

Vacancy notice 2023/094– HQ (AD)

EEAS Vacancy Notice Administrator

Administrator – Deputy Head of Division – EEAS.Africa.3

(EU Staff Members: AD5-12/ Candidates from member states¹: AD09)

Job n. 169121

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 AFRICA.3 Division is responsible for relations with the 16 countries in West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo) as well as with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), being the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), and also with the G5 Sahel. The Division is composed of 15 colleagues.

We propose:

The position of **Deputy Head of Division** in West Africa (Africa.3) division: Administrator - AD5-AD12.

Candidates from national diplomatic services: AD09.

We look for:

We are seeking a highly motivated individual to be Deputy Head of Division for EEAS West Africa (Africa 3). Under the coordination of the Head of Division, they will assist, and when requested, replace the Head of Division, in ensuring the smooth running of the Division so as to meet the mission and objectives of the EEAS, MD Africa, and the West Africa Division. The main responsibilities cover general coordination and management; political guidance, external relations and communication; and internal coordination and communication. For these three main areas the principal tasks are set out below.

General coordination and management

- Assist the Head of Division in supervising, checking and controlling staff work, to ensure the Division's output respects EEAS quality standards, timelines, and deadlines.
- Assist the Head of Division in the allocation of tasks and responsibilities to Division staff in order to achieve the expected results and outputs using the resources allocated to the unit in the most effective and efficient manner.

¹ 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.

- Assist the Head of Division in establishing and adapting the Division's objectives in order to implement the EEAS's and Managing Directorate's work programme and to contribute to the various internal or external reporting exercises.
- Assist the Head of Division in ensuring effective planning and management of the Division's activities, notably as regards mentoring, training, general personnel questions, recruitment, budgetary issues, including mission budget.
- Assist the Head of Division in managing the relations with the 16 EU Delegations, regarding political guidance, general management of the Delegation, recruitment and appraisal strategy and processes, security and consular affairs, and implementation of the EEAS and MD Africa work programme and priorities regarding the region.

Political guidance, external relations and communication

- Provide guidance for policy orientation, policy formulation and the development of policy issues and development cooperation with the 16 West African countries and the regional organisations, in particular ECOWAS, UEMOA, and the G5 Sahel.
- Contribute to and participate in consultations with partner countries/regional organizations authorities, in particular for Ministerial meetings.
- Contribute to and participate in consultations with organizations and civil society on policy and strategy issues related to the Division's competence.
- Contribute to and participate in consultations with major donor countries/regional organisations and institutions, or other actors, on policy and strategy issues related to the Division's competence.
- Contribute to and participate in international fora and negotiations regarding policy and strategy issues with the 16 West African countries.
- Organise and participate in consultation and coordination meetings with Representatives of the Member States; contribute to the preparation and participate in COAFR meetings.

Internal coordination and communication

- Consult and coordinate with other Managing Directorates, Directorates and Divisions of the EEAS, European Commission, as well as other EU institutions and services, on issues of relevance to the Division's activities and in shared areas of activity or responsibility.
- Participate in relevant Committee and Working Group meetings, including with the Council, the Commission, and the Parliament.
- Supervise and contribute to inter-service consultations and other inter-services exercises, including on programming and implementation of various EU policies in the West Africa region.
- Establish and maintain appropriate chains of information and feedback to staff and management on progress and outcomes of Division activities.

This position is classified as an "Administrator" type of post² in the grade bracket AD 5-12. Candidates from the diplomatic services of Member States would be recruited at AD09 level.

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

The vacancy is to be filled in accordance with the following articles of the Staff regulations³ (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:

² According to the Annex I of the Staff Regulations

³ 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>

- 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 AD09.
- 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 AD09.
- 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 CRITERIA⁴

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 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 3 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

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

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 and if the day for submitting the applications for the vacancy notice is less than six months from the end of their current 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.⁵
2. 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;

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.

⁵ 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.

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 the application to the post to which the candidate applies;
 - a guarantee of immediate reinstatement in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 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.

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 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 the key areas of political analysis, security, and/or other key EU policies for external relations.
- strong knowledge of French and English;

Furthermore:

- experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation); in particular in Africa;

- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
- experience of negotiations, political processes, diplomatic relations and networking, including a specific experience in a national diplomatic service;
- experience of management;
- experience of contribution to the management of crisis situations and security related issues;

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) 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.

PROCEDURE⁶

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 aforementioned 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

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 a recent statement by their Ministry for Foreign Affairs (issued within the past 6 months) confirming their membership of a diplomatic service, or endorsement in case of candidates to be recruited under Art. 98(1), second subparagraph, SR3

The closing date for the submission of applications is **30 May 2023 at 12.00 midday** (CET - 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 procedures, please use the following email address: 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, and will produce a shortlist of a limited number of eligible candidates who best meet the selection criteria for the post.

⁶ 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/rights/index_en.html

3. Selection

The candidates who have been shortlisted 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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