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VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT

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| DG – Directorate – Unit | ENER – Task Force – International relations unit |
| Post number in sysper: | 366873 |
| Contact person:  Provisional starting date:  Initial duration:  Place of secondment: | Isaac Valero, Head of Unit TF3  4th quarter 2023  3 years  Brussels  Luxemburg  Other: Click or tap here to enter text. |
|  | With allowances  Cost-free |
| This vacancy notice is open to:  EU Member States  EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) | |
| This vacancy notice is also open to:  The following EFTA countries:  Iceland  Liechtenstein  Norway  Switzerland  The following third countries:  The following intergovernmental organisations: | |
| Deadline for applications | 2 months  1 month |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER) is working to accelerate Europe’s clean and just energy transition to be the first climate-neutral continent by 2050. We set out policies to develop an innovative, resilient and integrated energy system, which delivers a continuous supply of affordable, secure, reliable and clean energy to its citizens and businesses in line with the European Green Deal. We strive to remove barriers for energy transition and stimulate energy solutions, which will drive the shift to climate neutrality whilst promoting Europe’s sustainable growth and job creation. The transition will build on consumer participation and market driven investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies to boost EU’s global leadership while improving energy security and resilience, reducing the fossil fuels’ import dependency and import bills.

To deliver on the European Council’s request for an EU Energy Platform for hydrogen and gas (LNG) in response to the need to diversify away from Russian gas and to reduce dependency on fossil fuels well before 2030 as well as support the joint purchasing of gas, DG ENER has set up a Task Force to the Energy Platform, led by a Deputy Director-General, reporting to the Director-General. The Task Force will ensure overall coordination and implementation of the EU Energy Platform files across the DG. The Task Force, organised in 3 units, will work flexibly and as one team, with close cooperation across teams on a project basis, with colleagues in the rest of the DG and across the Commission.

Unit ENER.TF.3 “International Relations” is responsible for international energy relations and cooperation within DG ENER. The unit’s work is focused on the implementation of the External Energy Engagement Strategy, presented on 18 May 2022 as part of the [REPowerEU Plan](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/repowereu-affordable-secure-and-sustainable-energy-europe_en) and the external dimension of the European Green Deal. It also ensures the international outreach under the EU energy platform within the Task Force to create favourable conditions for the import of natural gas and in the longer-term green hydrogen. We work in close cooperation with the European External Action Service and its EU delegations, and other Commission services. The unit has around 20 colleagues.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose a challenging and motivating position in a dynamic working environment as International Relations Officer. The position offers a variety of tasks delivered in cooperation with a wide range of partners inside/outside the EU. In this position, the officer will provide expert knowledge and advice to the management and staff of DG ENER, formulating policies and implementation actions contributing to international energy relations necessary for achieving the objectives of the EU Energy Platform and the international efforts for accelerating the clean energy transition globally.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We are looking for a proactive, committed and result-oriented colleague possessing the following competencies:

• Relevant job experience of at least 3 years of proven full time professional experience, preferably in energy policy and/or international relations.

• Strong analytical skills, and the ability to link analysis and policy development, and well-developed political judgement

• Good oral and written communication skills.

• High personal commitment on quality and accuracy, and ability to deliver within short deadlines.

• Capacity to perform duties autonomously and in a flexible way is important, coupled with strong team spirit.

• An excellent command of English is essential. Knowledge of French or Spanish is an advantage.

**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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32015D0444). 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](https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv)](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.

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]](#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)