

**VACANCY NOTICE**

**SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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| **Post identification:**  (DG-DIR-UNIT) | **GROW-H-1** |
| **Head of Unit:**  **Email address:**  **Telephone:**  **Number of available posts:**  **Suggested taking up duty:**  **Suggested initial duration:**  **Place of secondment:** | **Katharina KNAPTON-VIERLICH**  [**Katharina.VIERLICH@ec.europa.eu**](mailto:Katharina.VIERLICH@ec.europa.eu)  **+32 229-60600**  **1**  **2nd quarter 2023 [[1]](#footnote-1)**  **2 years1**  ☒ **Brussels** □ **Luxemburg** □ **Other: ……………..** |
|  | ☒**With allowances** □  **Cost-free** |
| **This vacancy notice is also open to**  **□    the following EFTA countries :  □ Iceland □ Liechtenstein □ Norway □ Switzerland  □ EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) □    the following third countries: □    the following intergovernmental organisations:** | |

**1. Nature of the tasks**

The Construction of DGGROW (GROW.H.1) is an internal market unit acting as the centre of the Commission’s construction policy initiatives. Our mission is to maintain and improve the competitiveness of the construction ecosystem in the green and digital transition. With about 10% of the EU GDP and as one of the biggest users of energy and natural resources, the success of this transition is crucial for businesses and citizens alike. It is the Unit’s task to develop policies, and propose and negotiate legislation that is up to the challenges faced.

To achieve this, we modernise traditional legislative tools such as the construction products regulation or propose innovative instruments, for example to ensure over time an asbestos free environment. Together with stakeholders, we develop a vision for the construction ecosystem in 2030, sketching out pathways for its implementation. We focus inter alia on assisting business and Member States with digitalisation, development and availability of skills, the green transition and the Renovation Wave. We also conceive ways to support the development of forest-based industries, and this horizontally across all policies of DG GROW, emphasizing the important role of the bioeconmy and biomaterials in the 14 ecosystems. The Unit is composed of enthusiasts with various backgrounds, united in their aim to deepen the internal market and make the construction ecosystem resilient and fit for the future.

The Seconded National Expert (SNE) will be assisting the unit by designing, planning and coordinating activities related to the assessment of the bio-economy as a strategic industrial capability in the EU, with a particular attention on the forest-based industries and its potential for the construction sector. The SNE would look at the options to accelerate the up-take of value add-driven bio-materials on the demand side of the various industrial ecosystems. This would include supporting the unit in its work to develop and scale up value add-driven bio-product innovations, advancement of technological solutions offering substitutes for critical raw materials and supporting cross-industrial value chains. These activities would be carried out within the framework of and supporting the EU's strategic industrial policies as well as the New European Bauhaus and the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU).

One of the elements to accelerate the uptake of biomaterials, specifically in the construction sector, is training about bio-based materials, nature-based solutions, and circularity, targeted to the different construction professionals (planning, design, construction, renovation, operation and demolition) that would help to mainstream circular thinking in construction. The SNE will support the Commission in building the cooperation between DGGROW and DGRTD on the “New European Bauhaus Academy” that President von der Leyen announced on 24 November 2022 in Helsinki at the “Into the Woods”-event. More in particular, the SNE will closely be involved in the European Forest Academy which will work under the Nordic Bauhaus.

The SNE activities also include administrative tasks, drafting briefings and concept papers, preparing meetings, if needed, preparing Call for Tenders and responding to correspondences, etc.

In particular, the SNE post would include ia.:

* Promoting a forest-based industries concept within the Commission, with the Member States and the stakeholders within the framework of a broader-based bioeconomy.
* Launching the study: “Boosting of biomass cascading to thrive bio-based industries” on the cascading use of biomass (biomass availability, existing and/or emerging technologies and potential of their upscaling, role of subsidies to bioenergy) to promote the investments in bio-based industries and their emerging role on the European market and in the green transition of industries.
* Supporting the unit in its preparatory work related to an “Accelerator” initiative on the forest-based industries side, taking into account the political and societal particularities inherent to the bioeconomy, such as aspects related to biodiversity.
* Work out a concept whereby the European Commission would serve as a point-of-contact within a possible future bioeconomy network.
* Tasks related to forest-based industries which require in-depth (technical) knowledge of the sector, their value chains and newly emerging developments.

**2. Main qualifications**

**a) Eligibility criteria**

The following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by the candidate in order to be seconded to the Commission. Consequently, the candidate who does not fulfil all of these criteria will be automatically eliminated from the selection process.

• 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: candidates must have at least one year seniority with their employer, that means having worked for an eligible employer as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision on a permanent or contract basis for at least one year before the secondment;

• 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. SNE from a third country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

**b) Selection criteria**

Diploma

- university degree or

- professional training or professional experience of an equivalent level

in the field(s) : engineering, R&I, construction, bio-economy and forest-based related policies, biomaterials.

Professional experience

Proven experience in developing and supporting policies related to the bioeconomy, and, in particular, biomaterials, if possible in the construction sector. Experience in dealing with stakeholders, NGOs and industrial partners as well as representing the topic in an international environment.

Language(s) necessary for the performance of duties

English and one other EU language, preferably French or German.

**3. Submission of applications and selection procedure**

Candidates should send their application according to the **Europass CV format** (<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. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

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.

Candidates will be informed of the follow-up of their application by the unit concerned.

**4. Conditions of the secondment**

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).

The SNE will remain employed and remunerated by his/her employer during the secondment. He/she will equally remain covered by the national social security system.

Unless for cost-free SNE, allowances may be granted by the Commission to SNE fulfilling the conditions provided for in Art. 17 of the SNE decision.

During the secondment, SNE are subject to confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest obligations, as provided for in Art. 6 and 7 of the SNE Decision.

If any document is inexact, incomplete or missing, the application may be cancelled.

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, OJ L 72, 17.03.2015, p. 53).

The selected candidate has the obligation to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

**5. Processing of personal data**

The selection, secondment and termination of the secondment of a national expert requires the Commission (the competent services of DG HR, DG BUDG, PMO and the DG concerned) to process personal data concerning the person to be seconded, under the responsibility of the Head of Unit of DG HR.B.1. The data processing is subject to the SNE Decision as well as the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Data is kept by the competent services for 7 years after the secondment (2 years for not selected experts).

You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’ under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.

**Contact information**

* **The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, Unit HR.B.1, [HR-B1-DPR@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HR-B1-DPR@ec.europa.eu).

* **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

* **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for security checks.

1. These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)