

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert in the Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management Directorate (MD-PSD.PCM)

Policy Officer – Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships Division (MD-PSD.PCM.2)

COST-FREE

AD level post

Job No 425465

We are:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) supports the High Representative in the exercise of his mandate to conduct and implement an effective and coherent EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), of representing the EU and of chairing the Foreign Affairs Council.

It also supports the High Representative in his capacity as Vice-President of the Commission with regard to his responsibilities within the Commission in the external relations field including the coordination of other aspects of the EU's external action. The EEAS works in close cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Council, the services of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the European Parliament.

The successful candidate would join the Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships Division in the EEAS Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management Directorate (PCM.2). This Division is responsible for the EU peace, security and defence partnerships, including with International and Regional Organisations, such as the UN and NATO, and with third countries. In line with the Strategic Compass, PCM.2 aims at making the EU a stronger and reliable global partner in security and defence working for international peace and stability. It works in close cooperation with other services within the EEAS, with EU Delegations, within the European Commission and the Council, with EU Member States, International Organisations, Third States as well as NGOs and think tanks.

We propose:

The position of Policy Officer to deal with peace, security and defence partnerships, notably with **the United Nations** and in the **Middle East North Africa region** in line with the provisions of the EU's Strategic Compass, and to support the implementation of the peace, security and defence dimension of the EU's strategies in the region; to contribute to the planning, organisation and conduct of the Schuman Security and Defence Forum; as well as to work on horizontal issues pertaining to EU partnerships in peace, security and defence.

The Policy Officer will work in close coordination with EEAS geographic and thematic services, as well as in collaboration with regional, international and multilateral organisations, key bilateral partners, research centres, think tanks and civil society.

Working under the authority of the Head of Division, the main tasks and responsibilities of the selected candidate will be to:

- lead on the implementation of EU-UN strategic partnership on peace-operations-UN and crisis management and wider EU and UN exchanges on peace and security matters;
- provide expertise on peace, security and defence (including peace and security, politico-military aspects, defence and/ or policy matters, etc.) to contribute to the development of EU peace, security and defence partnerships, including third state participation in CSDP missions and operations, with partner countries from the MENA region;
- ensure coordination within the EEAS Peace, Security and Defence structures, EEAS geographic and thematic services, the Commission and EU Delegations, on policy and institutional aspects linked to the development and implementation of EU Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships as well as, where

- relevant, the procedures relating to third country contributions to CSDP missions and operations;
- contribute to the development of partnerships on Peace, Security and Defence / Third country cooperation with regard to peace, security and defence-related issues, including CSDP cooperation, crisis management, conflict prevention, mediation, peacebuilding, maritime security, hybrid, etc., and related capacity building measures;
 - develop and maintain good relations with representatives of partner organisations and third States within the thematic and geographical mandate, including in relation to third State participation in CSDP missions and operations, as appropriate;
 - ensure coordination with other EU initiatives in the field of peace, security and defence, notably in the MENA region;
 - draft briefing and policy documents, instruction notes, correspondence with key partners and all similar work related to peace, security and defence, within the geographical/thematic area of responsibility; preparation of dialogues, workshops etc. related to peace, security and defence issues, consultations and negotiations with the UN and non-EU partner countries, as well as contribution to preparation of relevant meetings of the Council and its working parties, as appropriate;
 - assist the Head of Sector for partnerships with regard to horizontal issues pertaining to EU partnerships in peace, security and defence;
 - assist in negotiations of Framework Participation Agreements in the geographical area of competence and support the negotiation of Partnership priorities in the field of peace, security and defence;
 - contribute to the planning, organisation and conduct of the Schuman Security and Defence Forum; as well as with mapping and monitoring the implementation of EU security and defence partnerships with bilateral partners and international/regional organisations;
 - contribute to other tasks within the Division as necessary in the interest of the service.

We are looking for:

We are looking for a proactive, flexible and highly motivated colleague with excellent communication, negotiation and organisational skills. S/he should be able to foster constructive working relations within the EEAS, across the various EU Institutions, with Member States and partners.

Legal basis:

This vacancy is to be filled in accordance with the EEAS Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy HR DEC(2014) 01 of 04/02/2014 establishing the rules applicable to National Experts seconded to the European External Action Service.

Eligibility criteria:

Candidates must:

- a) Be drawn from public administrations in Member States, from international organisations or, only in exceptional cases and with prior authorisation from other sources;
- b) Have at least three years' full-time experience of administrative, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions equivalent to those of function groups AD or AST as defined in the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the Union¹ or, where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.²;
- c) Have a thorough knowledge of one Union language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second language

¹ Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 of the Council of 29 February 1968 (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p.1) and successive amendments.

² Staff Regulations of Officials (SR) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS). For reference, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1570023902133&uri=CELEX:01962R0031-20190101>

for the performance of his/her duties;

- d) Have a security clearance of minimum level **EU-SECRET/SECRET-UE** for the functions that he/she will carry out;
- e) Remain in the service of the employer throughout the period of secondment and shall be paid by that employer;
- f) Remain subject to the social security legislation applicable to the public administration, international administration or entity which employs the SNE and which will assume responsibility for expenses incurred abroad. In case of posting to an EU Delegation, the employer certifies that the SNE is covered for medical expenses incurred at the place of secondment, as well as costs of repatriation on health grounds throughout the full period of secondment;
- g) Ensure that there is no conflict of interest and that he/she will, at all times, safeguard the independence and coherence of EU foreign policy as well as the integrity and confidentiality of EU documentation, information and procedures.

Selection criteria:

- have an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation, communication in a complex, multicultural environment;
- have an excellent capacity to create constructive working relations with national authorities, international organisations and EU Member States;
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- have strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement;
- have excellent knowledge of external policies and functioning of the Union;
- have experience and knowledge of CFSP and CSDP- related issues (if applicable);
- have knowledge and/or proven experience in EU relationships with partners, notably in matters concerning EU peace, security and defence partnerships with Third Countries and/or International Organisations;
- be able to work effectively in the CFSP languages, English and French

A. Qualifications and experience required

- university diploma;
- three years of relevant professional experience in areas of conflict prevention, conflict analysis and early warning;
- professional experience in international organisations and field experience would be strong assets;
- knowledge of EU CFSP and CSDP;
- professional knowledge of English and French.

Furthermore:

- experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
- experience of negotiations;
- experience of working at the United Nations or with matters related to the UN peace and security agenda will be a strong asset;
- experience of organising high level conferences/ workshops would be considered strong assets;
- have knowledge of Arabic will be an asset.

B. Skills required

- good organisational skills, the ability to work under pressure and with tight deadlines and to manage multiple tasks and unexpected events;
- excellent drafting and communication skills;
- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
- capacity to create constructive working relations in the field of external relations with national authorities, international organisations and EU Member states;
- ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation and communication in a complex, multicultural environment;
- ability to work professionally as a member of the division, in mixed-composition task forces and working groups, in an interesting but challenging environment;
- ability to remain objective in complex scenarios and to display sensitivity and sound judgement;
- good computer skills are essential, notably in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations software, Internet / Intranet and email systems. Knowledge of other IT tools would be an asset;
- national security clearance at SECRET UE level. Such clearance needs to be requested or obtained from the competent authorities before secondment to the European External Action Service. It must be valid for the entire period of secondment. In its absence, the EEAS reserves its right to refuse the secondment as a national expert.

C. Languages

- thorough knowledge of one EU working language and satisfactory knowledge of another one are required; in practical terms, in order to perform required duties, that means an excellent command of written and spoken English, in particular good report-writing skills; good knowledge of written and spoken French is desirable.

D. Personal Qualities

- maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline. The person selected must exercise the greatest discretion with regard to all facts and information coming to his/her knowledge in the performance of his/her duties;
- Possess dynamic motivated and flexible personality. Be able to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges, including missions in conflict area.

Equal opportunities

- The EEAS is committed to an equal opportunities policy for all its staff and applicants. The EEAS is committed to promoting gender equality and to preventing discrimination on any grounds. It actively welcomes applications from all qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds and from the broadest possible geographical basis amongst the EU Member States. We aim at a service which is truly representative of society, where each staff member feels respected, is able to give their best and can develop their full potential;
- Candidates with disabilities are invited to contact SNE-CSDP@eeas.europa.eu in order to accommodate any special needs and provide assistance to ensure the possibility to pass the selection procedure in equality of opportunities with other candidates. If a candidate with a disability is selected for a vacant post, the EEAS is committed to providing reasonable accommodation in accordance with Art 1d.4 of the Staff Regulations.

Conditions of secondment

Cost-free SNEs shall remain in the service of their employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer.

Duration of the secondment: Initial period up to two years, renewable up to four years.

The EEAS will cover:

- costs of professional travels (missions) incurred by the SNE posted in the EEAS HQ;
- accident insurance 24/7 for SNE (not family members).

Other costs such as removal costs, allowances, salary, insurance, schooling (other than the European School fee), etc. shall not be covered by the EEAS.

Vacancy available from: 01/02/2024

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

For further information, please contact:

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