

HEAD OF DELEGATION TO UNITED KINGDOM
- EU staff members – AD 15-16 LEVEL POST
- Candidates from the Member States – AD 15 LEVEL POST

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The European Union currently has 140 delegations, eight of which are 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 to the United Kingdom.**

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 and financial resources.

The key areas of activity of the Delegation will relate to political, foreign policy and security matters, trade, internal market (incl. labour related), as well as external aspects of Union policies (research & innovation, education, climate change, energy, fisheries, etc.)

The Delegation to the United Kingdom, based in London, may include offices in other places subject to the consent of the UK.

The posting will, in principle, be for a four years' duration.

WE PROPOSE

The Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom 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 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 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, including through social media;

- To ensure strong relations across the whole policy spectrum, including in the political, economic, commercial, security fields as well as in other relevant areas of EU policy;
- To carry out and promote regular political dialogue;
- To maintain contacts, exchange information and coordinate with Member States represented in the United Kingdom 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 United Kingdom;
- To provide advice and support to the EEAS Headquarters, to the Commission and to the office of the President of the European Council as appropriate on policy issues and developments arising within the framework of the EU-UK bilateral 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 unforeseen situations and ensure continuity of Delegation operations, including in the framework of business continuity.

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 9 years' experience of managing staff at senior level

(candidates must indicate in their CV's, at least for the minimum 9 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; candidates are invited to focus in their motivation letters also on their management and interpersonal skills and illustrate these with concrete examples);

4. have at least 12 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; and
5. be nationals of one of the Member States of the European Union after the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

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

- 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 2019 are not 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 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 eligible, and their application will only be taken into consideration in case of career progression, or when it concerns EU staff members falling within the category of Managers in Mobility.

The concept of "career progression" is designed to allow staff to develop within the organisation. Accordingly, in the above 3 paragraphs, it includes AD staff members who do not currently hold a middle management post and who are applying for a middle management post, as well as staff who already hold a management post and who are applying for a management post in a more senior category².

4. For posts graded at **AD15-16**, EU staff members must be either:
 - AD15 or AD16 and occupying a post at the level of Director General/Managing Director or
 - AD15 and occupying a post at the level of Director or equivalent function, with seniority of at least 2 years in that post.
 - AD14 and occupying or having occupied a post at the level of Director or equivalent function, with seniority of at least 2 years in that post and in that grade.

In the event of a successful application, EU staff members at AD15 or AD16 will be appointed at the same grade. EU staff members at AD14 will be promoted to AD15.

- 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. (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 It is in the interest of the service that EU staff members in a delegation and who wish to apply for a post on the basis of career progression should have spent at least 2 years on their current post when they take-up duty.

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;

2. have at least 15 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.

3. provide a statement issued by their Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirming their membership of a diplomatic service, and indicating the post applied for as well as mentioning the guarantee of reinstatement of applicants after a possible contract with the EEAS. If candidates are unable to provide this document from their Ministry, their application will be deemed ineligible.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates should have:

General Profile

- proven experience in working in a **Delegation or an Embassy** (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- **multi-disciplinary expertise:** have proven experience in and in-depth knowledge of the key areas of activity of the Delegation;
- proven experience in **networking and representation in an international and multicultural environment:** have an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations at a senior level and to ensure representation, communication and management in a complex, multicultural environment; and 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;
- have proven experience in **leading and motivating teams**, particularly in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment; have solid managerial abilities;
- have good knowledge and/or experience in **budgetary and financial management**;
- have **strong communication and analytical skills** combined with **sound judgement**;

Specific profile

- Excellent knowledge of the **functioning of the Union** and of its interinstitutional framework in general; good knowledge of the **European Commission**;
- Excellent knowledge of the **EU's internal and external policies and instruments**; proven knowledge of key EU policies (in particular trade and internal market issues);
- Experience in relations with the press and public diplomacy activities;

Furthermore, a good knowledge of close models of relationship between the EU and other third countries would be a strong asset.

- A good knowledge of the United Kingdom and be familiar with diplomatic functions abroad.

- Fluency in English is required.

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.

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 take this into due consideration.

As a matter of policy, applications of individuals who have the dual nationality of the host country or the partner of whom 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.

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.

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

³ Your personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/175 entering into force on 11 December 2018. 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).

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 to this position is 12 February 2018 at 12.00 hours (local time Brussels).

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 four years.

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 four years' duration; 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.

The basic salaries offered by the EU institutions are set out in Article 66 SR. The current level, set out in Regulation 423/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, can be accessed via the link:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0423&from=EN>.

⁴ In this context, it is recalled that Article 6(11) of Council Decision 2010/427/EU 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".

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.

Candidates are deemed to be fully aware of the local living conditions, before applying. Candidates must be able to work in a different socio-cultural environment and to adapt quickly to evolving situations.

Candidates should also ensure that they are fully aware of the provisions of Annex X of the SR as well as the relevant security provisions. All posts in an EU Delegation require a Personal Security Clearance (EU SECRET).

Candidates should be aware of the specific provisions for residence where they shall reside. All residences are provided by the Institution under Article 5 of Annex X to the SR. The residence of the Head of Delegation has a double function; it is the venue foreseen for the official representation under the terms of the Vienna Convention; it is also the private home of the Head of Delegation and her/his family.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

United Kingdom; London

JOB AVAILABLE FROM

The day after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union, or as soon as possible thereafter