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Vacancy Notice 2026/207– HQ (AD) Policy Officer in the

Human Rights Division (POL.MULTILATERAL.3)

Type of post "Administrator"

Job no. 434114

Eligibility grade for EU officials and current temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS: AD 5 – AD 12 / Grade of recruitment for candidates from the Member States[1]: AD 7

WE ARE

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is the European Union's diplomatic service. Since 2011, the EEAS carries out the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) to promote peace, prosperity, security, and the interests of the EU across the globe. It brings together European civil servants, diplomats from EU Member States, national experts and local staff worldwide.

The EEAS supports the High Representative in the exercise of her mandate to steer the Union's CFSP, including the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), to represent the EU on issues relating to the CFSP and to chair the Foreign Affairs Council. It also supports her as Vice-President of the Commission with regard to her responsibilities within the Commission, including the coordination of other aspects of the EU's external action. The EEAS works in close cooperation with the EU Member States, the General Secretariat of the Council, the services of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the European Parliament.

The EEAS Headquarters are in Brussels. It is also responsible for the management of the network of 145 Union Delegations and Offices worldwide. These Diplomatic Representations play a vital role in representing the EU in the country where they are based, in promoting the values and interests of the EU, and in building networks and partnerships. They are responsible for all policy areas of the relationship between the EU and the host country/organisation.

The role of the Human Rights Division is to contribute to the realisation of the EU Treaty commitment and political objective of promoting human rights, the rule of law and democracy worldwide. The division is responsible for conducting and coordinating the EU's human rights policy towards third countries bilaterally, regionally and in the multilateral framework, as well as programming the relevant external assistance instrument(s).

WE PROPOSE

The post of Policy Officer in the Human Rights Division (POL Multilateral.3).

Under the authority of the Head of Division, the successful candidate will:

[1] Candidates from the Member States are candidates from the national diplomatic services, in line with Article 98(1), first subparagraph of the Staff Regulations.

- Analyse, coordinate, develop, implement and monitor EU external human rights policy, notably EU priorities across UN human rights fora and the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Third Committee.
- Contribute to policy development pertaining to multilateral human rights issues, and coordinate EU positions in multilateral human rights fora with EU Member States.
- Draft briefings, policy papers, resolutions and statements in multilateral human rights fora and ensure their follow-up.
- Contribute to policy development in selected thematic areas, enhance the EU's action in third countries and follow up the multilateral dimension,
- Analyse the human rights situation of a specific region or group of countries in close collaboration with other EEAS services and EU Delegations.
- Prepare, participate and follow up on Human Rights Dialogues and human rights aspects of Political Dialogues.
- Represent the EEAS, where appropriate, at Council and European Parliament's Committee meetings and other inter-institutional meetings, and maintain contacts in the jobholder's areas of responsibility with third countries and civil society.
- Contribute to implementing the mandate of the Human Rights division in other areas, as necessary.

This position is classified as an "Administrator" type of post[2] in the grade bracket AD 5 – AD 12.

If selected for the post, candidates from the Member States will be recruited at grade AD 7.

Current EEAS temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (hereafter, the "CEOS") applies and who have a higher grade than the one determined above for candidates from the Member States shall retain their current grade in case of selection for the post. If their grade is below the one set for candidates from the Member States, they will be reclassified at grade AD 7.

Candidates who, at the time of their application, are temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS currently employed in the EEAS should be in a position to serve during the full duration of the assignment of the post, which is in principle four years, within the limits provided for by Article 50(b)(2) of the CEOS[3].

PLACE and DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

EEAS Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium

Post available: 1 January 2027

LEGAL BASIS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THIS POSITION

The successful candidate for this position will be:

- appointed in accordance with Article 29(1)(a) or 29(1)(b) of the Staff Regulations (hereafter, the "SR") if they are an EU official;
- recruited in accordance with Article 29(1)(a) and Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the SR and Article 2(e) of the CEOS if the candidate comes from the national

[2] According to Annex I to the Staff Regulations and the relevant EEAS internal rules.

[3] Decision ADMIN(2023) 24 on the maximum duration of engagement by the European External Action Service of non-permanent staff under successive limited duration contracts of different types, and on the minimum lapse of time between successive contracts under Article 2(e) of the CEOS.

diplomatic service of a Member State or reassigned if they are a temporary agent to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies;
- recruited in accordance with Article 29(1)(c) of the SR (competition laureates) if it was not possible to fill the vacant post through any of the previous possibilities mentioned.

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Eligibility Criteria[4]

- General

In addition to the conditions set out in Article 28 of the SR for EU officials or in Article 12 of the CEOS for temporary agents, candidates must:

1. be an EU official, an EEAS temporary agent to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies or a member of staff from the national diplomatic service of a Member State;
2. have the capacity to work in the languages of the CFSP and external relations (English and French);
3. have at least 2 years' proven, pertinent experience in external relations.

EPSO and EEAS internal competition laureates who are on a valid reserve list established in accordance with Article 30 of the SR may have their applications considered only in the event that no suitable candidate can be found among candidates covered by Article 29(1)(a) and Article 98(1), first subparagraph of the SR, or by Article 29(1)(b) of the SR;

- Specific eligibility criteria for EU officials and temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies

1. EU officials or temporary staff to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies must occupy a post in the grade bracket AD 5 – AD 12, or have occupied such a post before their change in administrative status in accordance with Article 35 of the SR, or occupy an AST post and be on the list drawn up according to Article 45(a)(c) of the 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, candidates currently serving in a Delegation will be eligible only if the deadline for applications is less than six months from the end of their current posting. Other applications may only be considered in the interest of the service.

3. Due to the need to ensure business continuity, applications from candidates who have less than two years in their current post in Headquarters at the date of their application are not eligible. Their application may only be considered in the interest of the service.

4. Candidates who, at the time of the application, are EU officials, independently of their administrative status under Article 35 of the SR, cannot request to be recruited as temporary agents. In the case of applications from EU officials on leave for personal grounds, successful candidates will be reinstated into active employment within the meaning of Article 35(a) of the SR.

5. Candidates who, at the time of the application, are temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies must be in a position to serve the full duration of the assignment before reaching the age of retirement foreseen under Article 52(a)

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

of the SR, applicable to temporary agents by virtue of Article 47(a) of the CEOS.

6. Candidates who, at the time of the application, are temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies, must provide a **new certificate** issued by their Ministry of Foreign Affairs[5] (hereafter, the "MFA") containing the same elements as requested for candidates from the national diplomatic services of the Member States (see specific eligibility criteria for candidates from the national diplomatic services of the Member States).

7. Candidates who, at the time of their application, are temporary agents to whom Article 2(e) of the CEOS applies, must also fulfil the general eligibility criteria, as well as the specific eligibility criteria for candidates from the Member States.

- Specific eligibility criteria for candidates from the national diplomatic services of the Member States to be recruited in accordance with Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the SR and Article 2(e) of the CEOS

In line with Article 12 of the CEOS and in accordance with the needs of the service, candidates from the national diplomatic services of the Member States 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[6].

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.

3. The candidates shall provide a certificate issued by the national diplomatic service/MFA of their Member State of origin[7], which contains at least the following elements:
    - the post for which the candidate applies;
    - confirmation that the candidate is a staff member in active service in their national diplomatic service at the time of the application, either as a government official/civil servant or under a permanent employment relationship with the MFA; or that they have the same status/employment relationship at another national administration of their Member State and are on formal secondment to their MFA or an entity placed under the authority of the MFA such as an embassy, a permanent representation or a mission of the Member State accredited to an international organisation;
    - endorsement by the MFA of their application for the post;
    - a guarantee of immediate reinstatement at the end of their period of service with the EEAS, as required under Article 50(b)(2) of the CEOS.

Model of the abovementioned certificate is provided in **Annex I** of this vacancy notice.

If candidates are unable to provide this document from the MFA of their Member State of origin, their application will be deemed ineligible.

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[5] Notwithstanding national terminology that may vary from one Member State to another.

[6] 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.

[7] See corresponding certificate annexed to the present vacancy notice

Candidates must be in a position to serve the full duration of the assignment within the duration of their service with the EEAS or before reaching the age of retirement foreseen under Article 52(a) of the SR, applicable to temporary agents by virtue of Article 47(a) of the CEOS.

Candidates from the national diplomatic services of Member States, who have served continuously 8 or up to the maximum of 10 years as temporary agents under Article 2(e) of the CEOS pursuant to Article 50(b)(2) of the CEOS, are not eligible before a lapse of at least 2 years from the termination of their last contract under Article 2(e) of the CEOS[8].

Selection Criteria:

Candidates should have:

- an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation, communication and management in a complex, multicultural environment;
- an excellent capacity to create constructive working relations with national authorities, civil society, international organisations and EU Member States;
- strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement;
- excellent knowledge of the EU's internal and external policies and instruments, and of the functioning of the Union and its inter-institutional framework;
- experience and knowledge of CFSP and CSDP;
- have thematic knowledge and experience in the field of human rights.
- have the capacity to work and deliver within time constraints, notably in an international/multilingual environment;
- have the capacity to express himself/herself in a clear and structured manner, to listen and to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing;
- have the capacity to communicate clearly (writing and presenting efficiently) in English;
- be a responsible team player with good inter-personal skills; have the capacity to work with others within the team and beyond, replacing colleagues where necessary and the capacity to coordinate within the team and beyond.

Furthermore:

- experience of working in an embassy, a delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation),
- experience of working with or for the UN, either at HQ or in the field,
- experience in negotiations,
- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment, and
- capacity to communicate in other official EU or UN languages
- would be considered assets.

TYPE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT FOR NEW TEMPORARY AGENTS

The successful candidate will be offered a contract of temporary agent 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 with the usual date of mobility at Headquarters (currently 31 August each year).

All newly engaged temporary staff will be required to complete a probationary period of 9 months, in accordance with Article 14 of the CEOS.

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[8] Decision ADMIN(2023) 24 on the maximum duration of engagement by the European External Action Service of non-permanent staff under successive limited duration contracts of different types, and on the minimum lapse of time between successive contracts under Article 2(e) of the CEOS.

CONDITIONS OF RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND SECURITY RISKS

As a matter of policy, applications by individuals who have dual nationality of which one of a non-EU country, will be considered on a case-by-case basis taking account in particular of the functions attributed to the vacant post. The EEAS also examines if there could be a conflict of interest or security risks.

In this context, **all candidates shall fill with their application a declaration of potential conflict of interest (Annex II)**.

MEDICAL CLEARANCE

If the successful candidate is not an EU official or a temporary agent currently employed in the EEAS, he/she will be required to undergo a medical examination to ensure that he/she is physically fit to perform the duties.

PERSONNEL SECURITY CLEARANCE

The requested level of security clearance for this post is: SECRET UE/EU SECRET. A description of the EU classified information levels is available under Article 2 of Annex A of the Decision ADMIN(2023) 18 on the security rules of the EEAS[9].

A valid Personnel Security Clearance (hereafter, the "PSC")[10] allowing access to classified information, issued by the competent national authority in accordance with national laws and regulations, is mandatory at the moment of application in order to enter the selection process.

The selected candidate may still be required to obtain a new PSC for the present post in accordance with national laws and regulations and with the procedure laid down in the Decision ADMIN(2025) 42 on Implementing Rules and Procedures for Personnel Security measures for protection of EU Classified Information of 20 November 2025 and in Annex A I of the Decision ADMIN(2023) 18 on the security rules of the EEAS. Until the new PSC is issued, the selected candidate may not be authorised to access EUCI at the level of CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above, or to participate in any meetings or workflow where EUCI is processed.

Please note that the necessary procedure for obtaining a PSC can be initiated on request of the employer only, and not by the individual candidate.

In case of failure to obtain or renew the required PSC, the AACC may take the appropriate measures in accordance with Article 7 of the Decision ADMIN(2025) 42 on Implementing Rules and Procedures for Personnel Security measures for protection of EU Classified Information of 20 November 2025.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The EEAS strives to be a dynamic, respectful and inclusive Service. We value the talent and professional excellence of our staff, and are committed to building an organisation where gender equality and the respect of diversity are core values, as set out in the EEAS Mission Statement and the EEAS Agenda for Diversity and Inclusion. The EEAS is committed to achieving gender balance within its workforce and strives to avoid any form of discrimination during this selection procedure, as per Article 1(d) of the SR. We actively

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[9] OJ C 263, 26 July 2023, p.16.

[10] The 'Personnel Security Clearance' is defined under point 2 of Annex A I of the Decision ADMIN(2023) 18 on the security rules of the EEAS as "a statement by a competent authority of a Member State which is made following completion of a security investigation conducted by the competent authorities of a Member State and which certifies that an individual may, provided his 'need-to-know' has been determined, be granted access to EUCI up to a specified level (CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above) until a specified date; the individual thus described is said to be 'security cleared'."

welcome applications from all qualified candidates without any discrimination based on any ground. We commit to recruit candidates with the highest standard of ability, efficiency and integrity, carrying out a selection based on merits required for the post and from the broadest possible geographical basis among the EU Member States.

The EEAS is committed to working with people with disabilities in the terms of the SR. If, by virtue of your medical condition or special needs, you require reasonable accommodation for a part or the entirety of this selection process, please send us an email to EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu. Your request will be treated in strict confidence and no record will be kept. If a candidate with a disability is selected for a vacant post, the EEAS is committed to providing reasonable accommodation in accordance with Article 1(d)(4) of the SR.

All selected candidates are expected to adhere to the Principles of Professional Behaviour of the EEAS, which outline the need for integrity, transparency, respect, professionalism and accountability, and a zero tolerance approach to any form of harassment

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE[11]

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 applicable to their situation in order to avoid automatic exclusion from the selection procedure.

Candidates must apply through the online system:

https://eapplication.eeas.europa.eu

To log on to the system, an EU Login account is required. Candidates without an account can register through the afore-mentioned link or here: https://trusted-digital-identity.europa.eu/index_en . Candidates who are existing EU staff members with a corporate EU Login account should use that account for their application. In case of technical issues, you may refer to the EU Login user portal for further assistance or use the helpdesk facility via the "Contact Support" function.

During the online application procedure, candidates will have to upload their CV, motivation letter (in English or French) and the declaration of potential conflict of interest (**Annex II**). Candidates are invited to use the "Europass" CV format (https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv) for their applications.

Candidates from the Member States will, in addition, have to upload a copy of their passport/ID and the certificate issued (within the past 6 months) by the MFA of their Member State of origin.

The closing date for the submission of applications is **15 December 2026 at 12:00** (CET - Brussels' time). Please note that the only way to submit an application is using the online system.

As the system may experience peak activity around the deadline, candidates are strongly advised to submit their application as early as possible.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For correspondence concerning the selection procedures, please use the following email address: EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu

[11] Your personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) 2018/1725. The privacy statement is available on EEAS webpage: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/eeas-privacy-statement-data-protection-notice-purpose-processing-personal-data-related-recruitment-0_en

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.

3. Selection

The pre-selected candidates who best meet the selection criteria 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 recommend a shortlist of candidates to the Appointing Authority/AACC that will make the final selection. If appropriate, the relevant Director, Managing Director or other senior manager of the recruiting division may conduct confirmatory interviews, prior to the final selection by the Appointing Authority/AACC.

It is recalled that, if the interest of the service so requires, the selection procedure can be terminated at any stage and the post be filled by a transfer in accordance with Article 7 of the SR.

If the successful candidate accepts the position, they will be expected to take up duties on the post. Consequently, their applications to other vacant posts within the EEAS will only be considered after two years on the post. Derogations may be granted in the interest of the service.

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ANNEX I

CERTIFICATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS, ENDORSEMENT AND REINSTATEMENT[1]

Staff from national diplomatic services of the Member States (Article 98(1), first subparagraph, of the Staff Regulations)

It is certified herewith that for the purposes of the application for the post(s) of *Click or tap here to enter text.*, Mr/Ms *Click or tap here to enter text.* is employed on a permanent basis by the national diplomatic service[2] of *insert Member State* and is in active service on the date of signature of the present certificate.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs[3] of *insert Member State* endorses the application of Mr/Ms *Click or tap here to enter text.* for the above post(s).

In accordance with Article 6(11) of the Decision 2010/427/EU of the Council and Article 50b(2) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, Mr/Ms *Click or tap here to enter text.* has a guarantee of immediate reinstatement in active service at the end of his/her period of service to the EEAS.

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1 To be completed and certified by the competent authority of the national diplomatic service.

2 Candidates having a permanent employment relationship with a government ministry of their Member State, other than the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or equivalent, and who, at the time of their application, are on formal secondment to their Member State's MFA or an entity placed under the authority of the MFA (such as a Permanent representation or a mission of the Member State accredited to an international organisation) may also be considered as member of the national diplomatic service of that Member state.

3 Notwithstanding national terminology that may vary from one Member State to another.

ANNEX II

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO BE FILLED BY CANDIDATES

Article 11(3) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union (SR):
"*Before recruiting an official, the Appointing Authority shall examine whether the candidate has any personal interest such as to impair his independence or any other conflict of interest. To that end, the candidate, using a specific form, shall inform the appointing authority of any actual or potential conflict of interest. In such cases, the Appointing Authority shall take this into account in a duly reasoned opinion. If necessary, the Appointing Authority shall take measures referred to in Article 11a(2)".*

Article 11a(2) of the SR:
"*Any official to whom it falls, in the performance of his duties, to deal with a matter referred to above shall immediately inform the Appointing Authority. The Appointing Authority shall take any appropriate measure, and may in particular relieve the official from responsibility in this matter*".

These provisions apply to temporary agents in accordance with Article 11 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS).

It is the candidates' duty to inform through this form the EEAS of any actual or potential conflict of interest regarding their future tasks. They shall be broad in their identification of actual or potential conflict of interests. It is reminded that it will be up to the administration, and not to the candidates themselves, to assess on this basis whether they are sources of conflict of interests and, if applicable, whether they constitute an issue for the recruitment and, if not, whether they should call for adequate mitigating measures to protect both the interests of the institution and of the selected candidate.

Title/First Name/Last Name:……

Candidate status: ☐ Official of the Institutions of the EU ☐ Current EEAS/EC Temporary Agent ☐ Current EEAS/EC Contract Agent	☐ Candidate from a Member State ☐ EPSO/Internal competition laureate: Competition no.:
Current and former EU nationality/nationalities:	
Current and former non-EU nationality/nationalities:	
Current employer:	
Spouse/partner's EU nationality/nationalities:	

Spouse/partner's non-EU nationality/nationalities:	
Spouse/partner's professional activities:	
Dependents' nationality/nationalities:	

Position applied for: ……

Job number: ……

Directorate/Division: ……

In your opinion, do you have any personal interest, in particular a family or financial interest, or do you represent any other interests of third parties which could actually or potentially impair your independence in the course of your duties in the specific vacancy at the EEAS and which may thus lead to any actual or potential conflict of interest relevant to that position?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please detail:

I hereby certify that the information provided in this form is correct and complete and that my *curriculum vitae* is correct and duly updated.

I understand that any infringement of the above requirements under the SR and the CEOS may lead, *inter alia*, to the withdrawal of an offer of employment or/and, if I am a staff member of an EU institution, to the opening of an administrative investigation based on Article 86 of the SR and to a potential disciplinary procedure under Annex IX to the SR.

Date and signature:

PLEASE FILL IN, PRINT, SIGN AND SCAN
TO BE UPLOADED IN E-APPLICATION ("ATTACHED DOCUMENTS" TAB, Conflicts of Interest).

Electronically signed on 24/11/2026 11:01 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121