

Vacancy notice

Job description type: **WBIF Energy sector Programme Manager, Unit D5.002 – Contract Agent Function group IV**

We are

The Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit develops DG NEAR policy on regional cooperation in the region. We are also responsible for setting priorities, and for implementing the IPA multi-country programmes.

More specifically, we are in charge of the steering and implementation of several flagship investments of the “Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans” (EIP). We manage the Western Balkan Investment Framework (WBIF), a key instrument to deliver the relevant priority investments in the public and private sectors, in cooperation with international financial institutions (IFIs) and bilateral donors. The WBIF also supports preparation and implementation of projects in the sectors of clean energy, environment & climate, digital, competitiveness of the private sector, and social development. In addition, we represent DG NEAR in relevant meetings of high-level institutions. Looking forward, we increasingly develop new innovative financing instruments, planned to meet the huge investment needs in the Western Balkans, in particular guarantees.

We look for

A dynamic colleague with experience in IFI cooperation and coordination, in particular in the energy sector, with particular focus to clean energy.

We look for a qualified professional with a background in project and contract management, in particular with view to financial instruments (blending, guarantees, etc.). Experience in implementing projects in the Western Balkans or external EU relations, in particular with IFIs and in the field of energy, is essential. Previous working experience in Commission or other EU services (incl. external relations) and/or an International Financing Institution would be an asset.

We look for a combination of analytical and problem solving skills; ability to work independently, under pressure with a large number of projects and deadlines; ability to communicate with a range of public and institutional actors

involved in the implementation of the WBIF, in particular beneficiary economies, bilateral donors, IFIs, and other DGs; is essential.

The successful candidate will be responsible for managing a number of investments programmes/projects in the energy sector within the Western Balkans Investment Framework, main vehicle for the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans (EIP).

You should be good at maintaining contacts with external stakeholders in the field of energy, including the Energy Community Secretariat; and with investment promoters and IFIs, to define the technical and financial aspects of contracts, and to finalise the contracts for signature, often regarding financial instruments mobilising major funding opportunities.

You will also follow up the performance, monitor contractual obligations, and the practical implementation of the activities.

The proposed position implies a good knowledge of the programming process - and implementation - of EU external assistance programmes. This includes the Strategic Planning and Programming of the Multi-beneficiary Programmes, and the project assessment under the WBIF.

Overall, a good understanding of the EU's enlargement policy objectives is important, as well as being used to work with multiple stakeholders.

Excellent oral and written communication skills in English are a must.

We propose

- A dynamic, working environment
- A varied job carried out in cooperation with a wide range of partners inside/outside the EU
- The chance to be a part of a challenging process, which is high on the political agenda
- A full set of learning and training opportunities targeted to the needs of the job

Only FG IV contract agents in the Commission, candidates from the FG IV EPSO CAST valid reserve list or candidates registered as FG IV in the EU CV online database may apply.

Interested candidates should send their CVs & a short letter of motivation (max. 1 page) to the

following mailbox: NEAR-D5@ec.europa.eu

Deadline for application: 30 September 2021