

**EEAS Vacancy Notice**

**Administrator – Desk Officer – Security and Defence issues**

**EURCA.WEST.4.United Kingdom**

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

**Job n. 313137**

**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 successful candidate would join the (new) EURCA.WEST.4 Division responsible for the coordination of the EU's overall relations with the United Kingdom. The Division will cooperate closely with the European Commission in policy areas that fall under the Commission's responsibility, as well as with the Member States, the Council Secretariat and the European Parliament, the Council Secretariat and the European Parliament.

The Division will be composed of a number of Desk Officers who will cover various aspects of EU/UK relations, incl. political issues, foreign policy, security and defence, development policy but also external aspects of internal policies (incl. in the areas of internal market, trade, economic and financial matters, environment, climate change, energy, R&I, education, police and criminal justice, home affairs, citizens' rights, etc.). Moreover colleagues within the Division will be attributed one or more horizontal tasks (such as coordination of relations with the Council, European Parliament, etc.).

We are looking for an official who is flexible and ready to adapt his/her area of competence in function of upcoming needs, including in view of upcoming negotiations on the future agreement(s) governing the EU/UK relationship. We offer a politically challenging and interesting post in a friendly, supportive and efficient working environment.

**We propose:**

The position of Desk Officer – Security and defence issues

Under the authority of the Head of Division, the selected official will work closely with the other colleagues in the Division, EU Delegation, European Commission, Council and other EU institutions and other interlocutors to formulate and implement EU policies in relation to the United Kingdom in line with EU interests. He/she will be in charge of advancing the overall EU relations with the United Kingdom and strengthening of bilateral relations, including by enhancing the political dialogue and cooperation in wide range of policy areas as well as by promoting close collaboration in international fora and on global issues.

The main tasks will include:

- Monitoring and analysing relevant issues linked to security and defence matters, and their implications for EU-UK relations; attributions will also include police & criminal justice and home affairs.
- To contribute to the definition and implementation of relevant EU policies affecting relations with the UK; preparation and follow-up to on-going and future negotiations
- To ensure effective coordination and liaison with other EEAS departments/EU Delegations, relevant Commission Directorates-General, Council and European Parliament;

- To develop and maintain contacts at working level with other stakeholders (diplomatic missions, Member States, private sector entities, academic institutions and other relevant organizations);
- Preparation and follow-up of political and bilateral sector specific dialogues at all levels;
- To draft and contribute to briefings, speeches, statements, high level visits and other issues concerning EU relations with the UK;
- Other tasks under the remit of the Division including horizontal responsibilities and replacements
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### **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.

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
7. Member States candidates/Temporary Agents 2(e) must be able to return to active service in their Member State/home ministry when finishing the contract, and must be able to finish the full duration of the posting (in principle 4 years) within the maximum

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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.

duration of engagement in the EEAS, as foreseen in the Council Decision of 26 July 2010 (2010/427/EU).

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.

Or

Official staff members currently serving in a Delegation who are not in rotation 2019 are not eligible, except in the case of career progression. Considering the possible impact of an early departure, those in rotation will only be considered in the interest of the service.

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.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Candidates should:

- have an excellent ability to maintain diplomatic relations and to ensure representation and communication in a complex, multicultural environment;
- have an excellent capacity to create constructive working relations with national authorities, international organisations and EU Member States;
- have strong drafting, communication and analytical skills combined with sound judgement;
- have excellent knowledge of external relations, internal policies and functioning of the Union;
- have experience of leading a team in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;

Furthermore:

- have experience of working in an Embassy, a Delegation (or equivalent in an international organisation);
- have experience of negotiations, in particular related to EU agreements with third countries,
- and experience in working with the UK or with other close partners of the European Union
- have a very good knowledge of English

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.

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 "2019/71-HQ (AD) Publications – Desk Officer – Security and defence issues - UK" 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>

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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>

<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)).

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 **01/03/2019**. 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.

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 **01/03/2019 to 25/03/2019 at 12.00 (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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