

HEAD OF DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA
- EU Staff Members – AD 09-14 LEVEL POST
- Candidates from the Member States – AD 12 LEVEL POST

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The European Union is currently present in 139 countries and also has 8 delegations to international organisations. In all, more than 1200 officials and 4100 other staff are currently serving in these delegations.

The work of a Delegation varies from country to country but, in general, covers political matters, trade, press and information, aid management and the external aspects of internal EU policies.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is looking for an individual to fill the post of **Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Saudi Arabia**, which will become vacant in the overall context of the rotation exercise for 2016. The Head of Delegation is also accredited to Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman.

The Delegation is placed under the authority of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, who is also Vice President of the European Commission.

The Head of Delegation is responsible for management of all staff (EEAS and Commission: 17 staff, of whom 4 are officials/temporary agents) and financial resources (2014 administrative budget of approximately €2.06m).

The key areas of activity of the Delegation are political dialogue on bilateral as well as regional issues (including Gulf Cooperation Council), CFSP, trade, economics, energy, research and education.

The posting will be, in principle, of a three-year duration.

WE PROPOSE

The Head of Delegation of the European Union to Saudi Arabia will assist the High Representative and the Commission in fulfilling their mandates in the field of external relations, and, in particular, will have the following tasks:

- To represent the EU in Saudi Arabia and as non-resident Ambassador in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman, to ensure the EU Presidency in the country of residence and whenever possible in the other countries s/he will be accredited, and to ensure a high degree of consistency between the different areas of the EU's external actions and between these and its other policies;
- To ensure bilateral relations, notably in the political, economic, commercial, security and cooperation fields and to carry out and promote regular political dialogue;

- To pursue the EU's policies and their local coherence in all areas, to promote and protect the EU's interests and values, and to promote the visibility of the EU by carrying out press, information and communication activities;
- To maintain contacts, exchange information and coordinate with Member States represented in Saudi Arabia and in the other four countries in the implementation of EU policies and to report regularly to the Headquarters of the EEAS and the Commission as appropriate on all matters covered by his/her mandate and maintain relations with other EU institutions as well as any regional and international organisations in the five countries covered, and in particular with the Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Riyadh and the OIC in Jeddah;
- To provide advice to the Headquarters of the EEAS and to the Commission as appropriate on policy issues and developments arising within the framework of the EU bilateral relations with the five countries covered as well as the EU-GCC relations;
- To ensure sound management of the Delegation, including financial management and correct application of the existing rules concerning the security of individuals (including the families of expatriated staff), goods and property as well as information; manage crises and ensure continuity of Delegation operations, including in the framework of business continuity;
- The post involves extensive travel.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- GENERAL

We look for candidates who (in accordance with Article 98 of the Staff Regulations (SR)¹ and in order to meet the needs of the service) **must**:

1. be officials of the EU institutions, temporary staff to whom Article 2(e) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS)² applies, or staff from diplomatic services of the Member States;
2. have the capacity to work in languages of CFSP and external relations necessary for the performance of their duties. Knowledge of other EU languages would also be an asset;
3. have at least 2 years' experience of managing staff

(candidates must indicate in their CV's, at least for the minimum 2 years required: (1) title and role of management positions held, (2) numbers of staff overseen in these positions, (3) the size of budgets managed, and (4) numbers of hierarchical layers above and below and number of peers); and

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

4. have at least 3 years proven, pertinent external relations experience - for staff from diplomatic services this experience must have been gained from working in a diplomatic service of one of the Member States.

- SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EU OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF TO WHOM ARTICLE 2(E) OF THE CEOS APPLIES ("EU STAFF MEMBERS")

1. Applications from EU staff members in a Delegation and who are not in rotation in 2015 are not, in principle, eligible and will only be taken into consideration in case of career progression.
2. EU staff members who have completed 2 consecutive postings to Delegations are not eligible, and may apply only in case of career progression. Derogation from this rule may not in principle lead to a consecutive period of service in Delegations of more than 12 years.
3. EU staff members currently in Headquarters who will have completed less than 2 years in Headquarters by the time of taking up duty are not, in principle, eligible, and will only be taken into consideration in case of career progression, and in the case of EU staff members falling within the category of Managers in Mobility.
4. EU staff members must be either²:
 - AD9 to AD14;
 - AD8 with at least 2 years seniority at that grade.

In the event of a successful application, EU staff members at AD9 to AD14 will be appointed at the same grade. EEAS staff members at AD8 will be promoted to AD9.

- SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES FROM THE MEMBER STATES

Candidates from the diplomatic services of Member States must (in order to satisfy the requirements set out in Article 12 of the CEOS and in order to meet the needs of the service):

1. be nationals of one of the EU Member States;
2. (i) possess 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;

² Notwithstanding this criterion, and in order to ensure equality of treatment between candidates from the different statutory sources of EEAS recruitment, the Appointing Authority may, in exceptional and duly justified cases and solely in the interests of the service, decide to accept an application for a post from EU staff members whose grade would otherwise exceed the bracket specified for the post in question. Such decision may only be made within the limits contained in the EEAS establishment plan.

Or

(ii) possess a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies, attested by a diploma, plus relevant professional experience of at least one year, when the normal period of university education is at least three years;

3. have at least 12 years full-time professional experience. This experience must have been gained after completing university studies of four years, or of three years plus one year relevant professional experience, as set out at point 2 above.

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

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Candidates should:

- have an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations at a senior level and to ensure representation, communication and management in a complex, multicultural environment;
- have an excellent capacity to play a lead role in negotiations in the field of external relations with national authorities, international organisations and Member States;
- proven experience in working in a Delegation or an Embassy (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- have proven experience in and in-depth knowledge of the key areas of activity of the Delegation;
- have proven experience in leading and motivating teams, particularly in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
- have good knowledge and/or experience in budgetary and financial management;
- have excellent knowledge of the functioning of the Union and of its interinstitutional framework in general;
- have excellent knowledge of the EU's internal and external policies and instruments, in particular proven experience in and in-depth knowledge of CFSP and CSDP-related issues; and
- have strong communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement;

Furthermore,

- good knowledge of the region as a whole;
- experience in managing crisis situations, and
- knowledge of Arabic

would be strong assets.

POSTING POLICY

EEAS career development policy places the need for staff to develop a mix of competences at its core, e.g. working in various fields of expertise and responsibilities in the course of a person's career, including postings at Headquarters and Delegations. Therefore, staff members are encouraged to alternate between Delegation and Headquarters postings.

As a matter of policy, applications of individuals who have dual nationality of the host country or whose partner has the nationality of the host country will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The EEAS examines if there could be a conflict of interest and the consequence of a possible refusal by the host country to grant diplomatic immunity to the staff member and or his/her partner and family, as well as possible security risks. The HR Department may ask for additional information from the applicant in this context.

A posting in an EU Delegation is normally for 4 years (except where the post is advertised with a shorter duration). It is in the interests of the service to ensure that staff members in the Delegations are able to complete full postings before reaching the age of retirement. Before taking any final decisions on nominations, the Appointing Authority will ensure on a case-by-case basis, in the light of the SR and CEOS, that the successful candidates will indeed be able to complete the relevant full posting for the post for which they have been selected.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

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

1. Application procedure³

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

³ Your personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) 45/2001, as implemented by decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 8 December 2011. The privacy statement is available on EEASzone (<http://webgate.eeas.testa.eu/eeas/eeaszone/?q=node/26243>) and on the EEAS website (http://eeas.europa.eu/data_protection/index_en.htm).

Candidates must apply through the on-line system (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eapplication/index.cfm>). 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 above 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 on-line system.

During the on-line application procedure candidates will have to upload their CV and motivation letter (in English or French, preferably using the Europass model CV obtainable at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>). Candidates from the diplomatic services of the Member States will, in addition, have to upload a copy of their passport/ID and a recent statement by their Ministry for Foreign Affairs (issued within the past 6 months) confirming their membership of a diplomatic service⁴ and indicating in this statement the title of the post they are applying to (an example of statement is attached to this vacancy).

All candidates will have the opportunity to follow the progress of their application through the on-line 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 procedure, please use the following email address: CCA-SECRETARIAT@eeas.europa.eu

The closing date for applications is 15 June 2016 at 12.00 hours (local time Brussels).

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 in the motivation letter and will produce a shortlist of a limited number of eligible candidates who in its opinion best meet the selection criteria for the post.

3. Selection

The candidates who have been shortlisted will be invited for an interview with the CCA in order to evaluate them objectively and impartially on the basis of their qualifications, professional experience and linguistic skills, as listed in the vacancy notice.

The EEAS applies an equal opportunities policy.

⁴ In this context, it is recalled that Article 6(11) of Council Decision 427/2010 requires that "in accordance with the applicable provisions of its national law, each Member State shall provide its officials who have become temporary agents in the EEAS with a guarantee of re-instatement at the end of the period of service to the EEAS".

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND RECRUITMENT

The relevant provisions of the SR and CEOS apply to an appointment on the basis of this vacancy notice.

In particular, the successful candidates will be employed by the EEAS on one of the following bases:

Either

- EU **staff members** will be appointed to the post for three years in the context of the 2016 rotation;

or

- Candidates from the **Member States** will be offered a temporary contract under Article 2(e) of the CEOS. Such contracts will be for a maximum of 4 years or such shorter duration as advertised for the post; the exact length of the contract will depend on the actual contract start date as their expiry will as far as possible be aligned to the usual date of rotation of posts in the Delegations (currently 31 August each year). The salary and conditions of appointment will be those laid down in the CEOS for temporary agents of the relevant grade (depending on the post), completed by the provisions of Annex X SR applicable to temporary agents posted outside the EU.

All newly engaged temporary staff is required to complete successfully a probationary period of 9 months. A management probationary period of the same duration is also required.

Successful candidates must undergo a medical examination to ensure that they are physically fit to perform their duties.

Candidates are deemed to be fully aware of the local living conditions, including information concerning the accommodation provided, before applying, notably that this is a non-family posting. Individual post reports are available from EEAS.BA.HR.6 (RIGHTS-AND-OBLIGATIONS@eeas.europa.eu).

Candidates should also ensure that they are fully aware of the revised provisions of Annex X SR, as well as the relevant security provisions, especially with regard to security clearance, and, if need be, any other security measures to be taken such as the HEAT training compulsory before taking up duty in the most difficult places of posting. The list of posts where HEAT training is compulsory can be obtained by email from BA-IBS-2@eeas.europa.eu or, for EEAS Staff, on EEAS Zone under "Security culture – Security training".

Candidates must be able to work in a different socio-cultural environment and to adapt quickly to evolving situations.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

SAUDI ARABIA; Riyadh.

JOB AVAILABLE FROM

1 September 2016