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| Deadline for applications |  |

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

DG ENERGY is responsible for developing and implementing a coordinated European energy policy. The core task of Unit C.4 (Infrastructure and Regional Cooperation) is to develop the trans-European energy infrastructure networks required for the completion of an EU internal energy market, as well as fostering regional cooperation for that purpose.

Adequate and well-integrated infrastructure underpins the effective functioning of the internal energy market. It is also key to enhance security of supply and necessary for the integration of renewable energy sources and decarbonizing our energy system. We are convinced that the energy and climate policy objectives can only be achieved through a coordinated approach to infrastructure development at regional and EU level. Moreover, the deployment of a more interconnected energy network infrastructure in Europe needs to be accelerated to avoid that grids will become a stumbling block for the realisation of the clean energy transition.

The colleagues in our Unit are responsible for the development of European-wide infrastructure policy in the area of electricity, hydrogen, natural gas and CO2, the assessment of national energy policies and legislation as to their compatibility with EU law, the implementation of a European policy on trans-European energy networks as well as for policy advice to Member States. The Unit is also in charge of supervising, with the help of the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), the energy infrastructure-related part of the Connecting Europe Facility.

Another important part of the Unit’s responsibilities is the implementation of regional cooperation through a number of High-level groups. These have been established in specific parts of Europe to address challenges such as overcoming energy isolation or the common exploitation of renewable resources through customized forms of political and technical cooperation (Baltic Sea region, North Sea region, Central and Southeast Europe, Southwest Europe).

In the context of implementing the priorities of the European Green Deal for the energy sector, energy infrastructure holds a key role as a pre-condition for the successful integration of renewables in the energy system. It is also essential for a better integration of the electricity and emerging hydrogen systems through sector coupling, as well as potentially other sectors beyond energy. We are therefore in the process of implementing our revised rules on Trans-European energy networks policy with a view to bringing forward the infrastructure required to achieve the objectives of the Green Deal and the long-term decarbonisation pathways it is based on.

We work closely together with a variety of stakeholders, including inter alia policy makers, transmission system operators, regulatory authorities, NGOs and civil society and financial institutions.

**Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose a challenging job in a dynamic unit, which is driving the Commission's energy and infrastructure policies. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work in teams with highly skilled and motivated colleagues. At the same time, he/she will enjoy a high level of autonomy and responsibility in his/her daily work.

The candidate would have the opportunity to work on a broad range of tasks including, among others:

* developing infrastructure policy on the future electricity and hydrogen grids, in collaboration with grid operators, Member state policy makers, stakeholders;
* analysing the requirements for our infrastructure policy as they derive from the priorities and objectives under the European Green Deal as well as the REPowerEU plan and formulating policy proposals. This relates amongst other things to the integration of new infrastructures under the Project of Common Interest label as well as policies aimed at accelerating their implementation.
* coordinating infrastructure policies between national grid operators and regulatory authorities and Member states in working groups and with the ENTSOs (the European Network of transmission system operators) and ACER (the EU regulatory agency for energy);
* working on infrastructure policy related issues with other DGs (e.g. DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG REGIO) and institutions;
* communicating the Commission's energy policy in seminars and conferences, writing speeches and briefings for the Commissioner and the Director-General.

We provide tailor-made trainings to smoothly integrate new team members irrespectively of the level of their sector-specific knowledge.

**Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We look for a dynamic, motivated and open-minded team member with the following qualifications:

* Strong analytical, drafting and communication skills;
* Project management and negotiation skills;
* Experience in designing and executing stakeholder engagement strategies and consultation processes;
* Experience in coordinating stakeholder events and platforms;
* Knowledge of EU law and the Commission's internal procedures;
* Knowledge of inter-institutional relations;
* A strong sense of initiative;
* Interest in and ability to immerse oneself in technical aspects of energy infrastructure policy while understanding the overall energy and climate priorities driving our policies;
* University degree in a relevant field; such as economics, law, engineering, administration, political science
* Experience in the field of energy and/or climate policy would be a strong asset, gained either within the Commission, in a national administration or in the private sector.

The successful candidate should be able to work autonomously as well as within a team. The post requires a strong command of English; other languages, in particular French, 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)