

European External Action Service



The EU Special Representative for the Sahel

TO : PSC Ambassadors
Permanent Representatives of Member States to the E.U.
Brussels

CC: Patricia Llobart Cussac (EEAS Africa Managing Director);
Peter Wagner (EC - FPI Director)

Excellencies,

I have the honour of bringing to your attention the call for applications for the recruitment of two Political Advisors, to be employed as SNE (Seconded National Experts), in the office of the EU Special Representative for the Sahel – one starting as soon as possible and the other, from 1st December 2026.

The Political Advisors will be required to travel frequently within the region and beyond. They will be based in Brussels. Recruitment will be based primarily on experience and in-depth knowledge of the region, particularly the political and social realities of the Sahel-Saharan region.

Other criteria will be taken into account, in particular: detailed and up-to-date knowledge of the EU's commitment to the Sahel; the ability to manage and coordinate diplomatic relations with international and regional partners; the ability to work as part of a team, creativity and initiative, given the creative and innovative nature of the mission, experience in management and decision-making roles, communication skills, and fluency in French and English.

The EU's gender equality policy aims to ensure equal treatment and equal opportunities for women and men. Applications from women are therefore strongly encouraged.

Applicants will find further information in the attached job description.

Candidates are invited to submit their applications via their relevant ministry or government department, to Jérôme Damien Stoquart (Jerome-Damien.STOQUART@ext.eeas.europa.eu) by 4.00 pm on 1 October 2026 at the latest. Interviews are scheduled for the following week.

For any further information, please contact my Chief of Staff, M. David Korpela, (+32 460 84 06 40).

Thank you in advance for your support in circulating this call for applications.

Sincerely yours,

Brussels, 3 September 2026

Birgitte Nygaard Markussen