

## Vacancy notice 2017/138 – HQ (AD)

### EEAS Vacancy Notice Administrator

#### Administrator – Strategic Planner – CMPD.3

(EU Staff Members: AD5-12/ Candidates from Member States: AD07)

Job n. 268896

#### 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 Integrated Strategic Planning Division (CMPD.3) is responsible for preparing political decisions on crisis management activities which includes the definition of the political and legal framework of crisis management activities as well as their further review and adaptation. With a team of 30 persons, CMPD.3 is engaged in the strategic planning of possible responses to security crises, incorporating both the civilian and the military aspects of a possible EU answer. This planning work entails operational coordination within the EEAS of all interested services, as well as interaction with external actors (UN, NATO, AU, Regional organisations and Third countries). It results in strategic options for action and Crisis Management Concepts (CMC) for consideration by the High Representative and subsequently Member States in the Political and Security Committee. These documents provide the basis for further operational planning and then conduct of CSDP civilian missions or military operations on the ground. Once launched, the Division is also responsible for the strategic review of CSDP missions and operations as well as ensuring the interface between the "political" and "strategic" levels of operations and missions. CMPD.3 is the source of "crisis management expertise" within the EEAS: it supports other services in assessing the crisis management aspects of their activities.

#### We propose

The position of **Strategic Planner** for crisis management operations and missions in the Integrated Strategic Planning Division (CMPD.3).

#### Overall purpose of the job:

Under the authority of the Head of the Integrated Strategic Planning Division and in cooperation with the other services concerned within the EEAS:

- Conduct planning at politico-strategic level, develop planning documents (option papers, crisis management concepts, strategic analysis papers) and to that end, coordinate inputs from other relevant EU interlocutors;
- Coordination with CSDP missions on strategic aspects;
- Coordination with other international organisations and with the host country;
- Drafting of Crisis Management Concepts (CMC) and strategic reviews of missions;
- Assist with the preparation of meetings of the Council and of its preparatory working parties;
- Represent the Head of Division or Section at meetings of the Political and Security Committee and the preparatory groups/working parties;
- Lead and conduct or participate in missions to the field (including fact-finding missions) and be responsible for preparing respective reports;
- Ensure internal coordination within the EEAS, including through organising CRCTs;
- Other tasks and duties in the interest of service.

## 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 2 years' 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. Considering the particularities of Crisis Management Structure and in line with art. 4 of the Decision establishing the EEAS (2010/427/EU), experience in working in other relevant Ministries may be considered.

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 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

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;
- have knowledge of external relations, internal policies and functioning of the Union;
- have experience and/or knowledge of CFSP and CSDP-related issues;  
have practical experience in planning at strategic level at national or international level;  
have experience of working in military operations and/or civilian missions at field and/or at headquarters level, including in an international organisation:
- have acquired a thorough understanding of the political dimension of crisis management,
- have knowledge and/or proven experience in the key areas of security and defence strategic domain.
- be able to work very flexibly to meet the needs of crisis management, including participation in short term missions, possibly in high-risk areas.

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 negotiations; and
- the ability to work in English and French.

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 7 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.

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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>

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

## **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 "2017/138 - HQ (AD) **Administrator – Strategic Planner – CMPD.3**" 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 EU Login (European Commission Authentication Service) password is required; candidates without a password can register to get one through the aforementioned link from **12 October 2017**. EU staff members with a professional EU Login 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 **12 October 2017 to 10 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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