

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert in the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (MD.CPCC)

Policy expert in the Coordination and Horizontal Affairs Division, DMD.CPCC.1

COST-FREE

AD level post

Job no. 390715

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 Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (MD.CPCC) is the permanent structure supporting the Civilian Operations Commander. The Civilian Operations Commander is the overall commander at the strategic level of currently 14 civilian CSDP crisis management missions and provides strategic guidance and direction to the Heads of Mission. The Civilian Operations Commander reports directly to the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and through him to the Council of the EU. Under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and the overall authority of the High Representative, the Civilian Operations Commander ensures the effective planning and conduct of civilian crisis management operations established under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), as well as the proper implementation of all mission-related tasks and the discharge of the duty of care.

We propose:

The post of a "cost-free" Seconded National Expert (Policy expert) in the Coordination and Horizontal Affairs Division, DMD.CPCC.1. The successful candidate will join the Coordination Affairs section of the aforementioned division. The section is staffed with thematic experts in different fields of work related to the implementation of civilian CSDP missions' mandates.

Functions and Duties:

Under the authority of the Head of the Division, the Seconded National Expert is expected to perform the following tasks:

- Coordinate the implementation, within the CPCC, of the new civilian CSDP Compact (doc. ST 9588/23). The document, adopted by EU Member States on 22 May 2023 to strengthen the EU's civilian crisis management missions, provides guidance to several work strands in civilian CSDP.
- Be the focal point on Compact implementation in CPCC, i.e. provide advice, participate in related internal and external coordination meetings, and prepare analytical notes, reports, briefing notes, and speeches for CPCC and EEAS management.
- Liaise with all CPCC Divisions for coordination of their contribution to Compact implementation.
- Develop and contribute to the development of new concepts as part of Compact deliverables.

- Prepare and take part in discussions on Compact implementation held in Council working parties and committees, notably the Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management, the Political and Security Committee.
- Maintain contacts with relevant services within the EEAS, including SECDEFPOL, PCM, the EU Military Staff as well as the EEAS Legal Division and the European Commission.
- Maintain contact with relevant international stakeholders, such as the UN, OSCE, NATO, African Union and other international organisations.
- Maintain contact with representatives of Member States and contributing Third States.
- Contribute to lessons learned processes.
- Contribute to the selection of mission personnel.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of training.
- Carry out any other task assigned by the Head of Division.

We are looking for:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a dynamic, proactive and highly motivated colleague with strong analytical and networking skills to occupy the post of Seconded National Expert (SNE). The candidate should have a good understanding of EU policy-making and decision-making processes, and an understanding of inter-institutional relations as well as have relevant experience in the areas of responsibility. Seconded National Expert will have to work in an international and multicultural environment in close synergy with Member States and EU institutions.

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;

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>

- c) Have a thorough knowledge of one Union language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second language for the performance of his/her duties;
- d) Have a security clearance of minimum level **EU-SECRET/SECRET-UE** for the functions that SNE 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 SNE 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:

Candidates should:

A. Qualifications and experience required:

- Have a University degree that is relevant for the post, preferably in the field of security policy, or equivalent professional education;
- Have proven well recorded experience in the development and revision of policies and concepts;
- Have a good understanding of the role of the EEAS as a diplomatic actor as well as a good understanding of the main objectives and principles of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP);
- Have a good understanding of the EU's CSDP decision-making processes.

B. Skills required:

- Have strong organisational and managerial skills, sense of initiative and ability to work under pressure within short deadlines and to manage multiple tasks and unexpected demands;
- Have excellent interpersonal skills;
- Have ability to work and communicate in interdisciplinary and intercultural teams;
- Have excellent analytical capability as well as excellent drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions;
- Ability to maintain objectivity in complex scenarios and to display sensitivity and sound judgement;
- Have the ability to exercise greatest discretion with regard to all facts and information coming to SNE's knowledge in the course of or in connection with the performance of SNE's duties;

C. Languages:

- The successful candidate should be able to work in at least one of the official CSDP languages fluently (EN or FR) and have a basic knowledge of the second official working language.

D. Personal qualities:

- Be a motivated and flexible team player;
- Have the ability to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges;
- Have the ability to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline.

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

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 4 years in total.

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 expenses such as removal costs, allowances, salary, insurance, schooling (while the SNE maintains the right to enrol the children in an European School Type I)^[3] and costs related to the enrolment to the Interinstitutional nurseries or the After-school centre managed by the early childhood centre of the European Commission shall not be covered by the EEAS. However, in case the SNE makes use of these two facilities for their dependent children, the EEAS shall recover any invoiced cost (including the institutional and the parental contribution, estimated at approximately EUR 18,000 per year and per child) from the Seconded National Expert concerned on a yearly basis. For further information, please contact RM-01-COORDINATION@eeas.europa.eu.

Vacancy available from: Immediately

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

For further information, please contact:

Administrative questions: SNE-CSDP@eeas.europa.eu

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^[3] <https://www.eursec.eu/en/Accredited-European-Schools/About>