

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability – CPCC
Director / Civilian Operations Commander

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TO ALL REPRESENTATIVES TO PSC

Subject: 1-2018 Call for Contributions for the European Union CSDP Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali)

References: Council Decision 2014/219/CFSP of 15 April 2014 on the Establishment of EUCAP Sahel Mali
Council Decision 2015/76/CFSP of 19 January 2015 Launching the European Union CSDP Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali) and Amending and Extending the Mission Mandate until 14 January 2017
Council Decision 2017/50/CFSP of 11 January 2017 amending Decision 2014/219/CFSP

Dear Ambassador,

1. Background

The Council Decision 2014/219/CFSP of 15 April 2014 established the European Union CSDP Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali), which was amended and extended by Council Decision 2015/76/CFSP of 19 January 2015. On 11 January 2017, the Council Decision 2014/219/CFSP was amended by extending the mandate of the Mission for a period of another 2 years, until 14 January 2018.

I kindly invite EU Member States to put forward qualified candidates for the positions as listed in Annex 1.

Please be informed that up to two of these positions will also be published as part of a specific call to establish a responsiveness capacity. EU member states and selected candidates will be informed upon notification of selection that this post also resides under the responsiveness capacity.

As agreed by the Council, it is important to be aware that the holders of these posts - in case of activation of the responsiveness capacity – will serve in missions / geographical areas as approved by the CivOpsCdr and the seconding authority.

2. Methodology

- a) EU Member States are requested to examine the personal profile and job description to ensure that:
 - Proposed candidates meet the listed criteria described in the essential requirements and specific job description (**Annex 1**).
 - Each candidate completes the standard job application form in English or French (**Annex 2**). Applications will be considered only when using this form and indicating which position the candidate is applying for.
- b) Proposed candidates should satisfy in full the criteria set out in the job description. The main criteria for suitability for posts are professional and specific skills and experience.
- c) As previously agreed, EU Member States that are also members of EGF are invited to identify suitable candidates within their capabilities.
- d) I would appreciate it if EU Member States would submit offers of personnel at their earliest convenience, **but not later than Friday 23 February 2018 at 17:00 hours (Brussels time)**, to the following e-mail address:

cpcc-mali@eeas.europa.eu

- e) Interviews are planned to take place in the period of 28th of February to 16th of March 2018.
- f) The Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) will be responsible for notifying EU Member States of the outcome of the selection process. Communication of the selection results is expected to take place in week of 19th March 2018.
- g) Selected personnel should be ready for deployment to Mali within the deadlines specified in each job description.
- h) Subject to the adoption of another Council Decision approving the appropriate Budget Impact Statement, the initial duration of the deployment should be of 12 months.

3. General Information

- a) For seconded positions, only personnel nominations received through official channels from EU Member States will be considered. EU Member States will bear all personnel-related costs for seconded personnel, including salaries, medical coverage, travel expenses to and from the Mission area (including home leave) and daily allowances other than those paid according to the Council documents 7291/09 (10 March 2009) and 9084/13 (30 April 2013).
- b) Seconded personnel will bring their uniforms and security equipment (**Annex 3**). However, depending on the local environment, the Head of Mission will decide on the dress code and whether civilian attire or uniforms are to be worn by the Mission Members. Hats and insignia will be provided to the Mission Members.

- c) The EU strives for improved gender balance in CSDP operations in compliance with UNSCR 1325. EU Member States are encouraged to take this into account when offering contributions.
- d) The selected candidate will have to be in possession of the necessary level of Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) as specified in the respective job description, when deployed. The seconded personnel should bring the original certificate upon deployment.
- e) It is moreover expected that all newly selected Mission Members have undergone CSDP specific pre-deployment training before joining the Mission. CSDP specific pre-deployment training courses are regularly offered under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). In case ESDC does not offer a suitable course, a national alternative is also an option¹.
- f) Any further information required related to the selection and deployment of personnel may be obtained from CPCC by contacting:

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Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Requirements and Job Descriptions (**Annex 1**)
- Standard Application Form (**Annex 2**)
- List of recommended security equipment (**Annex 3**)

cc: CivCom Delegates

¹ <http://eeas.europa.eu/esdc>