

TO PSC AMBASSADORS

SUBJECT: CALL FOR SECONDMENTS FOR THE POST OF POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE EUSR FOR CENTRAL ASIA (BRUSSELS OFFICE).

ANNEX: TOR FOR INTERNATIONAL SECONDED POLITICAL ADVISER (**ANNEX 1**)
APPLICATION FORM (**ANNEX 2**)

Dear Ambassadors,

I would like to inform you about an opening of a vacancy in my team. It concerns a position of Political Adviser, who will work on the full array of political, security and economic matters in the region and in each Central Asian country and will liaise between my office and the EU institutions in Brussels.

The position is open for experts from the EU member states.

I would kindly ask for your assistance in bringing the announcement to the attention of your national authorities.

A. BACKGROUND

The mandate calls on the EUSR for Central Asia to perform the following tasks:

- (a) promote overall Union political coordination in Central Asia and help to ensure consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;
- (b) monitor, on behalf of the HR, together with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission, the implementation process of the Union Strategy for a New Partnership with Central Asia, complemented by relevant Council conclusions and subsequent progress reports on the implementation of the Union Strategy for Central Asia, make recommendations and report to relevant Council bodies on a regular basis;
- (c) assist the Council in further developing a comprehensive policy towards Central Asia;
- (d) follow closely political developments in Central Asia by developing and maintaining close contacts with governments, parliaments, the judiciary, civil society and mass media;
- (e) encourage Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to cooperate on regional issues of common interest;
- (f) develop appropriate contacts and cooperation with the main interested actors in the region, and all relevant regional and international organisations;

(g) contribute to the implementation of the Union's human rights policy in the region in cooperation with the EUSR for Human Rights, including the Union Guidelines on human rights, in particular the Union Guidelines on Children and Armed Conflict as well as on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them, and Union policy regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, including by monitoring and reporting on developments as well as formulating recommendations in this regard;

(h) contribute, in close cooperation with the UN and the OSCE, to conflict prevention and resolution by developing contacts with the authorities and other local actors such as non-governmental organisations, political parties, minorities, religious groups and their leaders;

(i) provide input to the formulation of energy security, border security, countering serious crime, including narcotics and trafficking in human beings, as well as water resource management, environment and climate change aspects of the common foreign and security policy with respect to Central Asia;

(j) promote regional security within Central Asian borders in the context of the reduction of the international presence in Afghanistan.

The EUSR shall support the work of the HRVP and maintain an overview of all the activities of the Union in the region.

B. AIM

In order to achieve these objectives, the EUSR has three seconded political advisers on his team. The aim of this call for contributions is to select a highly qualified international expert for one of these posts. The duration of the deployment would follow the duration of the EUSR mandate; pending Council Decision to be taken by the Council.

Following the adoption of Commission Communication C(2009)9502 of 30 November 2009, staff seconded to the EU Special Representative shall receive a daily allowance.

Seconded from Belgium or Brussels based institutions or organisations to ESDP or EUSR Missions employed in Brussels are not entitled to receive daily allowance.

The daily allowance for Brussels based political advisers amounts to € 143.30 (which may be subject to adjustment).

The remuneration of personnel seconded by a Member State or an institution of the European Union to the EUSR shall be covered by the Member State or the institution of the European Union concerned.

C. METHODOLOGY

Member States and the EU institutions are invited to provide secondment offers as follows:

- a) The personal profiles of the proposed candidates should meet the listed criteria described in the job descriptions (**Annex 1**);

- b) The closing date for receipt of offers of secondment is **Friday, 28 February 2020, 17:00 h Brussels time.**

The selection procedure will take place immediately following reception of proposals.

- c) Member States and EU institutions should submit their secondment offers/applications by e-mail, to EEAS – Office of the EUSR for Central Asia, including a detailed curriculum vitae of the applicant, according to the attached form, to the following address:

Office of the EUSR for Central Asia
Email: eusr.centralasia@eeas.europa.eu

- d) Only personnel nominations received through official channels from Member States and institutions of the European Union will be considered.
- e) The candidates considered to be most suitable will be short-listed and interviewed in Brussels or by phone.
- f) The Office of the EUSR for Central Asia will be responsible for notifying Member States of the results of the selection.
- g) The selected candidate will be expected to start work as early as possible.

D. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) Nominated personnel should undergo an extensive medical examination, appropriate vaccinations and be certified medically fit for mission duty by a competent authority from the Member State. A copy of this certification must accompany deployed seconded international experts.
- b) The selected candidates will have to be in possession of the necessary level of security clearance (**EU SECRET** or equivalent). The original certificate of the national security clearance must accompany deployed seconded international experts.
- c) Member States seconding personnel to an EUSR office are kindly reminded that European Commission rules for Special Advisers specify that the concerned Special Adviser/EUSR is solely responsible for the management of seconded personnel, and that seconding Member States are therefore requested not to instruct seconded personnel to undertake any activity on their behalf for the duration of secondment. The seconded staff will be required to sign a corresponding 'undertaking' to this effect upon taking up the position. European Commission rules for Special Advisers also require a certification by Member States who second personnel to an EUSR office that the seconded staff will remain subject throughout the period of secondment to the social security legislation applicable and that the employer will assume expenses incurred abroad.

- d) Any further information regarding the application process for this position may be obtained from the Office of the EUSR for Central Asia, by contacting:

Ms. Nijole Stariene
Office of the EUSR for Central Asia
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Thank you very much in advance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Burian P.', is positioned above the printed name.

Peter BURIAN
EU Special Representative for Central Asia

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