



EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

European Union Special Representative for the Great Lakes region

JOB DESCRIPTION and REQUIREMENTS

CALL for CONTRIBUTIONS for SECONDED POLITICAL ADVISOR BASED in BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Organisation:	EU Special Representative for the Great Lakes region
Job Location:	Brussels, Belgium
Availability:	11 November 2026
Contract Regime:	National Secondment until 31 August 2027
Job Titles/Vacancy Reference:	Political Advisor Brussels-based
Number of posts:	1
Deadline for applications:	05 October 2026, 17:00 CE Time
Email address to send application and CV:	EUSR-GREAT-LAKES@eeas.europa.eu Please submit Annex II Job Application and your CV. Mention in the email subject 'POLAD_BRUSSELS'
Additional information:	EUSR-GREAT-LAKES@eeas.europa.eu

The EU Special Representative for the Great Lakes region (EUSR) kindly requests Member States, the institutions of the Union and the EEAS to consider the secondment of staff members for the post of Political Advisor to his team, to be based in Brussels, according to the requirements and information provided below:

A. Essential Requirements

Citizenship - Citizen of a Member State of the European Union (EU) and enjoying full rights as a citizen. Personal Security clearance (level: EU SECRET or equivalent).

Integrity - The candidate must maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline. Candidates are not allowed to provide or discuss any information or documents as a result of access to classified and/or sensitive information related to the EU Special Representative or respective tasks and activities without his express permission. The candidate shall carry out his/her duties and act in the interest of the EU Special Representative.

Gender balance - The EU strives for improved gender balance in CSFP/CSDP operations and EUSR



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Offices in compliance with UNSCR 1325. The EU Special Representative encourages the contributing Member States, the institutions of the Union and the EEAS to take this into account when submitting candidatures.

B. Job description

Job Title	Political Advisor (Seconded)
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Qualifications and Experience

- Master's degree in relevant discipline.
- At least four years of diplomatic experience; previous experience of work in an EU Member State Foreign Ministry and/or Embassy, Delegation of the European Union, or with an EU institution/service will be an advantage.
- Excellent political judgment, strong analytical and drafting skills.
- Knowledge of the Great Lakes region and the key areas of the EU's Africa policy and the Great Lakes region. Past experience of postings to the region or professional work for multilateral agencies in the region would be an advantage.
- Excellent verbal (oral/reading) communication skills in both English and French are a requirement. Advanced drafting skills in English is a requirement. Advanced drafting skills in French will be a distinct advantage; knowledge of local languages would be an asset.
- Relevant professional experience from the private sector or civil society is welcome.
- Experience in working in conflict environments and on conflict resolution.
- Ability to work independently in a remote but international multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural and fast-paced environment.
- Ability to engage in constructive working relations with the EU Member States, international partners and organisations and stakeholders.
- Willingness to travel frequently, sometimes at short notice; having already completed the Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) would be an asset.
- Excellent references from previous employers.