

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

DG – Directorate – Unit	Directorate General for Research & Innovation RTD.B3 “Climate & Planetary Boundaries”
Post number in sysper:	215062
Contact person:	Philippe Tulkens, Head of Unit RTD.B3
Provisional starting date:	3rd quarter 2023
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With allowances <input type="checkbox"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU Member States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
This vacancy notice is also open to:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: WMO: World Meteorological Organisation Contact: Christophe Jacob : christophe.jacob@eumetrep.eu ESA: European Space Agency Contact: Diego Fernandez : Diego.Fernandez@esa.int ECMWF: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Contact: Jean-Noël Thépaut : Jean-Noel.Thepaut@ecmwf.int UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme Contact: Veronika Hunt Šafránková : veronika.safrankova@un.org UNECE: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Contact: Taeke Gjaltema: Taeke.gjaltema@un.org	
Deadline for applications	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 month

Entity Presentation (We are)

The Unit “Climate and Planetary Boundaries” supports the transition towards a climate-neutral and climate-resilient Planet by 2050 and operates within safe planetary boundaries. The main areas of Unit’s activities encompass:

- Contribution to the implementation of the European Green Deal, through research and innovation in the areas of climate science (Earth system, mitigation and adaptation), biodiversity science and Environmental Observation;
- Contribution to the implementation of the Horizon Europe Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, building on enhanced understanding of the impacts of climate change and expanding capacities and options to build long-term resilience;
- Strengthening scientific knowledge on global climate change and biosphere integrity, contributing to better, evidenced-based policymaking and implementation in support of key international processes (UNFCCC, CBD, IPCC, IPBES, GEO);
- Developing innovative nature-based solutions that deliver resilience to climate change, as well as socio-environmental benefits;
- Developing a fit for purpose planetary observation system for decision-making, focusing on supporting the socio-ecological transition.

Job Presentation (We propose)

The seconded national expert will assist the Commission official to:

- Contribute to the development of Research and Innovation (R&I) policies, programmes and initiatives in the field of climate science (spanning Earth System science; adaptation to climate change and mitigation pathways) to support the implementation of the European Green Deal;
- Contribute to the preparation of calls for proposals in Destination 1 of Cluster 5 of Horizon Europe (Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality); conception, drafting, monitoring of topics and support to the co-creation process with other EC services and stakeholders.
- Coordinate the R&I inputs to the design and implementation of EU policies in support of science-based policymaking through close cooperation with other policy services, in particular DG CLIMA, ENV, ENER, JRC;
- Facilitate dissemination and exploitation of results emerging from the research and innovation activities, including through feedback to policy;
- Strengthen the synergies and promote complementarity between EU R&I on climate science and national activities in the Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries;
- Monitor key developments in the interface of climate science and policy, in particular those related to the IPCC and the UNFCCC, and feed the research and innovation needs into the Horizon Europe programming cycle.

Jobholder Profile (We look for)

A highly motivated and pro-active colleague, with relevant knowledge and experience, strong analytical capabilities and sound professional judgement, capable of working both

autonomously and in a team.

The Policy Officer should have:

- Knowledge of EU climate legislation landscape;
- Expertise on or good affinity with climate change thematic, ideally extending into climate science, notably Earth System-, adaptation- and/or mitigation science;
- Familiarity relevant activities in the domain of climate action, with particular focus on science-related activities, notably the work of the IPCC;
- A good understanding of the EU Framework programme for research and innovation (Horizon Europe) would be an advantage;
- A solution-driven mind-set with strong analytical, organisational and prioritisation skills, policy analysis and capability to produce high-quality output under short deadlines;
- Very good drafting and presentation skills; a very good command of English is essential;
- Team spirit combined with an ability to work autonomously.

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, a national expert needs 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 the 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 the 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. The national expert from a third country 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 the secondment, the national expert remains employed and remunerated by his / her employer and covered by his / her (national) social security system.

He / she shall exercise his / her 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.

Allowances can only be granted when the national expert fulfils 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](#)). The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

Submission of applications and selection procedure

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)) 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.

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.

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)