

**EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY
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**Vacancy notice
(Agency's Seconded National Expert)**

Post:	Project Officer REACH
Type of post :	SNE post
Grade :	AD10 equivalent
Management of staff:	N.A.
Location:	Brussels
Indicative starting date:	1 June 2016
Level of Security Clearance:	None

Closing date for applications	13 May 2016
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In accordance with the Rules applicable to national experts and military staff on secondment to the European Defence Agency (2004/677/EC), Seconded National Experts are seconded to the Agency while remaining in the service of their national employer and continuing to be paid their national salary by that employer. Therefore, in order to be considered in the selection process, candidates for an SNE post must be sponsored by their national authorities. Confirmation is required in the form of a letter of sponsorship addressed to the Agency as far as possible by the closing date for the receipt of applications; and in any case not later than the recruitment date. The Rules are available on the EDA website <http://www.eda.europa.eu> - vacancies.

The selection of candidates will follow the EDA Staff Recruitment Procedure. Candidates must apply for this post via the EDA website <http://www.eda.europa.eu> - vacancies. Please note that to make an EDA on-line application you will need to create your EDA profile using a valid e-mail address and a password.

1. BACKGROUND

The European Defence Agency was established on 12 July 2004, and is governed by Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1835 defining the statute, seat and operational rules of the European Defence Agency.

The Agency has its headquarters in Brussels.

The main task of the EDA is to support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the Union's defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) as it currently stands and as it develops in the future.

The Agency is structured into four directorates. Three operational directorates: Cooperation Planning & Support; Capability, Armaments & Technology; and European Synergies & Innovation and the Corporate Services Directorate.

2. THE AGENCY'S WAY OF WORKING

The Agency is an "outward-facing" organisation, constantly interacting with its shareholders, the participating Member States, as well as with a wide range of stakeholders. It works in an integrated way, with multi-disciplinary teams representing all the Agency's functional areas, to realise its objectives. Its business processes are flexible and oriented towards achieving results. Staff at all levels need to demonstrate the corresponding qualities of commitment, flexibility, innovation, and team-working; to work effectively with shareholders and stakeholder groups, formal and informal; and to operate without the need for detailed direction.

3. THE EUROPEAN SYNERGIES AND INNOVATION DIRECTORATE (ESI)

The European Synergies & Innovation Directorate acts as an interface between defence ministries and wider EU policies that have implications for defence. It promotes and supports innovative research, coordinates and promotes EDA actions in the area of dual-use research and, as requested by its Member States, works in support of them and the European Commission on the setting up of the Preparatory Action for CSDP-related research. The directorate is also responsible for market & industry related questions such as policies, analysis and support, as well as strategic foresight and assessment, for the benefit of all the agency. In addition, the directorate has a

coordination role of the Agency's energy and environmental activities as well as Space policy activities.

4. DUTIES

Under the supervision of the Director ESI and the HoU Industry Strategy and Wider EU Policies (ISP), the jobholder will contribute to the following activities:

- work as part of the ISP Wider EU Policies team;
- pursue coherence with and assess wider EU policies and their implication for defence in the field of REACH, with the view of developing synergies, bringing defence specificities to the attention of EU policies' stakeholders;
- support the implementation of the REACH Regulation in the defence domain;
- propose and develop initiatives for catalysing new projects with EDA's participating Member States related to REACH;
- actively collaborate and liaise with relevant stakeholders, among others participating Member States, the European Commission, EU institutions, competent EU agencies and bodies and industry;
- support other EDA work-strands, projects/programmes and teams with REACH expertise;
- support to leading and managing the EDA REACH work-strand, in cooperation with other ESI staff members, Agency directorates, Member States and external bodies;
- co-moderate the REACH Experts Network;
- co-moderate and support EDA work related to technical activities undertaken by the REACH Task Force;
- act as a specialist advisor towards EDA Senior Management and contribute to the production of papers, presentations and policies, in the field of REACH;
- replace, when needed, the Policy Officer Wider EU Policies, on issues related to REACH;
- take on additional tasks as required in the interest of the service.

Duties may evolve according to development of the EDA's structure and activities, and the decisions of EDA management.

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

a. Conditions for eligibility

General

- be a national of a Member State participating in the Agency;
- be entitled to his/her full rights as a citizen;
- have fulfilled any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws concerning military service;
- produces the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of his/her duties;
- be physically fit to perform his/her duties;
- have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the participating Member States and a satisfactory knowledge of another of these languages to the extent necessary to discharge his/her duties;
- have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more, or a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least three years or be a graduate of a national or international Defence College;
- have no personal interest (financial, family relationship, or other) which could be in conflict with disinterested discharge of his/her duties within the Agency;
- hold a valid Personnel Security Clearance Certificate (national or EU PSC at SECRET UE/EU SECRET level). Personnel Security Clearance Certificate' (PSCC) means a certificate issued by a competent authority establishing that an individual is security cleared and holds a valid national or EU PSC, and which shows the level of EUCI to which that individual may be granted access (CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above), the date of validity of the relevant PSC and the date of expiry of the certificate itself. Note that the necessary procedure for obtaining a PSCC can be initiated on request of the employer only, and not by the individual candidate.).

b. Essential selection criteria:

(1) Professional

The candidate will be required to demonstrate that he/she has:

- knowledge of REACH regulation and the related the EU policies and processes;
- knowledge of REACH challenges in the defence sector;
- professional background and at least 3 years working experience in the field of REACH at the national or EU level;
- familiarity with relevant stakeholders, among others participating Member States, competent EU institutions and Agencies and industry, in relation to REACH;
- track record of delivering successful business outcomes both individually and as part of a team;
- a very good knowledge of written and spoken English.

(2) Personal

All staff must be able to fit into the Agency's way of working (see para. 2). Other attributes important for this post include:

- strong sense of duty and responsibility;
- ability to work in multicultural team;
- results-orientation and strong motivation;
- flexibility and innovativeness;
- good interpersonal, communication and influencing skills;
- ability to adapt to a quickly changing working environment;
- genuine commitment to the Agency's objectives.

c. Desirable

- chemical or chemical engineering academic degree;
- knowledge of the CLP European Chemical Regulation;
- familiarity with the European Regulations on Biocidal Products (BPR), Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP) and Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS);
- familiarity with EDA communities and structures relating to REACH;
- familiarity with the defence international environment (especially CSDP) and the EU defence community, including government, industry, institutes and academia;
- knowledge of European Defence Technological and Industrial Base;
- familiarity with international defence collaboration.

6. INDEPENDENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Project Officer REACH will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the Agency's interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

7. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The Project Officer REACH will be appointed by the Chief Executive, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

Secondment will be for a three-year period (unless a shorter period is mutually agreed between the parties). Renewal is possible within the limits set out in the EDA SNE Rules. The successful candidate will be seconde as AD10 equivalent.

Applications are invited with a view to establishing a reserve list for the post of Project Officer REACH at the EDA. This list is valid until 31/12/2017, and may be extended by decision of the Chief Executive. During the validity of the reserve list, successful candidates may be offered a secondment in the EDA according to their competences in relation to the specific requirements of the vacant post.

Inclusion on the reserve list does not imply any entitlement of secondment to the Agency.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The EDA is an equal opportunities employer and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit their application electronically solely via the EDA website. Applications by any other means (hard copy or ordinary e-mail) will not be accepted. Applications must be submitted no later than midnight. Candidates are reminded that the on-line application system will not accept applications after midnight (Brussels time, GMT+1) on the date of the deadline.

A selection committee will be appointed. Please note that the selection committee's internal proceedings are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is forbidden.

If recruited, you will be requested to supply documentary evidence in support of the statements that you make for this application. Do not send any supporting or supplementary information until you have been asked to do so by the Agency.

Please note that once you have created your EDA profile, any correspondence regarding your application must be sent or received via your EDA profile.

For any prior enquiry, please refer to the FAQ (Frequently asked questions) section, or send an e-mail to recruitment@eda.europa.eu.

10. DATA PROTECTION

Please note that EDA will not return applications to candidates. The personal information EDA requests from candidates will be processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. The purpose of processing personal data which candidates submit is to manage applications in view of possible pre-selection and recruitment at EDA.

More information on personal data protection in relation to selection and recruitment can be found on the EDA website:

<http://www.eda.europa.eu/jobs/dataprotection>