

**Vacancy notice 2017/143– HQ (AD)**

**EEAS Vacancy Notice Administrator**

**Administrator – Desk Officer for Kosovo – EURCA WEST 2**

**(EU Staff Members: AD5-12/ Candidates from Member States: AD05)**

**Job n. 166652**

**We are:**

The European External Action Service (EEAS), which supports the work of the High Representative in defining and implementing an effective and coherent EU foreign policy. The EEAS supports her tasks of conducting the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and chairing the Foreign Affairs Council. It also supports the High Representative in her capacity as Vice President of the Commission with regard to her responsibilities within the Commission in the external relations field including the coordination of other aspects of the EU's external action. The EEAS works in close cooperation with Member States, the Council and relevant services of the European Commission.

The Western Balkans Division is responsible for general EU policy and strategy aspects with the Western Balkan region, i.e. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Division handles mainly the foreign and security policy aspects of our relations with these partners. In this context, the Division deals with the dialogue between Pristina and Belgrade aiming at normalisation of relations between the two sides. The Division was closely involved in the launch of the EU's re-calibrated approach for reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and follows its implementation, in close contact with the Commission. As concerns the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, we contribute to the definition of EU policy in the country as well as rule of law issues. We support reforms in Albania and Montenegro which are necessary for the accession of both countries to the EU.

The Western Balkans Division follows policy developments and prepares input and advice for the HR/VP as well as the rest of the EEAS. We deliver input to the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. The Division cooperates closely with the European Commission, in particular DG NEAR, in policy areas that fall under the Commission's responsibility, in particular enlargement negotiations. We also work with the Council Secretariat and the European Parliament. We are in permanent contact with Member States as well as third countries active in the region, in particular the US, Japan, the Russian Federation and EEA countries. International organisations such as the NATO, the UN and OSCE are important partners for our work.

**We propose:**

The position of Kosovo Desk Officer. The desk officer's tasks focus on contributing, under the supervision of the Head of Division, toward the definition, implementation and communication of EU policies concerning political, economic and other relations with the Western Balkans, in particular regarding Kosovo, and as backup regarding Albania, including the CFSP/CSDP aspects, in the context of implementing the EU's Global Strategy, and regionally regarding relations with the European Parliament.

The role focuses on analyzing and giving updates on the political and economic situation in Kosovo and the Western Balkan region as a whole, preparing documents and reports for the HRVP, keeping EEAS management, other EU institutions and EU Member States informed about developments, preparing briefings and draft speeches, statements, and public diplomacy material.

Tasks include co-ordination and contacts with the other EU institutions, notably the European Commission, closely coordinating and following policy developments in Member States and third states in relation to Kosovo and the wider Western Balkan region, representing the EEAS at Council Working Parties and European Parliament committee meetings, and conducting missions to the region. Outreach, coordination and joint analysis, where appropriate, with NATO, UN, OSCE and Council of Europe are also important elements of the role.

## **We look for:**

### Eligibility Criteria<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with Article 98 of the Staff Regulations (SR) and in order to meet the needs of the service candidates **must:**

1. be officials of the EU Institutions, or temporary staff to whom Article 2 (e) of the Conditions of the Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS)<sup>2</sup> applies or staff from national diplomatic services of the Member States;
2. have the capacity to work in languages of CFSP and external relations necessary for the performance of their duties. Knowledge of other EU languages would be an asset;
3. have at least 1 year's proven, pertinent external relations experience - for staff from national diplomatic services this experience must have been gained from working in a diplomatic service of one of the Member States.

Also, in order to satisfy the requirements set out in Article 12 of the CEOS, Member State applicants must:

4. be nationals of one of the EU Member States;
5. 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.<sup>3</sup>
6. have gained at least 1 year 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

Furthermore, in order to be eligible, **EU staff members** must be in one of the grades **AD5 to AD12** and have the Type of post of the person "ADMINISTRATOR" (AD5-AD7) or "PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATOR" (AD8-AD12), or they must be AST officials who have successfully passed the certification procedure.

EEAS staff whose Type of Post of the Person is "Senior administrator in transition" (AD14) and "Principal administrator in transition" (AD13) can also show their interest for this job. If selected, she/he will be transferred in the interest of the service. This transfer in the interest of the service will not modify the Type of Post of the Person. Transfers in the interest of the service under Article 7 SR are only possible within the same Institution, therefore EU officials AD13 and AD14 from other Institutions are not eligible.

Applications from officials currently serving in a Delegation are, in principle, not eligible and may only be considered in the interest of the service or in case of career progression.

In the above paragraph, "career progression" includes AST staff members who have successfully completed the certification procedure and who are applying for their first AD post.

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<sup>1</sup> All the eligibility criteria must be met on the closing date for applications to this post.

<sup>2</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

<sup>3</sup> 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 3.

Competition laureates may express their interest for this job, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements set out at points 2 and 3 above. Their candidatures will be considered only in the event that no suitable candidate can be found among EEAS staff, EU officials or staff from diplomatic services of Member States. Should a competition laureate be selected for this job, she/he will be subject to the same obligations of mobility as other EEAS staff members.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Candidates should:

- have ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation and communication in a complex, multicultural environment;
- have capacity to create constructive working relations in the field of external relations with national authorities, international organisations and EU Member States;
- have strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement;
- fluent English, including drafting in English, is essential;
- have knowledge of external relations, internal policies and functioning of the Union;
- have knowledge and/or proven experience in the key areas of political and diplomatic relations
- have knowledge and/or experience of the Western Balkan region.

Furthermore:

- experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- experience of working in a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;
- experience of working on CFSP issues
- experience of negotiations
- working-level French, and
- the ability to communicate in a language of the Western Balkans

would be strong assets.

#### **TYPE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT**

If the successful candidate is an EU staff member, s/he will be appointed according to Articles 29.1.(a)(i) or (ii) and 98.1 of the Staff Regulations and according to the rules on grade set out above.

If the successful candidate is from a national diplomatic service s/he will be offered a contract as temporary agent under Article 2(e) of the CEOS; such contracts have a maximum duration of 4 years. The appointment will be at AD 5 level<sup>4</sup>.

In accordance with Article 6(11) of Council Decision 427/2010, each Member State shall provide its officials who have become temporary agents in the EEAS under Article 2(e) of the CEOS with a guarantee of immediate re-instatement at the end of the period of service to the EEAS.

All newly engaged temporary staff members are required to complete successfully a probationary period of 9 months.

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<sup>4</sup> The basic salaries offered by the EU institutions are set out in Article 66 of the Staff Regulations. The current level, set out in Regulation n° 423/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, can be accessed via the link <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0423&from=EN>

## **PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT**

**Brussels, Belgium**

## **SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

The successful candidate will be required to undergo security vetting if (s)he does not already hold security clearance to an appropriate level, in accordance with the relevant security provisions.

Successful candidates will be required to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration of any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence, as set out in the Staff Regulation and CEOS.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The External Action Service applies an equal opportunities policy.

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE<sup>5</sup>**

Mobility is a fundamental part of EEAS human resources policies, and is required by the EEAS Council Decision. Candidates should be aware that, accordingly, it is not generally in the interests of the service for EEAS Staff Members to apply for jobs which are essentially the same or similar to their current post.

The procedure will take place in three different and successive steps:

### **1. Application**

Candidates may apply for one or more of the posts published in the context of this "2017/143 - HQ (AD) Publications – **Administrator – Desk Officer for Kosovo – EURCA WEST 2 - Division**" exercise.

**Before submitting their application, candidates should carefully check whether they meet all the eligibility criteria in order to avoid automatic exclusion from the selection procedure.**

Candidates must apply through the on-line system:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eapplication/index.cfm>

To log on to the system, an ECAS (European Commission Authentication Service) password is required; candidates without a password can register to get one through the afore-mentioned link from **11 October 2017**. EU staff members with a professional ECAS account should use that account for their application. A helpdesk facility is available via the "Contact Support" function within the on-line system.

During the on-line application procedure candidates will have to upload their **CV** and **motivation letter** (in English or French). Candidates from the Member States will, in addition, have to upload a copy of their **passport/ID** and a **statement by their Ministry for Foreign Affairs** confirming their membership of a diplomatic service and the Ministry's support for the candidate's application for this post.

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<sup>5</sup> Your personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) 45/2001, as implemented by decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 8 December 2011. The privacy statement is available on EEAS zone (<http://webgate.eeas.testa.eu/eeas/eeaszone/?q=node/26247>) and on the EEAS website ([http://eeas.europa.eu/data\\_protection/rights/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/data_protection/rights/index_en.htm)).

All candidates will have the opportunity to follow the progress of their application through the on-line system.

Applications may be made at any point during the period from **11 October 2017 to 8 November 2017 at 12.00 midday (Brussels time)**. Please note that the only way to submit an application is using the on-line system.

As the system may experience peak activity around the deadline, candidates are strongly advised to submit their application as early as possible. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

For correspondence concerning the selection procedure, please use the following email address:

**[EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:EEAS-HQ-APPLICATIONS-AD@eeas.europa.eu)**

2. Pre-selection

The selection panel will make a pre-selection on the basis of the qualifications and the professional experience described in the CV and motivation letter, and will produce a shortlist of a limited number of eligible candidates who best meet the selection criteria for the post.

3. Selection

The candidates who have been pre-selected 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 for a final decision by the relevant Appointing Authority. He/she may decide to interview the candidates on the final shortlist before taking this decision.

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

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