



## Deputy Secretary: OSPAR Commission

<b>Closing date for applications:</b>	<b>31 January 2022</b>
<b>Starting date:</b>	<b>As soon as possible</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>London</b>
<b>Basic salary:</b>	<b>Approximately £67 200 /year (exempt from UK income tax)</b>

For a complete job description and instructions on how to apply<sup>1</sup> please consult the OSPAR website: <https://www.ospar.org/organisation/vacancies>

This is a new role. We are looking for a highly-motivated, outcome-focused Deputy Secretary with excellent team working skills to support OSPAR's work on cross-cutting issues and international engagement to help drive forward our efforts to protect and conserve the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic. Applicants must be nationals of one of the OSPAR Contracting Parties or of any other state which is a Member State of the European Union.

**Profile:** University graduate (preferably in natural/environmental sciences, environmental engineering, environmental management). Minimum of five years' **relevant** professional experience. The person appointed will be primarily responsible for work related to cross-cutting issues and international engagement. Specific duties associated with this role are outlined below.

### Specific duties and responsibilities

- Responsibility for cross-cutting issues including supporting the Coordination Group and its work areas and, from 2023, leading on preparation of intermediate assessments and quality status reports;
- Leading on climate change and ocean acidification under the North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy (NEAES) 2030. This will require coordination across OSPAR's Committees;
- Responsibility for coordinating, and where appropriate leading, the Secretariat's international engagement activity with global and regional bodies, other Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, other International and Intergovernmental Organisations and competent bodies (e.g. UNEP, ICES, etc.);
- Facilitating and coordinating bid applications for relevant externally-funded projects, and managing successful bids where OSPAR has lead responsibility; and
- Providing support and input to other OSPAR meetings such as the Heads of Delegation meeting and the OSPAR Commission meeting.

### Required competencies

- Excellent interpersonal skills, representational skills, and ability to work under pressure to deadlines;
- Good working knowledge of regional coastal and ocean governance mechanisms;
- Knowledge of relevant international and European environmental regulatory processes, marine environment regulations and policy-making; knowledge of practical, legal, and institutional aspects of intergovernmental organisations. In addition, knowledge or experience of international cooperation on environmental monitoring and assessment would be advantageous;
- Ability to address the application of scientific knowledge and information management for the purposes of OSPAR's objectives and ongoing work.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants' data will be handled in line with the OSPAR Privacy Policy, <https://www.ospar.org/privacy>