

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert (SNE) in the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (MD.CPCC)

Planning and Conduct of Operations Division, DMD.CPCC.2

CO-FINANCED

AD level post

Job No. 441820

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 Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (MD.CPCC) is the permanent structure supporting the Civilian Operations Commander. The Civilian Operations Commander is the overall commander at the strategic level of currently 14 civilian CSDP crisis management missions and provides strategic guidance and direction to the Heads of Mission. The Civilian Operations Commander reports directly to the High Representative and through him to the Council of the EU. Under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee and the overall authority of the High Representative, the Civilian Operations Commander ensures the effective planning and conduct of civilian CSDP crisis management operations, as well as the proper implementation of all mission-related tasks as well as the discharge of the duty of care..

We propose:

The post of a "co-financed" Seconded National Experts of Police Expert in the Planning and Conduct of Operations Division, DMD.CPCC.2. The successful candidate will join the Europe Sector of the aforementioned division and be assigned to the EUMA Armenia desk.

Functions and duties:

The SNE/Police Expert is expected to perform the following tasks:

Strategic operational analysis and advice:

- Prepare and participate in the discussions of the Council working groups and committees concerned with the above-mentioned areas, especially the Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM), the RELEX, the EUMC, the Political and Security Committee (PSC).
- Draft notes, advices or any other documents relating to the discussions taking place in those areas.
- Follow closely the development of the EU policy concerning the mission area and the region and contribute to the policymaking process and decisions as relevant.
- Help ensure consistency of civilian CSDP missions with regard to all aspects of policing, in particular the fight against serious and organised crime and terrorism.

Liaison with Member States, EU institutions and other stakeholders:

- Act as focal point regarding the allocated civilian CSDP mission(s).
- Co-operate closely with other parts of the European External Action Service (EEAS), including the Integrated Strategic Planning for CSDP and Stabilisation (ISP.3), the EU Military Staff (EUMS), the respective Geographical Directorate(s), and other EU actors.
- Liaise with and brief representatives of Member States and contributing third States as appropriate.
- Maintain contact with relevant international stakeholders (such as the UN, the OSCE, the Council).

- Facilitate coordination and cooperation of police aspects of civilian CSDP missions with other international organisations at the strategic level and by participation in liaison functions, as required.

Planning for Civilian CSDP Missions:

- Contribute to the strategic and operational planning of newly arising civilian CSDP missions, and in doing so, ensure consistency with relevant agreed CSDP documents and lessons learned from past and ongoing CSDP engagements.
- Take part in Fact Finding Missions (FFM) and Technical Assessment Missions (TAM) and contribute to reports in this regard.
- Contribute to drafting the operational planning documents such as the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Operational Plan (OPLAN), particularly in respect to the operational focus and implementation sections, as well as to Council Decisions (legal decision of the Council of the EU).
- Contribute to drafting the Budgetary Impact Statement (BIS) with a view to defining the mission's budget.
- Guide Missions, as appropriate, in drafting their Mission Implementation Plan (MIP).

Conduct of civilian CSDP missions:

- Watch closely the security situation in the host country and developments in the region, which might spill over to theatre, including participating in EEAS security briefings and analysis of open sources and intelligence information/reports.
- Ensure general supervision of, and guidance to the respectively allocated civilian CSDP mission(s), including the respective Head(s) of Mission.
- Conduct regularly field visits to the allocated civilian CSDP mission(s).
- Contribute to the preparation of regularly and extra-ordinary calls for contributions and, if appropriate, participate in exclusive personnel selection procedures.
- Deal with all disciplinary matters arising from the mission area.
- Contribute to the assessment and refocusing of civilian CSDP missions, as required by providing operational expertise inter alia through reports, briefing notes and analytical summaries.
- Contribute to strategic reviews of the allocated civilian CSDP mission(s).
- Contribute to the assessment of Police and Rule of Law aspects in the allocated civilian CSDP mission(s) and provide input to the lessons identified and lessons learned process.

Interaction with internal and external stakeholders:

- Prepare and participate in meetings and seminars with internal and external stakeholders and provide information on specific civilian CSDP missions or other CSDP related topics.
- Contribute to public information activities of the EEAS in the civilian CSDP area.
- Acting as point of contact within CPCC, OPS Unit for assigned cross-functional tasks. Acting as point of contact within CPCC, OPS Unit, to external institutions/entities.

We are looking for:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a dynamic, proactive and highly motivated colleague with strong analytical and networking skills to occupy the post of Seconded National Expert (SNE). The candidate should have a good understanding of EU policy-making and decision-making processes, and an understanding of inter-institutional relations as well as have relevant experience in the areas of responsibility. He/she will have to work in an international and multicultural environment in close synergy with Member States and EU institutions.

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:

- 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 she/he will, at all times, support the objectives and 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:

- High police education or equivalent University Degree;
- Having attended a European Police College Commanders Course (CEPOL) would be desirable;
- Serving Police officer, national rank comparable Superintendent or higher
- Current experience in working at senior management level in police related matters, and a minimum of ten years of such police management experience, with broad professional experience, in operational, organisational, managerial and training aspects of policing;
- Good knowledge of various types of European police services and their organisation and competences;
- Substantive practical field experience from international policing (e.g. EU, UN, OSCE) and crisis management/peacekeeping operations; previous participation in a CSDP mission would be desirable;
- Knowledge of the EU, particularly related to the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), including the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP);
- Experience in International Crime Combat, including Organised Crime, and Terrorism and/or in border policing and integrated border management would be an asset;
- Substantive experience in national or international assignments within staff functions, in particular planning and organisation of policing would be desirable;
- Good computer knowledge, notably in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations software, Internet/Intranet, use of email systems are essential. Knowledge of other IT tools is an asset.

B. Skills required:

- maintain the highest standards of personal integrity and impartiality and exercise greatest

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): <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1570023902133&uri=CELEX:01962R0031-20190101>

discretion with regard to all facts and information coming to his/her knowledge in the course of or in connection with the performance of his/her duties;

- able to work as a member of the Division, as well as in task forces and working groups with mixed composition (including with police, judicial, civilian and military staff), in an interesting and challenging environment’;
- have strong organizational skills, initiative, a hands-on attitude and the ability to work well under pressure;
- be service-oriented and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to work well both as part of a team and independently;
- have excellent analytical, problem-solving and drafting skills;
- ability to maintain objectivity in complex scenarios and to display sensitivity and sound judgment;
- be prepared to occasionally travel on mission to current or potential crisis areas and availability to occasionally travel to high-risk countries.

C. Languages:

- fully fluent in written and spoken English;
- working knowledge in French is an asset.

D. Personal qualities:

- be a hands-on, motivated and flexible team player;
- have the ability to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges;
- have the ability to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self discipline.

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

SNEs shall remain in the service of their employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer. The EEAS will provide for the allowances in order to contribute to cover the SNE’s living expenses in the place of secondment on a flat-rate basis. These allowances shall not be construed as remuneration paid by the EEAS.

Duration of the secondment: Initial period up to two years, renewable up to 4 years.

Co-financed SNEs shall be entitled to:

- daily allowance (**43.32 €/per calendar day for the distance 0-150km or 173.30 €/calendar day for the distance >150 km³**) throughout the period of secondment;
- monthly allowance calculated on the basis of the distance between the place of origin (the employer's head office) and the place of secondment (**between 0 to 977.90 €/month⁴**);
- reimbursement of travels take up duties/end of secondment on a flat-rate basis (if not paid by the employer).

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](#))^[5] 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, estimated at approximately EUR 18,000 per year and per child) from the Seconded National Expert concerned on a yearly basis. For further information, please contact RM-01-COORDINATION@eeas.europa.eu.

Vacancy available from: immediately

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

For further information, please contact:

Administrative questions: SNE-CSDP@eeas.europa.eu

Selection and profile related questions:

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³ Daily allowance Decision of the Director General for Budget and Administration of the European External Action Service adjusting the allowances provided for in Decision HR DEC(2014) 01 of 4 February 2014 - ADMIN(2024) 53 of 20/12/2024

⁴ Monthly allowance Decision of the Director General for Budget and Administration of the European External Action Service adjusting the allowances provided for in Decision HR DEC(2014) 01 of 4 February 2014 - ADMIN(2024) 53 of 20/12/2024

^[5] <https://www.eursc.eu/en/Accredited-European-Schools/About>