

Vacancy notice 2019/99– HQ (AD)

EEAS Vacancy Notice Administrator

Chair of the Nicolaidis Council Working Group / Deputy Head of Division of PSC

Team

(EU Staff Members: AD9-14/ Candidates from Member States: AD11)

Job n. 177759

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 Political Affairs Department, under the leadership of the Political Director, is the main vehicle for political steering and coordination within the EEAS. It is the main channel of contact between the EEAS and Member States, most visible through the Foreign Affairs Council and the Political and Security Committee. It also ensures policy coordination and policy coherence on the most political files vis à vis Member States and third countries. It brings together functions which are central in most Foreign Ministries and Permanent Representations such as the role of the Political Director, PSC Ambassador (in the EEAS the permanent PSC Chair), European Correspondent, Antici and Strategic Planning. It also performs many of the tasks which were, prior to the Lisbon Treaty, carried out by the rotating Presidency, such as coordination of statements, demarches and briefings, as well as horizontal coordination of EEAS-chaired Council working groups.

We propose:

The position of Chair of the Nicolaidis Council working Group / Deputy Head of Division of the PSC Team.

On behalf of the HR the Chair shall ensure the smooth running of the Nicolaidis in accordance with the Council rules of procedure and the mandate of the Group. The Nicolaidis Group assists and advises the Political and Security Committee (PSC) on all aspects related to the preparation of the PSC agenda and proceedings.

The Nicolaidis Chair has the responsibility for the good management of the working party's work and contributes to the planning, processing and substance of dossiers going through PSC and COREPER/Foreign Affairs Council. As Deputy Head of the PSC team, s/he works under the authority of the Head and Division, will assist her/him in managing its staff and workload, replace her/him as appropriate and be responsible for the overall coordination and organisation of PSC meetings.

The Chair of the Nicolaidis Working Group will be integrated within the Political Affairs Department and will work in close cooperation and under the guidance of the Chair of the Political and Security Committee as concerns the planning, processing and substance of dossiers going to the PSC and Coreper/Foreign Affairs Council, including support to the PSC Chair in negotiations.

The successful candidate will work in close cooperation with colleagues in the Political Affairs Department, as well as other relevant departments, EU Delegations and institutions as required.

We look for:

Eligibility Criteria¹

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)² 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 three 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.³
6. have gained at least 10 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
7. Member States candidates/Temporary Agents 2(e) must be able to return to active service in their Member State/home ministry when finishing the contract, and must be able to finish the full duration of the posting (in principle 4 years) within the maximum duration of engagement in the EEAS, as foreseen in the Council Decision of 26 July 2010 (2010/427/EU).

Furthermore, EU officials and temporary staff to whom article 2(e) of the CEOS applies ("EU staff members") must be of one of the grades AD 09 to AD 14, or an AST official at grade AST09 to AST11 and who has successfully completed the certification procedure, or an EEAS staff member at grade AD 08 and with at least 2 years seniority at that grade.

In the event of a successful application, EU staff members at AD 09-14 will be appointed at their existing grade. EEAS staff members at AD 08 will be promoted to AD 09.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Candidates should:

- have an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation and communication in a complex, multicultural environment;

¹ All the eligibility criteria must be met on the closing date for applications to this post.

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

³ 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.

- have an excellent capacity to lead negotiations and to create constructive working relations with Member States, national authorities and international organisations;
- have strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound political judgement;
- have an excellent knowledge of external relations, internal policies and functioning of the Union;
- have experience and knowledge of CFSP and CSDP-related issues;
- have knowledge and/or proven experience in CFSP Working groups and their procedures, including PSC;
- have the experience and personal qualities so as to command the confidence of Nicolaidis.

Furthermore:

- experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation); and
- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;

would be strong assets.

TYPE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT

If the successful candidate is an EU staff member, s/he will be appointed according to Articles 29.1.(a)(i) or (ii) and 98.1 of the Staff Regulations and according to the rules on grade set out above.

If the successful candidate is from a national diplomatic service s/he will be offered a contract as temporary agent under Article 2(e) of the CEOS; such contracts have a maximum duration of 4 years. The appointment will be at **AD 11 level**⁴.

In accordance with Article 6(11) of Council Decision 427/2010, each Member State shall provide its officials who have become temporary agents in the EEAS under Article 2(e) of the CEOS with a guarantee of immediate re-instatement at the end of the period of service to the EEAS.

All newly engaged temporary staff members are required to complete successfully a probationary period of 9 months.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

Brussels, Belgium

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

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.

⁴ The basic salaries offered by the EU institutions are set out in Article 66 of the Staff Regulations. The current level, set out in Regulation n° 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>

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The External Action Service applies an equal opportunities policy.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE⁵

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 "2019/99-HQ (AD) Publication NICOLAIDIS – DL 03 06 2019 " 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 **06 May 2019**. 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). Candidates from the Member States will, in addition, have to upload a copy of their **passport/ID** and a **statement by their Ministry for Foreign Affairs** confirming their membership of a diplomatic service and the Ministry's support for the candidate's application for this post.

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 **06 May 2019 to 03 June 2019 at 12.00 (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

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.

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).

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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