

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



DG Resource Management
The Director-General

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To Permanent Representatives of the
Member States to the European Union

Your Excellency,

I refer to previous discussions in PSC and COTER and the guidance of the 20 June 2022 Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions to maintain and strengthen the network of counterterrorism/ security experts in EU Delegations.

In this context, I am pleased to inform you that we are seeking applications from Member States for a "**co-financed**" national expert (SNE) for secondment to the Delegation of the European Union to **Baghdad, Iraq**, pursuant to the Decision of the High Representative of 04.02.2014 establishing the rules applicable to SNEs¹.

The CT/Security Expert will work under the direct supervision of the Head of Delegation, reporting to the Head of Division, EEAS.MD-PSD.SECDEFPOL.3, working directly with relevant colleagues from both the Delegation and Headquarters. Following the EEAS practice and legal framework, CT/Security Experts are considered as staff members of the EEAS. Reporting/analysis, building a security network and local EU coordination in the area of security, counterterrorism and transnational crime will remain their main tasks.

The secondment is foreseen for a period of **2 years**.

I would be grateful if you could forward the enclosed profile to the various relevant Ministries in order to generate adequate applications. Ideally, we are looking for candidates with a Law Enforcement background (police, intelligence, defence) as well as experience in Security Sector Reform, Counterterrorism/Serious and Major transnational crimes related issues. Field experience in conflict/post-conflict countries is mandatory. Knowledge of EU institutions, decision-making processes in the area of CT/EU external action, previous UN experience, local linguistic competencies, are assets.

Permanent Representations are invited to send applications exclusively by email to EEAS.RM.BHR.3 Division (Selection and Recruitment): SNE-Delegations@eeas.europa.eu. They shall not be sent directly to the Delegation.

¹ Decision of the High Representative of 4 February 2014 establishing the rules applicable to National Experts Seconded to the European External Action Service

Candidates shall draft their CV in English or in French in a PDF or Word version, following the European CV form, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae> with a motivation letter.

Only applications received in the above-mentioned format by **13 March 2026 noon (Brussels time)** will be taken into consideration. Applications shall be examined by the EEAS in view of interviews, which will be organised shortly after the deadline.

Please note, that the delivery of a security clearance (minimum level **EU SECRET/SECRET UE**) is a prerequisite for all postings as an SNE to the EEAS.

I would like to invite you to draw the attention of the various relevant Ministries and services to the proper treatment of personal data and inform them that the EEAS implements data protection rules according to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Consequently, possible applicants should be informed that their CVs will be circulated to EEAS services involved in the selection and management of their possible secondment as well as within the Delegation concerned.

I take this opportunity to thank you very much for your cooperation and I look forward to a rapid deployment of this expert as an important contribution to EU efforts in the fight against terrorism and radicalisation.

Yours sincerely,

Kristin de PEYRON

Enc.: Vacancy notice

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