

VACANCY NOTICE: Director of the European Union Institute for Security Studies – Candidates from the Member States –

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The Director is responsible for the management of all the staff of the EUISS (currently 25)² and of its financial resources (2022: approx. EUR 5,4 millions).

The EUISS is based in Paris (France) and has a liaison office in Brussels (Belgium).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates shall have a recognised long-standing expertise and experience in foreign relations, security policy and diplomacy, and related research. This entails in particular:

- a solid track record of policy formulation, research, communication and implementation in that area;
- a sound knowledge and understanding of EU policies and decision-making processes;
- managerial skills and being a team-builder.

Experience of leading a think tank would be considered as an asset.

The function implies to be able to work in English and French. Knowledge of other EU languages would also be considered as an asset.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The new Director of the EUISS will be appointed by the Board of the Institute from candidates proposed by the Member States, based on a recommendation by the High Representative.

Member States are kindly asked to submit the names of potential candidates by 15 June.

The new Director should be able to take up his/her duties on 16 January 2023.

¹ Council Decision 2014/75/CFSP of 10 February 2014 on the European Union Institute for Security Studies (OJ 41, 12.2.2014, p. 13).

² See Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1182 of 18 July 2016 concerning the Staff Regulations of the European Union Institute for Security Studies (OJ L 195, 20.7.2016, p. 31).