

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability – CPCC
Director / Civilian Operations Commander

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TO ALL REPRESENTATIVES TO PSC

Subject: **1-2017 Call for Contributions for the European Union CSDP Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)**

References: Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the establishment of the European Union CSDP Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)
 Council Decision 2016/1172/CFSP of 18 July 2016 on the European Union CSDP in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) Amending and Extending the Mission Mandate until 15 July 2018

Dear Ambassador,

1. Background

The Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 established a European Union CSDP Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) with a mandate to support the capacity building of the Nigerien security actors to fight terrorism and organised crime which was extended by the Council Decision 2016/1172/CFSP of 18 July 2016.

I kindly invite EU Member States to put forward qualified candidates for the position as listed in Annex 1.

2. Methodology

- a) EU Member States are requested to examine the personal profiles and job description to ensure that:
 - Proposed candidates meet the listed criteria described in the essential requirements and specific job description (**Annex 1**).
 - Each candidate completes the standard job application form in English or French (**Annex 2**). Applications will be considered only when using this form and indicating the position the candidate is applying for.

- b) Proposed candidates 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.
- c) As previously agreed, EU Member States that are also members of EGF are invited to identify suitable candidates within their capabilities.
- d) I would appreciate it if EU Member States would submit offers of personnel at their earliest convenience, **but not later than Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 17:00 hours (Brussels time)**, to the following e-mail address:

eeas-cpcc-eucap-niger@eeas.europa.eu

- e) Interviews will take place from 29 March to 13 April 2017.
- f) The Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) will be responsible for notifying EU Member States of the outcome of the selection process. Communication of the selection results is expected to take place in April 2017.
- g) Selected personnel should be ready for deployment to Niger within the deadline specified in the job description.
- h) Subject to the adoption of another Council Decision approving the appropriate Budget Impact Statement, the initial duration of the deployment should be of 12 months.

3. General Information

- a) For seconded positions, only personnel nominations received through official channels from EU Member States will be considered. EU Member States will bear all personnel-related costs for seconded personnel, including salaries, medical coverage, travel expenses to and from the Mission area (including home leave) and daily allowances other than those paid according to the Council documents 7291/09 (10 March 2009) and 9084/13 (30 April 2013).
- b) Seconded personnel will bring their uniforms and security equipment (**Annex 3**). However, depending on the local environment, the Head of Mission will decide on the dress code and whether civilian attire or uniforms are to be worn by the Mission Members. Hats and insignia will be provided to the Mission Members.
- c) The EU strives for improved gender balance in CSDP operations in compliance with UNSCR 1325. EU Member States are encouraged to take this into account when offering contributions.
- d) The selected candidate will have to be in possession of the necessary level of Personnel Security Clearance (PSC), as specified in the respective job description, when deployed. The seconded personnel should bring the original certificate upon deployment.

- e) It is moreover expected that all newly selected Mission Members have undergone CSDP specific pre-deployment training before joining the Mission. CSDP specific pre-deployment training courses are regularly offered under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). In case ESDC does not offer a suitable course, a national alternative is also an option¹.
- f) Any further information required related to the selection and deployment of personnel may be obtained from CPCC by contacting:

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Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Requirements and Job Descriptions (**Annex 1**)
- Standard Application Form (**Annex 2**)
- List of Recommended Equipment (**Annex 3**)

cc: CivCom Delegates

¹ <http://eeas.europa.eu/esdc>