

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



WESTERN BALKANS

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TO: PSC AMBASSADORS

SUBJECT: Call for Contributions for the EU Special Representative in Kosovo* (EUSR) support team vacancies:

Head of Rule of Law & Legal Section (VN 001/2026)
Seconded– Expert Level
1 position (Pristina)

REFERENCE: Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/1726 of 13 July 2026

Dear PSC Ambassadors,

A. BACKGROUND

The mandate of the EUSR in Kosovo, according to the Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/1726 of 13 July 2026, is based on the policy objectives of the Union in Kosovo. In order to achieve the policy objectives, the mandate of the EUSR is to support Kosovo's European perspective and rapprochement with the Union, in line with its regional perspective, in accordance with the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and with Decision (EU) 2015/1988, and in line with the relevant Council conclusions, through targeted public communication and Union outreach activities designed to ensure a broader understanding and support from the Kosovo public on issues related to the Union, including the work of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO); monitor, assist and facilitate, by all the means and instruments at the disposal of the EUSR and with the support of the Union Office in Kosovo, progress on political, economic and European priorities including security and Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), in line with respective institutional competencies and responsibilities, and support the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, including through the European Reform Agenda; contribute to the development and consolidation of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Kosovo, including with regard to women and children, gender, diversity and inclusion and protection of minorities, in accordance with the Union's human rights policy and Union Guidelines on Human Rights; promote overall Union political coordination in Kosovo; strengthen the presence of the Union in Kosovo and ensure its coherence, effectiveness and visibility; coordinate the public communication strategy of the Union in Kosovo, including by working closely with the EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and the Head of EULEX

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

KOSOVO; provide local political guidance to the Head of EULEX KOSOVO, including on the political aspects of issues relating to the Mission's executive responsibilities, as well as on the eventual transfer of its activities to the EUSR or the Union Office in Kosovo and/or to the local authorities, as appropriate and if local circumstances permit; support, as required, the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue facilitated by the High Representative, with emphasis on promoting a conducive environment for the process; offer local political advice and expertise to the EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue; support the mandate of the Specialist Chambers and the Specialist Prosecutor Office, as appropriate, in coordination with EULEX KOSOVO, including through communication and outreach.

B. CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The EUSR support team was established after the adoption by the Council of the Joint Action establishing the EUSR in Kosovo.

The aim of this call for contributions is to select highly qualified international expert for the described position for the EUSR support team.

EU Member States and Institutions are therefore requested to second experts to the following available position:

Head of Rule of Law & Legal Section (VN 001/2026)
Seconded– Expert Level
1 position (Pristina)

C. METHODOLOGY

1. Member States and Institutions of the European Union, as well as interested candidates, are requested to examine the profile and job description and ensure that:
 - candidates meet the listed criteria described in the essential requirements and in the specific job description (Annex 1- Call for contributions);
 - each candidate completes the standard job Application Form in English (Annex 2).
2. Candidates proposed for secondment should satisfy in full the criteria set out in the job description. The main criteria for suitability for posts are professional and specific skills and experience. The aim is to select the best qualified candidate.
3. Applications (Annex 2) should be submitted at the earliest convenience, **but not later than 11 October 2026.**
4. Member States, EU Institutions and interested candidates should submit their personnel offers / applications, using the Annex 2 form to the following email address:

recruitment@eusrinkosovo.eu

5. Nominations for seconded candidates will be considered only if received through official channels from Member States (i.e. through Permanent Representations in Brussels) and EU Institutions.
6. A selection board will be responsible for the selection procedure following reception of candidacies.

7. Applications for this position will be subject to analysis and interview process.
8. Within the framework of the selection procedure, the candidates considered to be most suitable will be shortlisted and interviewed by audio/video webex/phone, before the final selection is made. Candidates should be selected on the basis of relevant competence and experience.
9. In case a candidate for seconded post is required to travel to Pristina for interviews, the seconding Member State / EU institution will bear any related costs.
10. The EEAS will notify Member States and institutions of the European Union of the outcome of the selection process.

D. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All selected personnel should undergo a medical examination and be certified medically fit for mission duty by a competent authority from the Member State. This certification must accompany deployed seconded and contracted international experts.
2. The selected candidates will have to be in possession of the necessary level of Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) as specified in the respective job description.
3. The EU strives to improve gender balance in conformity with UNSCR 1325. The General Secretariat encourages Member States and European Institutions to take this into account when offering contributions.
4. Any further information required related to the selection and deployment of the EU seconded or contracted experts may be obtained from the EUSR Support Team by contacting:

Plamen Petkov (Mr) – EUSR Support Team
Tel: +383 49 78 72 17; email: recruitment@eusrinkosovo.eu

Zoi Muletier (Ms) - Kosovo Desk officer
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Yours sincerely,

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ANNEXES:

- Call for Contributions - Essential Requirements, Job Category and Specific Job Descriptions for International Civilian Experts (Annex 1)
- Standard Application Form (Annex 2).

