

## CO-FINANCED

## Seconded National Expert/Counter Terrorism and security

## Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (New York)

## AD level post

Job No 270847

**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.

**We propose:**

The position of Seconded National Expert covering Security/Counter Terrorism issues at the EU Delegation to the United Nations in New York – **the EU Counter Terrorism / Security Expert to the United Nations**. The position constitutes a “co-financed” secondment, i.e. salary, insurances, accommodation and other costs are to be paid by the EU MS as appropriate and specific allowances to be paid by the EEAS.

Overall purpose: to contribute to the development of the EU's external dimension on counter terrorism (CT) in relation to EU-UN cooperation on CT by representing the European Union in relevant UN policy debates and in contacts with UN entities. Coordinate EU Member States' Delegations to the UN on topics related to CT and security. Contribute to analysis and reporting. The Expert will be based in New York. S/he will be a member of the EU CT/Security Experts Network and, as such, will be accountable to EEAS HQ for related tasks and assignments.

**We are looking for:**

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a highly motivated colleague (SNE) to occupy the post of Seconded National Expert (SNE) covering **multilateral counter terrorism/security issues** to the **EU Delegation to the United Nations (New York)**.

The expert will:

- advance general EU policies on counter terrorism (CT) and preventing/countering violent extremism (P/CVE), in discussions with UN Member States and UN entities;
- contribute to EU representation and positioning on UN CT and P/CVE-related topics, for example in relation to the bi-annual Review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (GCTS), including drafting position papers and speaking points, EU coordination, outreach activities and negotiation;
- contribute to the preparatory elements of the EU's work vis-à-vis the UN Security Council and the Counter Terrorism Committees (Resolutions 1267, 1373, 1540);
- contribute to tasks related to counter terrorism sanctions;
- serve as the EU focal point for all UN CT entities (including UNOCT, UNODC, Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate, Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force and UN Centre);
- contribute to the preparatory process for the work of the UNGA Sixth Committee on matters of counter terrorism and P/CVE;
- identify opportunities for capacity building initiatives, in line with EU policy priorities;
- where appropriate, explore cooperation with UN peace keeping operations in relation to CT and P/CVE;
- liaise with relevant civil society organisations (CSOs) and think tanks, for example on human rights issues;
- provide analysis and advice, monitoring and reporting;

- contribute to the coherence of relevant EU external policy activities in the UN, to the formulation of the EU strategy in relation to the UN, and to political dialogue and strategy on counter terrorism and P/CVE;
- seek and explore synergies with EU efforts in other, related, fora, such as the Global Counter Terrorism Forum (GCTF) and the Global Coalition Against Da'esh;
- support EU high level officials' missions and maintain excellent contacts with EU Member States' colleagues, as well as third states' diplomats and UN bodies and their representatives.

#### **Legal basis:**

This vacancy is to be filled in accordance with EEAS Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Decision HR DEC (2014)01 of 04/02/2014 establishing the rules applicable to National Experts seconded to the European External Action Service.

#### **Eligibility criteria:**

Candidates must:

- a) Be drawn from public administrations in Member States, from international organisations or, only in exceptional cases and with prior authorisation from other sources;
- b) Have at least three years' full-time experience of administrative, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions equivalent to those of function groups AD or AST as defined in the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the Union<sup>1</sup> or, where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.
- c) Have a thorough knowledge of one Union language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second language for the performance of his/her duties.
- d) Have a security clearance of minimum level **EU-SECRET** for the functions that he/she will carry out.
- e) Remain in the service of the employer throughout the period of secondment and shall be paid by that employer.
- f) Remain subject to the social security legislation applicable to the public administration, international administration or entity which employs the SNE and which will assume responsibility for expenses incurred abroad. In case of posting to an EU Delegation, the employer certifies that the SNE is covered for medical expenses incurred at the place of secondment, as well as costs of repatriation on health grounds throughout the full period of secondment
- g) Ensure that there is no conflict of interest and that they will, at all times, safeguard the independence and coherence of EU foreign policy as well as the integrity and confidentiality of EU documentation, information and procedures.

#### **Selection criteria:**

**Candidates should:**

##### **A. Professional knowledge**

- Have professional experience of at least 5 years, preferably in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice or Police. Experience in counter terrorism, prevention of violent extremism, deradicalisation, human rights or related issues is required.
- Experience within a diplomatic or an international policy-related service at HQ and/or in the EU and/or third country missions is desirable. Previous UN experience would be an advantage, as would good working knowledge of the EU (institutional) environment and instruments in the area of CT/EU external action. Proven reporting and analysis capacity is required.

##### **B. Skills**

- Have the capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment. Intercultural sensitivity skills are required.
- Be a team worker and have good coordination and communication skills. Diplomatic aptitude and capacity

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<sup>1</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>

to conduct negotiations. Ability to build and maintain a network of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.

- Have solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions

### **C. Languages**

- Proficiency (capacity to write and speak fluently) in English is required. Knowledge of French would be an asset.

### **D. Personal Qualities**

- Dynamic and motivated, flexible and positive personality. Ability to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges.

### **E. 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 that 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 ([SNE-Delegations@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:SNE-Delegations@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.

### **F. Conditions of secondment**

SNEs shall remain in the service of their employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer. The EEAS will provide for the allowances in order to contribute to cover the SNE's living expenses in the place of secondment on a flat-rate basis. These allowances shall not be construed as remuneration paid by the EEAS.

Duration of the secondment: Initial period of two years, renewable (2+2) up to 4 years.

Co-financed SNEs shall be entitled to a:

- Daily allowance (150.58€/ calendar day) throughout the period of secondment
- Monthly allowance calculated according to the distance between the point of origin of the employer and the place of secondment (between 0 to 849.67 €/month)
- Living Condition Allowance : not applicable

The EEAS will cover for certain security costs and missions costs incurred by the SNE posted in the EU Delegation. Other costs such as removal costs, salary, insurance, accommodation, schooling, etc. shall not be covered by the EEAS.

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**For further information, please contact:** [SNE-DELEGATIONS@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:SNE-DELEGATIONS@eeas.europa.eu)