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Vacancy Notice 2024/149– HQ (AD) Policy officer in the Multilateral Relations Division (EEAS GLOBAL.VMR.1)

Type of post “Administrator”

Job no. 152615

Eligibility grade for EU officials: AD 5 – AD 12. Grade of recruitment for candidates from the Member States and current temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS: AD 7

WE ARE

The European External Action Service (hereafter, the “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 (hereafter, the “CFSP”), to represent the EU and to chair 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 EU Member States as well as the General Secretariat of the Council, the services of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the European Parliament.

EEAS GLOBAL.VMR.1 is the division responsible for Multilateral Relations, notably for the EU’s partnerships with the United Nations (UN) and the Council of Europe (CoE). GLOBAL.VMR.1 is a team of approximate 15 people who work on different aspects of these partnerships; ensuring support to the EU delegations to multilateral hubs (New York, Geneva, Vienna, Paris, Rome, Nairobi and Strasbourg); facilitating discussions with Member States (through the CONUN Working Party) and other institutions (notably the European Commission, through inter-service work). Close cooperation with UN and CoE actors is a regular part of our work.

WE PROPOSE

The post of **Policy officer**. The successful candidate will join the Multilateral Relations Division in the Managing Directorate Global.

Under the authority of the Head of Division, the successful candidate will work on EU-UN relations.

The main functions and duties of the post are as follows:

- Analysis, policy development, political advice and follow-up with regard to EU-UN relations and the development of an effective EU-UN partnership.
- Contribute to the development of EU positions and EU policies with regard to the UN system, in particular in the context of the implementation of the Pact for the Future.
- Contribute to mainstreaming multilateral and UN related issues in EU external relations.
- Contribute to the effective implementation of the EU's priorities, including through strategic partnerships and general cooperation with the UN system, preparation and follow-up to high level meetings, in particular the EU-UN High Level Dialogue.
- Focal point for the overall EU-UN partnership and point of contact/liaison with the UN office in Brussels.

- Contribute to the preparation and follow-up of the CONUN working party.
- Follow the position of a number of third countries at the UN, provide analysis and advice on the potential for cooperation with these countries, in close cooperation with EEAS geographical departments, EU Delegations to multilateral organisations and bilateral Delegations as appropriate;
- Prepare input for policy papers, speeches and briefings for the High Representative Vice-President, EEAS hierarchy and the European Commission on EU-UN relations;
- Provide input to EEAS replies to relevant Inter-Service Consultations, European Parliament questions and correspondence addressed to the High Representative, the Commission, the President of the European Council and the EEAS.

This position is classified as an “Administrator” type of post¹ in the grade bracket AD 5 – AD 12.

If selected for the post, candidates from the national diplomatic services of the Member States) will be recruited at grade AD7.

In case of recruitment of a temporary agent, the duration of the assignment to the post shall, in principle, be four years dependent on the maximum duration of engagement in the EEAS allowed by their type of contract².

If selected for the post, the contract of candidates who, at the time of their application, are temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (hereafter, the “CEOS”) applies, will be amended and renewed for a 4 year period, within the limits provided for by Article 50(b)(2) of the CEOS.

Current EEAS temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies and who have a higher grade than the one determined above for candidates from the Member States shall retain their current grade in case of selection for the post. If their grade is below the one set for candidates from the Member States, they will be reclassified at grade AD7.

LEGAL BASIS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THIS POSITION

The successful candidate for this position will be:

- appointed in accordance with Article 29(1)(a) of the Staff Regulations (hereafter, the “SR”) if he/she is an EU official;
- recruited in accordance with Article 29(1)(a) and Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the SR and Article 2(e) of the CEOS if the candidate comes from the national diplomatic service of a Member State or reassigned if she/he is a temporary agent to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies;
- appointed in accordance with Article 29(1)(b) of the SR if he/she is an EU official from another institution;
- recruited in accordance with Article 29(1)(c) of the SR (competition laureates) if it was not possible to fill the vacant post through any of the previous possibilities mentioned.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a dynamic, proactive, highly motivated colleague with excellent analytical and organisational skills plus a service-oriented approach. The successful candidate should have a sound experience in public administration, understand the role of the European civil service and be autonomous in research and analysis.

¹ According to Annex I to the Staff Regulations and the relevant EEAS internal rules.

² Decision ADMIN(2023) 24 on the maximum duration of engagement by the European External Action Service of non-permanent staff under successive limited duration contracts of different types, and on the minimum lapse of time between successive contracts under Article 2(e) of the CEOS.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA³

- General

In addition to the conditions set out in Article 28 of the SR for EU officials or in Article 12 of the CEOS for temporary agents, candidates must:

1. be an EU official, a temporary agent to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies or a member of staff from the national diplomatic service of a Member State.
2. have the capacity to work in the languages of the CFSP and external relations (English and French);
3. have at least 2 years' proven, pertinent experience in external relations.

EPSO competition laureates who are on a valid reserve list established in accordance with Article 30 of the SR may have their applications considered only in the event that no suitable candidate can be found among candidates covered by Article 29(1)(a) and Article 98(1) of the SR, or by Article 29(1)(b) of the SR;

- Specific eligibility criteria for EU officials and temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies

1. EU officials or temporary staff to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies must occupy a post in the grade bracket AD 5 – AD 12, or have occupied such a post before their change in administrative status in accordance with Article 35 of the SR, or occupy an AST post and be on the list drawn up according to Article 45(a)(c) of the SR (certification list).
2. Due to the need to ensure sound financial management of the limited financial resources and given the fact that the assignment of a staff member to a Delegation has important budgetary and business continuity implications, applications from staff members currently serving in a Delegation are not eligible unless they are included in the annual rotation or mobility exercises and if the day for submitting the applications for the vacancy notice is less than six months from the end of their ongoing posting. Other applications may only be considered in the interest of the service or in duly justified situations.
3. Due to the need to ensure business continuity, applications from EEAS staff members who have less than two years in their current post in Headquarters at the date of their submission are not eligible. They may only be considered in the interest of the service or in duly justified situations.
4. Candidates who, at the time of the application, are EU officials, independently of their administrative status under Article 35 of the SR, cannot request to be recruited as temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS. In the case of applications from EU officials on leave for personal grounds, successful candidates will be reinstated into active employment within the meaning of Article 35(a) of the SR.
5. Candidates who, at the time of the application, are temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies, must provide a **new certificate** issued by their Ministry of Foreign Affairs⁴ (hereafter, the "MFA") containing the same elements as requested for candidates from the Member States (see specific eligibility criteria for candidates from the Member States).

³ All the eligibility criteria must be met on the closing date for applications for this post.

⁴ Notwithstanding national terminology that may vary from one Member State to another.

- Specific eligibility criteria for candidates from the Member States to be recruited in accordance with Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the SR

In line with Article 12 of the CEOS and in accordance with the needs of the service, candidates from the Member States must:

1. Possess a level of education:
 - a. which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more; OR
 - b. which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and relevant professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least three years⁵.

2. Have gained at least 6 years' full time professional experience. This experience must have been gained after obtaining the four-year diploma or after obtaining the three-year diploma and the one year relevant professional experience.

Candidates must indicate their level of education and professional experience on the application form.

3. The candidates shall provide a certificate issued by the national diplomatic service/MFA of their Member State of origin⁶, which contains at least the following elements:

- a. for candidates to be recruited under Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the SR and Article 2(e) of the CEOS:
 - the post for which the candidate applies;
 - confirmation that the candidate is a staff member in active service in their national diplomatic service at the time of the application, either as a government official/civil servant or under a permanent employment relationship with the MFA; or that they have the same status/employment relationship at another national administration of their Member State and are on formal secondment to their MFA or an entity placed under the authority of the MFA such as an embassy, a permanent representation or a mission of the Member State accredited to an international organisation;
 - endorsement by the MFA of their application for the post;
 - a guarantee of immediate reinstatement at the end of their period of service with the EEAS, as required under Article 50b(2) of the CEOS.

Model of the abovementioned certificate is provided in **Annex I** of this vacancy notice.

If candidates are unable to provide this document from the MFA of their Member State of origin, their application will be deemed ineligible.

Furthermore, candidates who would be recruited as temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS must be in a position to serve during the full duration of their assignment within the maximum duration of engagement in the EEAS.

⁵ The minimum of one year of professional experience required under (b) counts as an integral part of the above qualification and cannot be included in the professional experience required under point 2.

⁶ See corresponding certificate annexed to the present vacancy notice

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Candidates should:

- 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;
- have strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement. Rapid grasp of complex issues. Capacity to identify problems and develop solutions;
- have excellent knowledge of external relations, internal policies and functioning of the Union;
- have experience and knowledge of European Union working procedures, including in the area of CFSP/CSDP;
- have the capacity to work and deliver within time constraints, notably in an international/multilingual environment;
- have the capacity to express himself/herself in a clear and structured manner, to listen and to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing;
- have the capacity to communicate clearly (writing and presenting efficiently) in English;
- be a responsible team player with good inter-personal skills; have the capacity to work with others within the team and beyond, replacing colleagues where necessary and the capacity to coordinate within the team and beyond.

Furthermore:

- experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- experience of working with the UN, either at HQ or in the field;
- experience of in public administration at institutional level in relevant national administrations and/or international organisations;
- experience of negotiations;
- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment and
- capacity to communicate in other official EU or UN languages

would be considered assets.

TYPE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT FOR NEW TEMPORARY AGENTS

The successful candidate will be offered a contract of temporary agent under Article 2(e) of the CEOS. Such contracts may not exceed 4 years in duration; their expiry will as far as possible be aligned with the usual date of annual Mobility exercise at Headquarters (currently 31 August each year).

All newly engaged temporary staff will be required to complete a probationary period of 9 months, in accordance with Article 14 of the CEOS.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

Brussels, Belgium

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- If the successful candidate is not an EU official or a temporary agent currently employed under Article 2(e) of the CEOS, he/she will be required to undergo a medical examination to ensure that he/she is physically fit to perform the duties.

- This post is currently not identified as a post which requires Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) to access EU classified information (EUCI) in accordance with point 7 of Annex A I of the [Decision ADMIN\(2023\) 18 on the security rules of the EEAS⁷](#) and as implemented by [Decision ADMIN\(2019\) 7 on Security Clearance Requirements and Procedures for the EEAS of 08 March 2019](#) and its implementing decisions.

Nonetheless, candidates are informed that the list of posts requiring a PSC in the EEAS Headquarters is subject to regular review and that the current post might be identified in the future as a post which requires PSC.

If required after the taking of duty, the selected candidate will need to be in a position to obtain a valid PSC issued by the competent authority of their Member State in accordance with national laws and regulations.

In case of failure to obtain or renew the required PSC, the AACC may take the appropriate measures in accordance with Article 3(3) of the [Decision ADMIN\(2019\) 7 on Security Clearance Requirements and Procedures for the EEAS of 08 March 2019](#).

Description of the EU classified information levels is available under Article 2 of Annex A of the [Decision ADMIN\(2023\) 18 on the security rules of the EEAS](#).

- Successful candidates from the national diplomatic services of the Member States will be required to sign a conflict of interest form as part of the recruitment process.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The EEAS is committed to an equal opportunities policy for all its employees and applicants for employment. As an employer, 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 the functional mailbox (EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu) in order to accommodate any special needs and provide assistance to ensure the possibility to pass the selection procedure with equal opportunities as 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 1(d)(4) of the SR.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE⁸

The selection procedure will take place in three different and successive steps:

1. Application

Before submitting their application, candidates should carefully check whether they meet all the eligibility criteria applicable to their situation in order to avoid automatic exclusion from the selection procedure.

⁷ OJ C 263, 26 July 2023, p.16.

⁸ Your personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) 2018/1725. The privacy statement is available on EEAS webpage: http://eeas.europa.eu/data_protection/rights/index_en.html

Candidates must apply through the online system:

<https://eapplication.eeas.europa.eu>

To log on to the system, an ECAS (European Commission Authentication Service) password is required; candidates without a password can register to get one through the aforementioned link. EU staff members with a professional ECAS account should use that account for their application. A helpdesk facility is available via the "Contact Support" function within the online system.

In case of connection problems, you can also refer to the complete EU Login user guide: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/manuals/EU_Login_Tutorial.pdf

During the online application procedure, candidates will have to upload their CV and motivation letter (in English or French). Candidates are invited to use the "Europass" CV format (<https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv>) for their applications.

Candidates from the Member States will, in addition, have to upload a copy of their passport/ID and the certificate issued (within the past 6 months) by the MFA of their Member State of origin.

Candidates will have the opportunity to follow the progress of their application through the online system.

The closing date for the submission of applications is **6 November 2024 at 12:00h** (CET - Brussels' time). Please note that the only way to submit an application is using the online system.

As the system may experience peak activity around the deadline, candidates are strongly advised to submit their application as early as possible. Late applications will not be accepted.

For correspondence concerning the selection procedures, please use the following email address: EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu

2. Pre-selection

The pre-selection will be done by a panel on the basis of the qualifications and the professional experience described in the CV and motivation letter. The panel will produce a shortlist of a limited number of eligible candidates who best meet the selection criteria for the post.

3. Selection

The candidates who have been shortlisted will be invited for an interview so that the selection panel can evaluate them objectively and impartially on the basis of their qualifications, professional experience and linguistic skills, as listed in the present vacancy notice. The selection panel will recommend a shortlist of candidates to the Appointing Authority/Authority Authorised to Conclude Contracts of Employment that will make the final selection.

It is recalled that, if the interest of the service so requires, the selection procedure can be terminated at any stage and the post be filled by a transfer in accordance with Article 7 of the SR.

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POST AVAILABLE AS OF: 01/09/2024



ANNEX I

CERTIFICATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS, ENDORSEMENT AND REINSTATEMENT¹

Staff from national diplomatic services of the Member States (Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the Staff Regulations)

It is certified herewith that for the purposes of the application for the post(s) of *Click or tap here to enter text.*, Mr/Ms *Click or tap here to enter text.* is employed on a permanent basis by the national diplomatic service² of *insert Member State* and is in active service on the date of signature of the present certificate.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs³ of *insert Member State* endorses the application of Mr/Ms *Click or tap here to enter text.* for the above post(s).

In accordance with Article 6(11) of the Decision 2010/427/EU of the Council and Article 50b(2) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, Mr/Ms *Click or tap here to enter text.* has a guarantee of immediate reinstatement in active service at the end of his/her period of service to the EEAS.

¹ To be completed and certified by the competent authority of the national diplomatic service.

² Candidates having a permanent employment relationship with a government ministry of their Member State, other than the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or equivalent, and who, at the time of their application, are on formal secondment to their Member State's MFA or an entity placed under the authority of the MFA (such as a Permanent representation or a mission of the Member State accredited to an international organisation) may also be considered as member of the national diplomatic service of that Member state.

³ Notwithstanding national terminology that may vary from one Member State to another.