

# EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



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To all Representatives to the PSC

Dear Colleagues,

## **Selection of the Head of Mission for EUCAP Sahel Niger**

I am writing to you in reference to the European Union Capacity-building Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger). The mandate of the current Head of Mission, Filip De Ceuninck will come to an end on 15 July 2016. I would like to thank Mr De Ceuninck for his dedication and commitment throughout his tour of duty.

I would like to invite Member States to nominate candidates for the position of Head of Mission EUCAP SAHEL Niger, with commensurate qualities, skills and attributes indicated below.

The position requires a candidate with a solid track record and extensive experience at senior level in the field of rule of law and security in Africa or an applicant with a diplomatic or civil administration background and senior-level experience in CSDP or in other international missions. Strong management and planning skills as well as leadership experience are required. Applicants should have the ability to efficiently handle complex situations under acute time pressure. They should also have good communication, negotiation and coordination skills in a multinational / multicultural context.

A good knowledge of the functioning of the European Union, and in particular of its common security and defence policy is required as is an understanding of the political context in which the Mission operates, including the broader EU policies in the Sahel.

The successful candidate will be required to maintain close contacts with other CSDP missions in the region and to closely liaise with the EUSR for the Sahel as well as with the Heads of the EU Delegations in the region.

Candidates should be available to take up the position of Head of Mission as of 16 July 2016.

In compliance with UNSCR 1325, the EU strives for improved gender balance in CSDP operations. The EEAS encourages Member States to take this into account when offering contributions. Applicants should speak fluent French; a good working knowledge of English is required.

On the basis of the CVs received, I will chair a selection board, which will shortlist and interview applicants, evaluating their professional merits, experience and management skills. Thereafter the High Representative will propose a candidate to the Political and Security Committee.

I would be grateful if the CVs of the proposed candidates could be sent to the Civilian Operations Commander's office ([mariana.osihn@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:mariana.osihn@eeas.europa.eu)) no later than 20 May 2016.

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