VACANCY NOTICE

Contract Agent Function Group III – Job n° 375390
“Project Assistant - Energy & Climate”

We are

The mission of the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) is to take forward the EU's neighbourhood and enlargement policies, as well as coordinating relations with EEA-EFTA countries insofar as Commission policies are concerned. DG NEAR works closely with the European External Action Service and the line DGs in charge of thematic priorities.

The mission of Directorate C is to contribute to the design of the assistance and mobilisation of Commission instruments and resources contributing to the implementation of an overall EU Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in the Eastern Neighbourhood. It contributes to developing the EU's special relationship with its neighbouring countries in the East, with a view to improving conditions for economies in transition, social and environmental development; to promote democracy, the rule of law, structural reforms, good governance and the respect of human rights.

Unit C1 overall objective is to contribute to the implementation of the ENP in Georgia & Moldova. The Unit manages as well regional programmes and thematic expertise for the 6 EaP countries in the field DCFTA/market opportunities and economic governance (including coordination with IFIs and implementation of the Economic Investment Plan), digital, as well as in the field of connectivity, energy efficiency and mobility.

In this context, the unit guides and supervises the implementation of financial assistance by the concerned EU Delegations under devolved management in close cooperation with the European External Action Service.

The Unit also supports the bilateral relations with these countries and implements, together with the EEAS, the European Neighbourhood and Eastern Partnership Policies. The unit manages a number of regional programmes in the above-mentioned fields and leads Directorate C’s contacts with the International Financing Institutions operating in the Eastern Partnership countries.

Unit C1 works in close coordination with unit C2 (in charge of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Eastern partnership coordination and programming, good governance and strengthening Institutions, unit R4 (finance & contract), SGUA (in charge of Ukraine) and unit C3 (institutions building, TAIEX, Twinning).

We propose

We propose a challenging position of project assistant in the field of Energy & Climate.

Under supervision of the Team Leader, she/he will:

- Contribute to the identification, preparation and implementation of regional actions in the area of energy connectivity and climate action for partner countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood
- Provide thematic support for bilateral actions and reforms in these areas
- Provide contributions to discussions, briefings or policy papers as relevant
- Engage with Delegations, donors and international organisations to support the implementation of the EU strategies in related sector
- Contribute to the programming, implementation and direct management of the portfolio of projects in the fields concerned at regional level. This includes monitoring
and evaluation of the different programmes/projects and ensuring synergies with the bilateral projects.

- Support engagement with EaP government, local authorities and agencies to implement their reform agenda in related sectors.
- Support sectoral coordination across Directorate and within DG NEAR, in particular with the relevant thematic Units.
- Provide sectoral support to Delegations and regional colleagues involved in related fields, while ensuring close coordination with relevant line DGs.

We look for

The successful candidate will have:

- Excellent understanding of the EU external policies, in particular those relevant to Neighbourhood country assistance
- Economic, policy background or extensive experience in energy or climate action
- Sound experience in project cycle management.
- Experience of managing EC projects (as manager or as beneficiary).
- Political sensitivity to operate in a delicate geopolitical environment
- Sense of initiative and sound judgement
- Capacity to engage with related sector specialists to support agreed policy orientations
- Excellent written and oral communication skills and a clear ability to operate fluently in English
- Experience of working collaboratively

The following elements will be advantages:

- Sectoral knowledge of EU green and/or connectivity policies
- Experience of working with countries in transition
- Experience of working with International Financial Institutions (IFI)
- A working knowledge of French

Recruitment policy

Only FG III or IV contract agents in the Commission or candidates having completed and validated their application on a FG III or IV EPSO CAST may apply.

Interested candidates should send their CV & a short motivation letter (max. 1 page) to the following mailbox: NEAR-C1@ec.europa.eu

Contact

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Deadline for application: 15 June 2022