

EUSR SAHEL POLAD - SNE – JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Framework

Job Title: SNE – EUSR SAHEL POLAD

Job Location: BRUSSELS

Area of activity: International Relations, Diplomacy, CSDP and Development issues

Job Content

Overall purpose: In the framework of the EU's Renewed Approach to the Sahel, contribute to advance the mandate of the EUSR Sahel, following the conclusions of the meetings between the HR/VP and the Ministries of the Foreign Affairs/Defense and the Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/1876 of 23 July 2026 appointing a new European Union Special Representative for the Sahel and extending the mandate of the EUSR until 31 August 2027.

Functions and Duties: Under the guidance of the EUSR Sahel and in close cooperation with the EEAS and other relevant EU institutions, including the European Commission (INTPA, ECHO, DG HOME) and the European Council :

- To advise the EUSR, provide and update her with reports/memos/briefings on political matters related to the Sahel (specific portfolios to be agreed).
- To accompany and advise the EUSR during visits to the Sahel and surrounding region and other relevant venues.
- Under the direction of the EUSR and Head of Cabinet, to report on the outcome of these visits to EU interlocutors and Member States.
- To maintain regular contact in Brussels with the EEAS and the European Commission (INTPA, ECHO, DG HOME) and Member States to shape and contribute to the EU initiatives and projects in the Sahel.
- To advise and support the EUSR, including by preparing and participating in meetings with European and international stakeholders.
- To develop and maintain a wide network of contacts dealing with the Sahel, including international organisations such as the UN, AU, ECOWAS, civil society, the academic world and the private sector.
- To establish and maintain close contacts with CSDP missions deployed in the region, in link with SECDEFPOL.
- To closely liaise with other EU actors on the ground, including Member States representatives and EU Delegations.

Job Requirements

Education: Relevant University Degree (International Relations, Political or Social Sciences ...)

Knowledge and Experience:

- Experience in the field of International Relations.
- Knowledge of the EU's commitment to the Sahel (EU's Renewed Approach to the Sahel and modalities for its implementation, role of the various European institutions, CSDP, Development issues, etc.).
- Experience of EU/Governmental institutions at a high level, EU external action and related EU external policies (geographic and thematic)
- Experience in the above-mentioned areas at institutional level, including analysis and reporting, international experience (Governmental, Embassy, International organization, NGO, etc.)

Skills

Linguistic skills: Thorough knowledge of French and English is required (written and spoken).

Communication skills: Capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment.

Interpersonal skills: Team spirit, strong coordination, communication and negotiation skills.

Intellectual skills: Analytical and strategical thinking