

SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT- JOB PROFILE
Research Officer
Research and Innovation Unit, Capacity Building Division

Tasks and responsibilities:

Reporting to the Head of the Research and Innovation Unit the Research Officer shall:

- Follow research and developments relevant to border security, in particular to border checks;
- Assess research and technology against user needs;
- Take part and assist in the development and implementation of studies and (research) projects;
- Provide technical/operational expertise in the development of technology assessment methodologies, operational testing scenarios and analysis of data where necessary;
- Provide technical/operational expertise in the development of standards for technical equipment;
- Cooperate with national experts and other external contributors;
- Disseminate results of activities of the Unit to end-users and the stakeholder community;
- Promote best practices and knowledge-sharing;
- Assist in preparation of reports, project templates, situation assessments, letters, briefing notes and responses to enquires;
- Assist in the organization of meetings, workshops, seminars and network cooperation in the field of the Unit's activities;
- Provide the Head of Unit and other team members with practical advice and expertise.

Professional qualifications, competencies and experience required:

Essential:

- Professional experience and expertise related to the activities described in the tasks and responsibilities of the post;
- Experience in (working with) law enforcement and/or the research sector, preferably including the assessment of technologies in defence and/or security applications;
- Experience in participating in working groups and/or research projects related to (the study of) new technologies, preferably including experience in international working groups;
- Good knowledge of research methods;
- Experience in (assisting in) meetings, workshops and/or conference organisation;
- Experience in working/cooperating with the European public administration;
- Thorough knowledge of English, both spoken and written (level C1);
- Strong drafting/editorial skills.

Assets:

- Experience in capability analysis and planning in a security environment;
- Experience in the development of testing methodologies, operational testing scenarios and analysis of data;
- Experience in the development of technical and/or operational specifications for technical equipment.
- Personal skills & competencies required:
- Excellent analytical and organizational skills;
- Excellent networking, presentation, interpersonal and communication skills in English;
- Professional and ethical behaviour, strong sense of initiative and responsibility;
- Ability to work effectively both independently as well as within a diverse team in a multicultural environment.