

## **Vacancy notice 2022/024– HQ (AD)**

### **EEAS Vacancy Notice Administrator**

#### **Policy Officer – Integrated Approach: Methodology and Implementation –**

#### **ISP.1.SEC1**

**(EU Staff Members: AD5-12/ Candidates from member states<sup>1</sup>: AD07)**

**Job n. 321085**

#### **We are:**

The European External Action Service (EEAS) supports the High Representative in the exercise of his mandate to conduct and implement an effective and coherent EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), of representing the EU and of chairing the Foreign Affairs Council.

It also supports the High Representative in his capacity as Vice-President of the Commission with regard to his 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 the General Secretariat of the Council, the services of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the European Parliament.

The "Integrated Approach: Methodology and Implementation" Division (ISP.1) is a Division of 18 staff. It is responsible for the effective coordination of the EU response throughout the conflict cycle by working with relevant geographic and thematic services, incl. outside the EEAS, in developing a shared EU strategy and integrated approach in dealing with crises. The division also has the lead in implementing the EU policy on Training for CSDP and is the service of contact with the European Security and Defence College.

ISP.1 is structured along two sectors:

- Sector 1 on Methodology provides methodological tools and practical support to EU actors in key areas such as SSR, DDR, stabilisation, human security, climate change, transitional justice and other crosscutting issues and develops the necessary policy concepts. This sector also promotes knowledge management and organisational learning in the area of Conflict Prevention and Crisis Response (CPCR) by, for example, facilitating lessons processes, and disseminating best practices.
- Sector 2 on Implementation ensures coordination during the active phase of crises through the activation of the Crisis Response Mechanism, and is the leading service on training and exercises under CFSP, which includes the EEAS planning and conduct of PACE exercises and its coordination with NATO staff on behalf of the EU. This sector also coordinates the EEAS strategic guidance on financial crisis response instruments (i.e. Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - NDICI), organises the Regional Integrated Approach Clusters (RIAC) meetings, contributes to the Humanitarian, Development and Peace nexus and steers the implementation of the resulting integrated plans of action.

#### **We propose:**

The position of Policy Officer – Integrated Approach: Methodology and Implementation Division in ISP.1 division: Administrator - AD5-AD12.  
Candidates from national diplomatic services: AD07.

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<sup>1</sup> Candidates from the Member States are candidates from the national diplomatic services or from other public administration bodies whose tasks at the national level are similar to the core tasks of this position in line with Art 98(1) of the Staff Regulations.

The successful candidate will contribute to an EU integrated approach to crises and conflicts that fosters human security, is conflict and human rights sensitive, and strengthens the resilience of states and societies, through i.a. policy and concept development, analysis, context-specific technical advice, and knowledge management.

The successful candidate will be working within the Sector in charge of the methodology of the Integrated Approach and thus contribute to the policy framework for crisis response. To this aim, s/he will work closely with other departments within the MD CSDP-CR structures, EEAS geographical and relevant horizontal teams, EU Delegations, EUSR's, Special Envoys, Commission services and international partners.

The specific areas of responsibility for this position are development and implementation of policy frameworks for Security Sector Reform (SSR), Rule of Law in the context of crises/conflicts as well as contributing to other work strands of the sector, including the link with Disarmament, and Demobilisation and Reintegration of former combatants (DDR). The successful candidate, depending on her/his profile, may also be involved in other work strands of the Division.

**The main responsibilities of the post are as follows:**

Working within Sector 1, under the direction of the Head of Division and Deputy Head of Division, the successful candidate will:

- Contribute to develop EU policies in the areas of Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Rule of Law in the context of crises/conflicts, including coordination with other services.
- Monitor the proper implementation and / or application of EU policies in these areas as well as report on the development and implementation of EU policies in areas covered by the division.
- Draft reports, briefings, policy, methodological, programming and project documents.
- Establish and maintain regular contacts and exchanges in areas covered by the division with other EU services, including delegations, Member States, third countries, international organisations, international and national NGOs, research institutions and the academic community at large.
- Prepare, attend and follow-up meetings of the Council bodies (Political and Security Committee, working parties) and draft briefings and position papers for the division.
- Procure reports, opinions and / or other relevant documents in advance of meetings.
- Co-ordinate activities with geographic and thematic divisions, operational units within the EEAS, as well as with other institutions and delegations.
- Contribute actively to inter-service consultations.
- Liaise with relevant stakeholders within the EU as well as internationally, such as UN, AU, NATO, OSCE, ICRC etc.
- Represent the EEAS and the EU in meetings and other activities organized and conducted by such international organisations, Member States, and other entities as needed, and contribute to the relations with these entities in these areas.
- Provide training in particular in the field of SSR.

This position is classified as an “Administrator” type of post<sup>2</sup> in the grade bracket AD 5-12.

Candidates from the diplomatic services of Member States would be recruited at AD07 level.

The duration of the assignment to the post shall be, in principle, four years.

### **We look for:**

We are looking for an energetic, proactive and motivated policy officer to join a friendly and dynamic team. S/he should demonstrate an active interest in the Integrated Approach for crisis management in fragile and conflict-affected areas and be capable of developing expertise in particular as regards EU policy on Security Sector Reform as the main area of specialisation. Our new colleague should have the ability to engage in discussions / negotiations with different partners, as s/he will also cooperate with several stakeholders from the EU institutions, Member States and international organisations.

### **Legal basis for recruitment to this position:**

The vacancy is to be filled in accordance with the following articles of the Staff regulations<sup>3</sup> (SR): Article 29(1)(a) SR and Article 98 SR; Article 29(1)(b) SR ; Article 29(1)(c) SR

The successful candidate for this position will be:

- appointed in accordance with Article 29(1)(a) of the Staff regulations (SR) if he or she is an official or a temporary agent to whom Article 2(e) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS) applies.
- recruited in accordance with Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the SR if the candidate comes from the national diplomatic service of a Member State; such candidates shall be recruited at the level of AD07.
- recruited in accordance with Article 98(1), second subparagraph, of the SR if the candidate comes from one of the public services of the Member States whose tasks at the national level are similar to the core tasks of this position; such candidates shall be recruited at the level of AD07.
- appointed in accordance with Article 29 (1) (b) of the Staff regulations (SR) if he or she is an official from another institution.
- recruited in accordance with Article 29(1) (c ) if it was not possible to fill the vacant post through any of the previous possibilities mentioned.

### **WE LOOK FOR:**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA<sup>4</sup>**

#### **General**

Further to the conditions set out in Art 28 of the Staff Regulations (SR) or Art 12 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS), candidates must:

1. be officials of the Union institutions, or temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS) applies, or staff from

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<sup>2</sup> According to the Annex I of the Staff Regulations

<sup>3</sup> Staff Regulations of Officials (SR) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS). For reference, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1570023902133&uri=CELEX:01962R0031-20190101>

<sup>4</sup> All the eligibility criteria must be met on the closing date for applications to this post.

diplomatic services of the Member States. In exceptional cases and after having exhausted the possibilities to recruit from the above categories, the EEAS may examine, pursuant to Article 98(1), second subparagraph, of the SR, applications from candidates from other public services of the Member States whose professional experience at the national level is directly relevant to the core tasks of this position. Competition EPSO laureates who are on a valid reserve list established in accordance with Article 30 SR may have their candidatures considered only in the event that no suitable candidate can be found among candidates covered by article 29(1)(a) and article 98 SR or article 29(1)(b) SR;

2. have the capacity to work in the languages (English and French) of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (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 two years' proven, pertinent external relations experience - for staff from national diplomatic services this experience must have been gained from working in a national administration of one of the Member States.

**- SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EU OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY AGENTS FROM NATIONAL DIPLOMATIC SERVICES TO WHOM ARTICLE 2(E) OF THE CEOS APPLIES ("EU STAFF")**

1. EU staff members (i.e. EU officials, and temporary staff to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies) applying for this post must occupy a post in the category AD5–AD12 or have occupied such a post as the last post before their change in administrative status in accordance with Article 35 SR or occupy a post AST and be on the list drawn up according to Article 45a(c) SR (certification list).
2. Due to the need to ensure sound financial management of the limited financial resources and given the fact that the assignment of a staff member to a Delegation has important budgetary and business continuity implications, applications from staff members currently serving in a Delegation are not eligible unless they are included in the rotation or mobility exercises exercise and if the day for submitting the applications for the vacancy notice is less than six months from the end of their ongoing posting. Other applications may only be considered in the interest of the service or in duly justified situations.
3. Candidates who at the moment of the application are EU officials, independently of their administrative status (including officials on leave on personal grounds), cannot request to be recruited as temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS. In the case of applications from EU officials on leave for personal grounds, successful candidates will be reinstated into active employment in accordance with Articles 35(a) and Article 40 of the Staff Regulations.

EEAS Officials assigned according to Article 30 of the annex XIII SR to the type of post "*Senior Administrator in transition*" (AD14) or "*Administrator in transition*" (AD13) can apply for posts which correspond to the type of post of Administrator. If selected they will be transferred within the EEAS. As a consequence, EU officials AD13 and AD14 from other Institutions are not eligible.

4. Candidates who at the moment of the application are Temporary Agents to whom Article 2(e) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS) applies must provide a new statement issued by their Ministry of Foreign Affairs containing the same elements as requested for candidates from member states (see specific eligibility criteria for candidates from the Member States, point 2).

**- SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES FROM THE MEMBER STATES TO BE RECRUITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 98 SR.**

In line with Art 12 of the CEOS and in accordance with the needs of the service, candidates from the diplomatic services of Member States of the Union must:

1. 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.<sup>5</sup>
2. 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;

Candidates must indicate their level of education and professional experience on the application form.

Candidates from national diplomatic services and current temporary agents engaged under Article 2(e) CEOS must be able to return to active service with their Member State after the end of their period of service to EEAS.

The candidates shall provide a statement issued by their Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which contains at least the following elements:

- a. for candidates to be recruited under Art. 98(1), first subparagraph, SR:
  - the post to which the candidate applies;
  - that the candidate is a staff member in active service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the time of application, either as an official or under a permanent employment relation;
  - that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs endorses his/her application to the post;
  - A guarantee of immediate reinstatement in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after the end of their contract with the EEAS.
- b. for candidates to be recruited under Art. 98(1), second subparagraph, SR:
  - the post to which the candidate applies;
  - that the candidate is a staff member in active service in their Ministry/public administration at the time of application, either as an official or under a permanent employment relation;
  - that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs endorses their application to the post in question;
  - that the Member State in question/the Ministry of origin guarantees the immediate reinstatement of the candidate in question (to the national public service/public administration/the Ministry of origin) after the end of their contract with the EEAS.

If candidates are unable to provide this document from their Ministry of Foreign Affairs, their application will be deemed ineligible.

Furthermore, candidates who would be recruited as temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS must be in a position to serve during the full duration of their assignment within the maximum duration of engagement in the EEAS.

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<sup>5</sup> 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 2.

3. Candidates from the Member States should be in active employment in their public service of origin at the moment of the application.

### **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 experience and knowledge of CFSP and CSDP-related issues;
- have knowledge and/or experience of crisis management from Headquarters and/or possibly from the field;
- have knowledge of and/or proven experience in the areas of Security Sector Reform (SSR) as well as Rule of Law in the context of crises/conflicts.

Furthermore:

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

would be considered assets.

### **TYPE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT FOR CANDIDATES FROM NATIONAL DIPLOMATIC SERVICES**

If the successful candidate is not an EU staff member, he or she will be required to undergo a medical examination to ensure that she or he is physically fit to perform the duties.

The successful candidate will be offered a temporary contract under Article 2(e) of the CEOS. Such contracts may not exceed 4 years in duration; their expiry will as far as possible be aligned to the usual date of mobility at Headquarters (currently 31 August each year).

All newly engaged temporary staff 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 she or he does not already hold EU SECRET level security clearance, in accordance with the relevant security provisions.

Successful candidates from the Member States will be required to sign a conflict of interest form as part of the recruitment process.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The EEAS is committed to an equal opportunities policy for all its employees and applicants for employment. As an employer, the EEAS is committed to promoting gender equality and to preventing discrimination on any grounds. It actively welcomes applications from all qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds and from the broadest possible geographical basis amongst the EU Member States. We aim at a service which is truly representative of society, where each staff member feels respected, is able to give their best and can develop their full potential.

Candidates with disabilities are invited to contact the functional mailbox ([EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu)) in order to accommodate any special needs and provide assistance to ensure the possibility to pass the selection procedure in equality of opportunities with other candidates. If a candidate with a disability is selected for a vacant post, the EEAS is committed to providing reasonable accommodation in accordance with Art 1d.4 of the Staff Regulations.

## **PROCEDURE<sup>6</sup>**

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

### **1. Application**

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. 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.

In case of connection problems, you can also refer to the complete EU Login user guide: [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/manuals/EU\\_Login\\_Tutorial.pdf](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/manuals/EU_Login_Tutorial.pdf)

During the on-line application procedure candidates will have to upload their CV and motivation letter (in English or French). Candidates are invited to use the "Europass" CV format (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>) for their applications.

Candidates from the Member States will, in addition, have to upload a copy of their passport/ID and the statement by their Ministry for Foreign Affairs mentioned above under eligibility criteria applicable to candidates from member states (see paragraph 2).

The closing date for the submission of applications is **02 MARCH 2022 at 12.00 midday** (CET - Brussels' time). Please note that the only way to submit an application is using the on-line system.

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<sup>6</sup> Your personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) 2018/1725. The privacy statement is available on EEAS webpage: [http://eeas.europa.eu/data\\_protection/privacy/index\\_en.html](http://eeas.europa.eu/data_protection/privacy/index_en.html)

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 procedures, please use the following email address: [EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu)

## **2. Pre-selection**

The pre-selection will be done by a panel on the basis of the qualifications and the professional experience described in the CV and motivation letter. The panel will preselect a limited number of eligible candidates who best meet the selection criteria for the post and proceed to invite those candidates for an interview.

## **3. Selection**

The candidates who have been preselected 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 make a recommendation to the AIPN, who will make the final selection.

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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