

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert in the Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management Directorate

Policy Officer / Conflict Prevention and Peace Mediation Sector in MD-PSD.PCM.2

COST-FREE

AD level post

Job No 425762

We are:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) supports the High Representative in the exercise of her mandate to conduct and implement an effective and coherent EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), of representing the EU and of 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 the General Secretariat of the Council, the services of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the European Parliament.

The "**Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management Directorate**" (PCM) ensures effective coordination of EU response throughout the entire conflict cycle, from early warning and horizon scanning to political-strategic planning for crisis management and stabilisation. PCM ensures that the EU response is conflict sensitive and is based on a proper analysis with a focus on delivering stabilization and peace.

Within PCM, the PCM.2 division is in charge of developing EU peace, security and defence partnerships with third states, international and regional organisations, and informing EU conflict prevention and peace mediation, dialogue and negotiations. In line with the Strategic Compass, PCM.2 aims to make the EU a stronger and more reliable global partner in security and defence working for international peace and stability.

The division is the centre of expertise on conflict prevention, peace mediation and dialogue. PCM.2 identifies countries at risk of violent conflict through Early Warning and conducts conflicts analyses to identify triggers of violence, notably related to gender and electoral violence. It then mobilises EU Early Action to activate mitigation measures. This includes active identification of entry points for mediation opportunities, paving the way for involvement by EU foreign policy actors, especially EUSRs/EUSEs, Senior Management and Heads of Delegation. Close partnerships with EU Member States and civil society underpin all aspects of our work. PCM2 also provides operational support and capacity building for a wide range of actors to ensure that peace processes are inclusive and sustainable, while cementing a global network of bilateral and multilateral partners to coordinate our response.

We propose:

The post of **Policy Officer** in the Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships Division (PCM.2) in the Managing Directorate Peace, Security and Defence (MD PSD).

The Policy Officer will join the **Conflict Prevention & Peace Mediation Sector**, which is responsible for the management of the EU conflict Early Warning System and Horizon Scanning, carrying out conflict analysis, providing advice on conflict sensitivity, as well as identifying opportunities for EU engagement in peace mediation and supporting their implementation. This team provides high-level analytical work as well as practical advice to colleagues within the EEAS and the Commission on countries facing conflict and crisis. As a member of the team, the Policy Officer will be designing and facilitating various types of

conflict analyses and supporting geographic departments and EU Delegations with strategic and operational advice on peace mediation, early warning and conflict prevention.

The Policy Officer will work in close coordination with EEAS geographic and horizontal services, as well as in collaboration with regional, international and multilateral organisations, key bilateral partners, research centres, think tanks and civil society.

Functions and Duties:

- Provide support to EU peace mediation, including identifying openings for political engagements;
- Planning and implementation of in-country missions, analytical workshops,
- Monitoring and follow-up of mediation and prevention actions;
- Provide advice to various actors within the EU (delegations, geographic desks, Member States) on matters related to peace mediation and conflict prevention;
- Promote the use of quantitative data in PCM.2 tools;
- Focal point for collaboration on conflict risk data with the Joint Research Centre;
- Contribute to the identification of the EU's conflict prevention priority countries;
- Carry out tailored analyses to cover emerging developments, notably related to conflict triggers such as gender-based violence;
- Participate in inter-service meetings, panel discussions, conferences, workshops etc;
- Involve EU Member States on these topics through formal meetings and informal contacts;
- Liaise effectively with civil society organisations engaged in peace mediation;
- Provide briefings for EEAS hierarchy in the fields of peace mediation, of early warning and conflict prevention;
- Deliver training and wider capacity-building on peace mediation and conflict prevention;
- Develop and coordinate existing EU policies in the area of Mediation support;
- Contribute to the development of capacity building and new EU policies and concepts in the area of peace mediation.

We are looking for:

- Dynamic professional, passionate about peace mediation and conflict prevention.
- Collaborative team player with excellent inter-personal and communication skills and a flexible attitude with regard to quickly changing agenda and travel.
- Self-motivated person interested in constantly improving his/her skills through continuous learning.

Legal basis:

- This vacancy is to be filled in accordance with the EEAS Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy HR DEC(2014) 01 of 04/02/2014 establishing the rules applicable to National Experts seconded to the European External Action Service.

Eligibility criteria:

Candidates must:

- a) Be drawn from public administrations in Member States, from international organisations or, only in exceptional cases and with prior authorisation from other sources;
- b) Have at least three years' full-time experience of administrative, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions equivalent to those of function groups AD or AST as defined in the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of other

servants of the Union¹ or, where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.²;

- c) Have a thorough knowledge of one Union language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second language for the performance of his/her duties;
- d) Have a security clearance of minimum level **EU-SECRET/SECRET-UE** for the functions that he/she will carry out;
- e) Remain in the service of the employer throughout the period of secondment and shall be paid by that employer;
- f) Remain subject to the social security legislation applicable to the public administration, international administration or entity which employs the SNE and which will assume responsibility for expenses incurred abroad. In case of posting to an EU Delegation, the employer certifies that the SNE is covered for medical expenses incurred at the place of secondment, as well as costs of repatriation on health grounds throughout the full period of secondment;
- g) Ensure that there is no conflict of interest and that he/she will, at all times, safeguard the independence and coherence of EU foreign policy as well as the integrity and confidentiality of EU documentation, information and procedures.

Selection criteria:

A. Qualifications and experience required

- university diploma;
- three years' relevant professional experience and ideally professional experience in multinational organisations;
- have experience and knowledge of CFSP and CSDP;
- relevant experience in Conflict Prevention and Peace Mediation.

B. Skills required

- have the ability to remain objective in complex scenarios and to display sensitivity and sound judgement;
- have good organisational skills, the ability to work under pressure and with tight deadlines and to manage multiple tasks and unexpected demands;
- have excellent drafting and communication skills;
- have excellent negotiating skills in a multinational environment;
- have the ability to work professionally as a member of the division, in mixed-composition task forces and working groups, in an interesting but challenging environment;
- good computer skills are essential, notably in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations software, Internet / Intranet and email systems. Knowledge of other IT tools would be an asset.
- national security clearance at SECRET UE level. Such clearance needs to be obtained from the competent authorities before secondment to the European External Action Service. It must be valid for the entire period of secondment. In its absence, the EEAS reserves the right to refuse the secondment as a national expert.

C. Languages

- thorough knowledge of one EU working language and satisfactory knowledge of another one are required; in practical terms, in order to perform required duties, that means an excellent

¹ Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 of the Council of 29 February 1968 (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p.1) and successive amendments.

² Staff Regulations of Officials (SR) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS). For reference, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1570023902133&uri=CELEX:01962R0031-20190101>

command of written and spoken English, in particular good report-writing skills; good knowledge of written and spoken French is desirable.

D. Personal Qualities

- maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline. The expert must exercise the greatest discretion with regard to all facts and information coming to his/her knowledge in the performance of his/her duties;
- possess dynamic motivated and flexible personality Be able to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges, including missions in conflict area.

Equal opportunities

- The EEAS is committed to an equal opportunities policy for all its staff and applicants. The EEAS is committed to promoting gender equality and to preventing discrimination on any grounds. It actively welcomes applications from all qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds and from the broadest possible geographical basis amongst the EU Member States. We aim at a service which is truly representative of society, where each staff member feels respected, is able to give their best and can develop their full potential.
- Candidates with disabilities are invited to contact SNE-CSDP@eeas.europa.eu in order to accommodate any special needs and provide assistance to ensure the possibility to pass the selection procedure with equal opportunities as other candidates. If a candidate with a disability is selected for a vacant post, the EEAS is committed to providing reasonable accommodation in accordance with Art 1(d) (4) of the Staff Regulations.

Conditions of secondment

Cost-free SNEs shall remain in the service of their employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer.

Duration of the secondment: Initial period up to two years, renewable up to four years.

The EEAS will cover:

- costs of professional travels (missions) incurred by the SNE posted in the EEAS HQ;
- accident insurance 24/7 for SNE (not family members).

Other expenses such as removal costs, allowances, salary, insurance, schooling (while the SNE maintains the right to enrol the children in an [European School Type I](#))^[3] and costs related to the enrolment to the Interinstitutional nurseries or the After-school centre managed by the early childhood centre of the European Commission shall not be covered by the EEAS. However, in case the SNE makes use of these two facilities for their dependent children, the EEAS shall recover any invoiced cost (including the institutional and the parental contribution) from the Seconded National Expert concerned on a yearly basis. For further information, please contact RM-01-COORDINATION@eeas.europa.eu.

Vacancy available from: 01/10/2026

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

^[3] <https://www.eurasc.eu/en/Accredited-European-Schools/About>

For further information, please contact:

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