems.

The candidate should dispose of good communication skills, orally and in writing. A very good knowledge of English is necessary for the performance of the duties. Knowledge of another EU official language 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)