



NOTICE OF VACANCY

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate general: Directorate: Unit: Head of Unit: Telephone: Number of available post: Category Suggested taking up duty: Suggested initial duration: Place of secondment: Specificities:	Joint Research Centre (JRC) Institute for Health and Consumer Protection (IHCP) Unit I.3 - Molecular Biology & Genomics Joachim Kreysa +39 032278 6735 1 Administrator (AD) 2nd quarter 2014¹ 2 year(s)¹ Ispra - Italy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None This vacancy notice is open to <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU Member States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EFTA Member States
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1 Nature of the tasks:

An interesting position, which will allow the successful applicant to be involved in all stages of the validation of methods for detection, identification and quantification of GMOs in food and feed. These methods are provided by biotech companies in the context of their application for authorisation of GMOs by the EU. Only GMOs for which a specific method is validated by the EU-RL GMFF can be authorised! The selected candidate will be involved in verifying completeness of received dossiers, evaluating the data provided in the dossier (desk work), in-house method verification (including planning and execution of bench work); planning, organisation and analysis of international collaborative trials (if required), and reporting. S/He will also participate in other tasks assigned to the EU-RL GMFF, including administration of the ENGL (European Network of GMO Laboratories), providing suitable methods to NRLs, and responding to ad hoc requests from the policy directorate generals of the European Commission or from Member States. All in all, the position will offer a complete overview about the operation of the EU-RL GMFF and provides ample possibilities to develop new experience and expertise.

2 Main qualifications:

a) Eligibility criteria

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

- Professional experience : at least three years' experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which can be regarded as equivalent to those of function groups AD;

¹ These mentions are given on an indicative basis only (Art.4 of the SNE Decision).

- Seniority : at least one year by your employer, that is having worked for an eligible employer (as described in Art. 1 of the SNE decision) on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before the secondment;
- Linguistic skills: thorough knowledge of one of the EU official languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU official language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties. An SNE from a non-member country must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of one Community language necessary for the performance of his duties.

b) Selection criteria

- diploma: Natural science background, preferably in molecular biology.

- professional experience:

A dynamic scientific/technical project officer, interested in working at a European level and in a multilingual and multicultural context to join our validation team at the EU-RL GMFF. The candidate should have at least 5 years of experience with the analysis and verification of scientific-technical dossiers in the context of regulatory controls, preferably employing molecular biological approaches (qualitative and quantitative PCR). A good capacity to prepare reports in line with pre-defined templates, and to write in clear English, is essential. Experience with working under a formal quality control system, such as ISO 17025, and a good understanding of genetic engineering techniques and knowledge of current scientific developments in that field, would be welcome. Experience in coordinating regulatory (GMO) controls, e.g. in a national reference laboratory, would be highly appreciated, allowing the EU-RL to verify and improve its knowledge about the day-to-day operations at national level.

- language(s) necessary for the performance of duties: **English**

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 the applications to the competent services of the Commission within the deadline fixed by the latter. **Not respecting this procedure or deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.**

Candidates are required not to add 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). This decision is available on http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/job/sne/index_en.htm.

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.

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

During the secondment, SNEs 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 secondment may be cancelled.

5 Processing of personal data

Information on data protection for candidates to a JRC post is available on:
<http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=6270>.

To the attention of candidates from third countries: your personal data can be used for necessary checks.
More information is available on http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/personnel_administration/security_en.htm.