

Administrator – Head of Sector Crisis Response – INTCEN.3

(EU Staff Members: AD5-AD12/ Candidates from Member States: AD07)

Job n. 166636

We are:

The European External Action Service (EEAS), which supports the work of the High Representative in defining and implementing an effective and coherent EU foreign policy. The EEAS supports her tasks of conducting the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and chairing the Foreign Affairs Council. It also supports the High Representative in her capacity as Vice President of the Commission with regard to her responsibilities within the Commission in the external relations field including the coordination of other aspects of the EU's external action. The EEAS works in close cooperation with Member States, the Council and relevant services of the European Commission.

The recruiting entity:

Being part of EU Intelligence and Situation Centre - INTCEN, the EU Situation Room is a permanent stand-by body of the EEAS that provides worldwide monitoring and current situation awareness. It acts as a situation information hub for all relevant stakeholders from the European institutions, not least for INTCEN itself. It acts as the EEAS switchboard and embeds, within situation reports or flash reports, crisis related information provided mainly by open sources, but also by EU Delegations, EU Member States, EU CSDP Operations and Missions, EUSR teams, and International Organisations.

The EU Situation Room is the first point of contact for all information on crisis situations and, in case of activation, contributes to the work of EEAS Crisis Response Mechanism or of other equivalent mechanisms at EU level.

We propose:

The position as Head of Sector Crisis Response in the EU Situation Room division.

We look for:

An experienced and dynamic Administrator to work in the EU Situation Room division.

Tasks will include:

- Act as Crisis Response Manager on a regular basis;
- Contribute to policy discussions/implementation on crisis response systems, including the EEAS Crisis Response Mechanism and the IPCR (Integrated Political Crisis Response) arrangements within the EU institutions and international organisations;
- Participate in all exercises organised in the framework of crisis response;
- Supervise the EU Situation Room daily/ weekly news monitoring products, and contribute to the definition of new ones;
- Draft and contribute to the drafting of reports, analyses and evaluations, as appropriate;
- Other EU Situation Room ad hoc or routine tasks as required.

Specific requirements

This function includes regular stand-by duties at home, normally for a week's period including supervising the SITROOM's monitoring products as well as stay on call in case of need, for which a specific special allowance is foreseen.¹ This task is shared with other AD colleagues.

Eligibility Criteria²

In accordance with Article 98 of the Staff Regulations (SR) and in order to meet the needs of the service candidates must:

1. be officials of the EU Institutions, or temporary staff to whom Article 2 (e) of the Conditions of the Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS)³ applies or staff from national 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 be an asset;
3. have **at least 2 years' proven**, pertinent external relations experience - for staff from national diplomatic services this experience must have been gained from working in a diplomatic service of one of the Member States.

Also, in order to satisfy the requirements set out in Article 12 of the CEOS, Member State applicants must:

4. be nationals of one of the EU Member States;
5. possess a level of education
 - a. which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more, OR
 - b. which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and relevant professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least three years.⁴
6. have gained **at least 6 years' full time professional experience**. This experience must have been gained after obtaining the four-year diploma or after obtaining the three-year diploma and the one year relevant professional experience

Furthermore, in order to be eligible, **EU staff members** must be in one of the grades **AD5 to AD12** and have the Type of post of the person "ADMINISTRATOR" (AD5-AD7) or "PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATOR" (AD8-AD12), or they must be AST officials who have successfully passed the certification procedure.

EEAS staff whose Type of Post of the Person is "Senior administrator in transition" (AD14) and "Principal administrator in transition" (AD13) can also show their interest for this job. If selected, she/he will be transferred in the interest of the service. This transfer in the interest of the service will not modify the Type of Post of the Person. Transfers in the interest of the service under Article 7 SR are only possible within the same Institution, therefore EU officials AD13 and AD14 from other Institutions are not eligible.

¹ See Council Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 1945/2006 of 11 December 2006 amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 495/77 determining the categories of officials entitled to, and the conditions for and rates of, allowances for regular standby duty.

² All the eligibility criteria must be met on the closing date for applications to this post.

³ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

⁴ The minimum of one year of professional experience required under (b) counts as an integral part of the above qualification and cannot be included in the professional experience required under point 3.

Applications from officials currently serving in a Delegation are, in principle, not eligible and may only be considered in the interest of the service or in case of career progression.

In the above paragraph, "career progression" includes AST staff members who have successfully completed the certification procedure and who are applying for their first AD post.

Competition laureates may express their interest for this job, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements set out at points 2 and 3 above. Their candidatures will be considered only in the event that no suitable candidate can be found among EEAS staff, EU officials or staff from diplomatic services of Member States. Should a competition laureate be selected for this job, she/he will be subject to the same obligations of mobility as other EEAS staff members.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

The successful candidate will be required to undergo security vetting if (s)he does not already hold security clearance to an appropriate level, in accordance with the relevant security provisions.

Successful candidates will be required to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration of any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence, as set out in the Staff Regulation and CEOS.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Candidates should:

- have an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation, communication in a complex, multicultural environment;
- have an excellent capacity to create constructive working relations with national authorities, international organisations and EU Member States;
- have strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement;
- have excellent knowledge of external relations, internal policies and functioning of the Union;
- have experience and knowledge of CFSP and CSDP-related issues.
- 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 be an asset.

Furthermore:

- Experience in crisis response mechanisms at EEAS/EU level
- experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- experience of working in a team in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
- a strong sense of organisation and experience in policy coordination work;
- experience in leading teams;
- experience of negotiations;

would be strong assets.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

Brussels, Belgium

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The External Action Service applies an equal opportunities policy.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE⁵

Mobility is a fundamental part of EEAS human resources policies, and is required by the EEAS Council Decision. Candidates should be aware that, accordingly, it is not generally in the interests of the service for EEAS Staff Members to apply for jobs which are essentially the same or similar to their current post.

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

1. Application

Candidates may apply for one or more of the posts published in the context of this "2018/06 - HQ (AD) Publication – " **Head of Sector Crisis Response – INTCEN.3** " exercise.

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.

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 afore-mentioned link from **05 January 2018**. EEAS 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).

All candidates will have the opportunity to follow the progress of their application through the on-line system.

Applications may be made at any point during the period from **05 January 2018 to 26 January 2018 at 12.00 midday (Brussels time)**. Please note that the only way to submit an application is using 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:

EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu

⁵ 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 EEAS zone (<http://webgate.eeas.testa.eu/eeas/eeaszone/?q=node/26247>) and on the EEAS website (http://eeas.europa.eu/data_protection/rights/index_en.htm).

2. Pre-selection

The selection panel will make a pre-selection on the basis of the qualifications and the professional experience described in the CV and motivation letter, and will produce a shortlist of a limited number of eligible candidates who best meet the selection criteria for the post.

3. Selection

The candidates who have been pre-selected will be invited for an interview so that the selection panel can evaluate them objectively and impartially on the basis of their qualifications, professional experience and linguistic skills, as listed in the present vacancy notice. The selection panel will recommend a shortlist of candidates for a final decision by the relevant Appointing Authority. He/she may decide to interview the candidates on the final shortlist before taking this decision.

It is recalled, that if the interest of the service so requires, the selection procedures can be terminated at any stage and the post be filled by a transfer in accordance with Article 7 of the SR.

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