

NATIONAL EXPERT SECONDED TO EMSA

PROJECT OFFICER FOR REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (RPAS)

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The European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002¹ provides the legal basis for the establishment of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

The European Maritime Safety Agency is one of the European Union's decentralised agencies. Based in Lisbon, the Agency provides technical, operational and scientific assistance to the European Commission and Member States in the fields of maritime safety, maritime security, prevention of, and response to, pollution caused by ships as well as response to marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations. The Agency also contributes to the overall efficiency of maritime traffic and maritime transport.

EMSA invites you to send your application for a Seconded National Expert as Project Officer for RPAS. This position will be attached to Department C 'Operations'.

More information about the Agency and its structure and activities can be found on our website: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu>

Conditions of Employment:

This vacancy notice concerns a Seconded National Expert position. Rules applicable to National Experts seconded to EMSA can be found on the following link:

<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/recruitment-info/seconeded-national-experts.html>

Please read carefully these rules before applying.

The initial duration of the secondment is one year with possibility for extension.

The place of employment is Lisbon, Portugal.

Functions and Duties:

Under the responsibility of the Head of Department C, 'Operations', the successful candidate will be responsible for managing and performing project management, core technical and administrative

¹ OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p.1, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1644/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 10) and Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 (OJ L 129, 29.4.2004, p. 1), as amended by Regulation (EU) No 100/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 (OJ L 39/30, 09.02.2013, p.30-40).

processes for operational RPAS demonstration in the maritime domain, including the support to the Agency in questions on operations, flight permits, certifications of RPAS, aeronautical products, parts and appliances and applicable safety standards. In particular, the main tasks will be:

- Supporting the Agency in all dimensions of aviation technology, where it is necessary from the operator's point of view;
- The provision of expertise in aviation management, air traffic control and the procedures to achieve permits to fly in order to make RPAS operations possible;
- Drafting of CONOPS and flight plans for long endurance and MALE RPAS operations;
- Managing, performing and controlling core activities related to initial airworthiness of RPAS for maritime surveillance in order to ensure compliance with applicable safety standards;
- Developing specifications for RPAS services in the maritime domain;
- Being liaison officer and specialist on site in the preparation and operation of RPAS in cooperation with national users, flight administrators and industry partners;
- Ensuring proper execution and timely completion of RPAS operation planning;
- Coordination of projects to ensure their results are in accordance with the project plan and with the respective EU rules and procedures;
- Ensuring adequate coordination and information sharing with the key project partners for the purposes of the project planning, implementation, reporting and visibility;
- Preparing documents, such as reports, notes, letters and presentations and minutes of meetings, coordination and management of document flows internally and with external institutions.

Main skills and qualifications:

- University degree or equivalent qualification or professional experience;
- At least 5 years of working experience in the field of aerial services preferably with RPAS, authorisation of flight operations, aviation safety, or certification. When no university degree or equivalent qualification has been acquired, 9 years of experience is required, of which at least 5 must be in the above-mentioned field;
- Comprehensive knowledge in the design and development of RPAS and related sensor technologies or equivalent experience;
- Proven experience in project management;
- Excellent command of both written and spoken English;
- Experience in working in an international/cross-cultural environment of more than 2 years;
- Good organisational and co-ordination skills;
- Strong sense of initiative and responsibility;
- Ability to work independently;
- Ability to work under pressure and respond to changes in a rapidly evolving work environment with tight deadlines;
- Ability to quickly grasp issues that are politically sensitive and inform line managers accordingly;
- Having a supportive and helpful personality, with a co-operative and service oriented attitude;
- Excellent communication skills.

Submission of applications:

Each application shall contain the following documents:

- a) A detailed curriculum vitae in European format (that can be obtained at the following address <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae> or downloaded from our site).
- b) A duly completed and signed [declaration of honour](#) (which can also be downloaded from our site).

Please note that candidates cannot send their applications to EMSA directly; the Permanent Representation must send your application to EMSA, at the following email address before the deadline: Recruitment@EMSA.europa.eu

EMSA will only take into account applications received before the deadline which is **31 May 2016 at 17 hours (Lisbon time)**. Please liaise with your Permanent Representation to ensure that your application reaches it well on time.