

**EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY
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**Vacancy notice
(Agency's Seconded National Expert)**

Post:	Project Officer Qualification, Test and Evaluation, Standardisation
Type of post :	SNE post
Grade :	AD11 equivalent
Management of staff:	N.A.
Location:	Brussels
Indicative starting date:	16 May 2018
Level of Security Clearance:	SECRET UE/EU SECRET

Closing date for applications	19 June 2017
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In accordance with the Rules applicable to national experts seconded to the European Defence Agency (2016/1352), Seconded National Experts are seconded to the Agency while remaining in the service of their national employer and continuing to be paid their national salary by that employer. Therefore, in order to be considered in the selection process, candidates for an SNE post must be sponsored by their national authorities. Confirmation is required in the form of a letter of sponsorship addressed to the Agency as far as possible by the closing date for the receipt of applications; and in any case not later than the recruitment date. The Rules are available on the EDA website <http://www.eda.europa.eu> - vacancies.

The selection of candidates will follow the EDA Staff Recruitment Procedure. Candidates must apply for this post via the EDA website <http://www.eda.europa.eu> - vacancies. Please note that to make an EDA on-line application you will need to create your EDA profile using a valid e-mail address and a password.

1. BACKGROUND

The European Defence Agency was established on 12 July 2004, and is governed by Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1835 defining the statute, seat and operational rules of the European Defence Agency.

The Agency has its headquarters in Brussels.

The main task of the EDA is to support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the Union's defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) as it currently stands and as it develops in the future.

The Agency is structured into four directorates. Three operational directorates: Cooperation Planning & Support; Capability, Armaments & Technology; and European Synergies & Innovation and the Corporate Services Directorate.

2. THE AGENCY'S WAY OF WORKING

The Agency is an "outward-facing" organisation, constantly interacting with its shareholders, the participating Member States, as well as with a wide range of stakeholders. It works in an integrated way, with multi-disciplinary teams representing all the Agency's functional areas, to realise its objectives. Its business processes are flexible and oriented towards achieving results. Staff at all levels need to demonstrate the corresponding qualities of commitment, flexibility, innovation, and team-working; to work effectively with shareholders and stakeholder groups, formal and informal; and to operate without the need for detailed direction.

3. THE DIRECTORATE COOPERATION PLANNING AND SUPPORT

The Cooperation Planning & Support (CPS) Directorate focuses on the early identification of requirements at European level and the through-life aspect of capabilities. The directorate is responsible for capability planning through the Capability Development Plan and the Cooperative Programme Database, and Pooling & Sharing including the Code of Conduct. It is also responsible for key enablers to support defence cooperation and enhance interoperability: military airworthiness, standardisation and certification, and education and training. In addition, the directorate provides support to CSDP military and civilian operations and missions and EU Battlegroups, at the request of their Member States.

The CPS Directorate also supports the Member States in identifying operational and financial consequences, as well as opportunities, that SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research programme) may bring to European air forces and facilitates the coordination of military views in this context. The directorate also acts as the military interface for the EU institutions (e.g. European Commission/DG MOVE, EASA), as well as other SESAR related bodies (e.g. SESAR Deployment Manager, SESAR Joint Undertaking), on SES (Single European Sky) related issues.

In the wider context of military aviation, the CPS Directorate supports the Member States in their efforts to operate RPAS in non-segregated airspace and in harmonizing military aviation safety issues.

4. DUTIES

Under the supervision of the Head of Unit Airworthiness, Standardisation, Certification, the jobholder will be responsible for/contribute to the following activities:

- develop full spectrum test & evaluation capabilities in Europe based on a fully coordinated network of national centres; this entails fostering collaborative activities among Test Centres, creating networks of excellence and systematically relating them to EDA projects;
- ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the Defence Test and Evaluation Base (DTEB) Strategy in close coordination with the DTEB Plenary Group;
- maintain and develop the European Database for Test and Evaluation capabilities and management;
- ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the Strategy for Achieving Harmonised Certification Requirements for Ammunition Safety in close cooperation with the European Network of National Safety Authorities on Ammunition (ENNSA).
- understand the standardisation framework and advise on deriving actions in qualification and certification processes with an initial focus on ammunition and vice versa;
- understand the capability development process and advise on deriving actions in qualification and certification processes and vice versa;
- contribute to the development of an integrated approach to critical enablers for cooperation, including Test and Evaluation, Standardisation and Certification;
- develop and outline studies as required;
- take on additional tasks as required in the interest of the service.

Duties may evolve according to development of the EDA's structure and activities, and the decisions of EDA management.

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

a. Conditions for eligibility:

(1) General

The candidate will:

- be a national of a Member State participating in the Agency;
- be entitled to his/her full rights as a citizen;
- have completed any obligations imposed on him/her by the laws concerning military service;
- produce the appropriate character references as to his/her suitability for the performance of his/her duties;
- be physically fit to perform his/her duties;
- have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the participating Member States and a satisfactory knowledge of another of these languages to the extent necessary to discharge his/her duties;
- have no personal interest (financial, family relationship, or other) which could be in conflict with disinterested discharge of his/her duties within the Agency;
- hold, or be in a position to obtain, a valid Personnel Security Clearance Certificate (national or EU PSC at SECRET UE/EU SECRET level). Personnel Security Clearance Certificate ' (PSCC) means a certificate issued by a competent authority establishing that an individual is security cleared and holds a valid national or EU PSC, and which shows the level of EUCI to which that individual may be granted access (CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above), the date of validity of the relevant PSC and the date of expiry of the certificate itself. Note that the necessary procedure for obtaining a PSCC can be initiated on request of the employer only, and not by the individual candidate.);
- have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more; or a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least one year when the normal period of university education is at least three years; or be a graduate of a national or international Defence College; or where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.

b. Essential selection criteria

(1) Professional

The candidate will be required to demonstrate that he/she has:

- a thorough understanding, knowledge and professional experience in Defence Test and Evaluation and Qualification/Certification, notably in the field of ammunition;
- a proven experience in managing Defence Test and Evaluation projects and in the areas of qualification and certification;
- familiarity with European defence cooperation structures;
- a thorough and proven international experience;
- a track record in delivering successful business outcomes;
- a very good knowledge of English.

(2) Personal

All staff must be able to fit into the Agency way of working (see par.2). Other attributes important for this post include::

- ability to work in a team;
- good leadership and management skills;
- results-orientation and strong motivation;
- flexibility, creativity and sense of initiative;
- genuine commitment to the Agency's objectives;
- strong conceptual, analytical and interpersonal skills;
- good communication skills.

c. Desirable

The following will be considered an advantage:

- University degree in engineering with a specialisation in defence related subjects such as electronics, communications, aeronautics, mechanics, naval architecture;
- further qualifications in programme management subjects.

6. INDEPENDENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Project Officer Qualification, Test and Evaluation, Standardisation will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the Agency's interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

7. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The Project Officer Qualification, Test and Evaluation, Standardisation will be appointed by the Chief Executive, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

Secondment will be for a three-year period (unless a shorter period is mutually agreed between the parties). Renewal is possible within the limits set out in the EDA SNE Rules. The successful candidate will be seconded as AD11 equivalent.

Applications are invited with a view to establishing a reserve list for the post of Project Officer Qualification, Test and Evaluation, Standardisation at the EDA. This list is valid until 31/12/2018, and may be extended by decision of the Chief Executive. During the validity of the reserve list, successful candidates may be offered a secondment in the EDA according to their competences in relation to the specific requirements of the vacant post.

Inclusion on the reserve list does not imply any entitlement of secondment in the Agency.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The EDA is an equal opportunities employer and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit their application electronically solely via the EDA website. Applications by any other means (hard copy or ordinary e-mail) will not be accepted. Applications must be submitted no later than midnight. Candidates are reminded that the on-line application system will not accept applications after midnight (Brussels time, GMT+1) on the date of the deadline.

When applying, candidates from Ministries of Defence or other governmental entities are encouraged to inform their national administration.

A selection committee will be appointed. Please note that the selection committee's internal proceedings are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is forbidden.

If recruited, you will be requested to supply documentary evidence in support of the statements that you make for this application. Do not send any supporting or supplementary information until you have been asked to do so by the Agency.

Please note that once you have created your EDA profile, any correspondence regarding your application must be sent or received via your EDA profile.

For any prior enquiry, please refer to the FAQ (Frequently asked questions) section, or send an e-mail to recruitment@eda.europa.eu.

10. DATA PROTECTION

Please note that EDA will not return applications to candidates. The personal information EDA requests from candidates will be processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. The purpose of processing personal data which candidates submit is to manage applications in view of possible pre-selection and recruitment at EDA.

More information on personal data protection in relation to selection and recruitment can be found on the EDA website:

<http://www.eda.europa.eu/jobs/dataprotection>