Seconded National Experts

Talent Selection Officer, Human Capital Unit

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European Food Safety Authority

Overview

What is it about?

Seconded national experts are staff employed by a national, regional or local public administration or an IGO, who are seconded to EFSA so that it can use their expertise in a particular field.

Duration:

6 months to 4 years
(exceptionally 6 years)

Location:

Parma, Italy

Why this scheme?

- **For EFSA:**

✓ Benefit from high level knowledge and experience, in particular in areas where such expertise is not readily available

- **For National Administrations:**

✓ Build partnership with EFSA

- **For all:**

✓ Foster the exchange of professional experience

✓ Enhance the EU's risk assessment community

✓ Develop EU's scientific assessment capacity and knowledge community

Eligibility criteria

Who can apply?

✓Nationals of EU countries

✓Nationals of IPA and ENP countries

✓Staff employed by a national, regional or local public administration or intergovernmental organisations

✓Candidates must have worked for their employer on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months before their secondment

✓They must remain in the service of that employer throughout the period of secondment

Knowledge and Experience:

✓ At least 3 years of experience

✓ Knowledge of two EU languages including English

Payment Allowance:

- From the home organisation: Salary, social and pension contributions
- From EFSA:
- Daily subsistence allowance
- Monthly subsistence allowance based on the distance between place of origin and place of secondment

What do SNEs do?

Depending on their expertise and the Unit to which they are assigned, they can (among others):

- Analyse and evaluate data for preparing working documents related to the scientific assessment
- Draft and review scientific outputs through the provision of evidence-based risk assessment
- Provide administrative and scientific support to the activities of the respective Panel and Working Groups (i.e. preparation of working documents, scientific opinions, etc.)
- Participate to the development of guidance and methodology documents
- Ensure coordination with European, national and international stakeholders within the scientific activities of the organisation
- Communicate and present scientific outputs by conveying the right messages and by making scientific concepts understandable to the public

Selection process

Application on EFSA's career page

Ongoing call: do not forget to regularly update your profile!

Eligibility screening

Interview with manager when a position becomes available

Declaration of selected candidate to ensure **no conflict of interest**

Authorisation from

- the EFSA Executive Director
- the home organisation

Interested? You can apply to the SNE scheme here and find more information following this link !

(link to the DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY laying down rules on the secondment to the European Food Safety Authority of national experts)

Parma at a glance

Parma is an elegant city of around 200.000 inhabitants located in the Italian region of Emilia-Romagna. It is:

- ✓ Famous for its food and wine
- ✓ Ideally located between major Italian cities like Milano and Bologna
- ✓ In a reachable distance of natural parks, seaside and mountains with ski resorts
- ✓ Ideal for art lovers: Parma has been named Italian capital of culture for 2020 and 2021!