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EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

DG Resource Management
The Director-General

Brussels,
EEAS.DG RM.BHR.3/JVC

To Permanent Representatives of the
Member States of the European Union

Your Excellencies,

I refer to the guidance of the Strategic Compass adopted in March 2022 and Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions of June 2022 to maintain and strengthen the network of counterterrorism/security experts to EU Delegations. I also refer to the new CT approach for Syria and Iraq adopted in Foreign Affairs Council April 2026 which commits to establishing an EU CT expert position in Syria.

Pursuant to the Decision ADMIN(2026) 18 of the High Representative of 20 July 2026 establishing the rules applicable to Seconded National Experts (SNEs)[1]. I am pleased to inform you that we are looking for one cost-shared national expert (SNE) for secondment to the **EU Delegation to Damascus, Syria**.

The CT/Security Expert will work under the direct supervision of the Head of the Political Section, reporting to the Head of Delegation and the EEAS CT Special Envoy/Head of Division, EEAS.MD-PSD.SECDEFPOL.3, and work closely with EEAS MD MENA (MENA.5), as well as with other relevant colleagues from both the Delegation and Headquarters. The CT/Security Expert will deliver reporting and analysis, will build a local security network and will strengthen EU coordination on the ground in the fields of security, counter-terrorism, hybrid threats and transnational crime. The results of the CT/Security Expert's work will serve Member States and EU institutions alike.

I would be obliged if you could forward the enclosed profiles to the relevant national Authorities in order to generate suitable applications.

Candidates are invited to submit **annexes I and II to the vacancy notice** (duly filled and signed), together with their **curriculum vitae and motivation letter** in English or in French, in PDF format. The European curriculum vitae template can be found at the following internet address: http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae.

[1] Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the rules applicable to National Experts seconded to the European External Action Service - ADMIN(2026) 18 of 20 July 2026.

Only applications received in the above-mentioned format **by 23.12.2026** (18h00, Brussels time) will be considered for this call for applications.

Permanent Representations are kindly requested to send applications to the EEAS.RM.BHR.3 Division, "Selection and Recruitment" at the following email address: SNE-Delegations@eeas.europa.eu .

Applications will be examined by my services, which will organise the interviews shortly after the deadline.

Please note that the possession of a personnel security clearance (**EU-SECRET**) is a prerequisite for this post.

Please note that the EEAS implements data protection rules according to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725[2] of the European Parliament and of the Council. Consequently, please be informed that applicants' personal data will be circulated within EEAS services, for selection and management secondment procedures.

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,

(e-signed)
Elsa FENET

Acting DG RM

Enc.: - Decision ADMIN(2026) 18 of the High Representative of 20 July 2026
- Vacancy Notice

Cc: PSC Ambassadors
M.Ohnmacht, Head of Delegation, Syria
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[2] Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/E.

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Electronically signed on 28/10/2026 10:13 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121