

END/SNE –JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Framework

Job Title: END/SNE – Senior Advisor EU-Turkey

Job Location: EEAS.SG.1 - Strategic Policy Planning Division

Job number: TBC

Area of activity: Strategic planning and development

Category: AD

Duration of secondment: Six months renewable up to 1 ½ years in total

Job Content

Context:

The SNE will work in the Strategic Policy Planning Division (SG1-STRATPOL) a central service under the direct authority of the Secretary General. STRATPOL provides contextualised and comparative analysis on emerging challenges, policy making and overall steering on programming framework as well as direct political advice to the SG and the EEAS top management as well as to the High Representative.

This position is aimed at supporting the SG and EEAS Top management in formulating strategic policy recommendations regarding the development of EU cooperation with Turkey, taking into account the regional and global geopolitical context as well as the framework of bilateral relations with the EU.

Turkey is a key stakeholder in one of the largest EU foreign policy and development priorities for decades. The conflict in Syria, the rapid development in Turkey and the crucial role Turkey has for development in the region, and in Syria in particular, call for a consolidated approach to policymaking, conflict prevention and development planning. Bridging traditional foreign policy with the broad range of other EU instruments deployed vis-à-vis Turkey and the region, including a sizable development engagement, will be important for the efficiency and effectiveness of the EU's engagement with Turkey in the coming years.

The expert will contribute to the overall efforts of the EU to coordinate a strategic assessment of implications of geopolitical shifts for Turkey and its strategic re-positioning at global and regional level (Eurasian and Middle-East spaces) and the relations of Turkey with the main powers, with a specific emphasis on promoting a coherent approach across the EU's engagement and broader tool box, taking into assessment of the various interests and perceptions of EU Member States in relation to Turkey. The expert will also contribute to formulate scenarios and policy options regarding the possible short to medium term development of EU-Turkey relationship in the new geopolitical environment

Within the overall focus of the EU-Turkey effort, the SNE will focus on:

- Provide policy advice on Turkey-related development assistance programming under the next Multi-annual Financial Framework (2021-2027)
- Provide assessment and recommendations on how the EU can best mobilise its various instruments, including development and programmatic tools, so they are aligned with the EU strategic policy objectives. Areas of particular interest could include migration, conflict prevention, democratic governance and human rights, economic development and trade, energy, transport and CVE.
- Provide advice to the EEAS leadership ahead of ministerial and senior official meetings with Turkey, notably in relation to implementation of EU development programmes and initiatives.
- Close cooperation with relevant counterparts in the EEAS (incl. MD EURCA, MENA, AFRICA, ASIA, CSDP-CR), in Commission services (NEAR, DEVCO, FPI, line DGs) and relevant EU delegations with a focus on development efforts.
- Participation in and possibly organisation of meetings with European and non-European think tanks and academia with the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of EU engagements with Turkey.
- Contribute with advice and analysis as required within the area of expertise.

Job Requirements

Education and Training: University degree in law, political science, economy, business administration or any other related issue or equivalent.

Knowledge and Experience: Experience of at least 15 years in the above mentioned areas at institutional level, analysis and reporting; in third countries (Embassy, International organization, NGO, etc.); Knowledge of EU institutions, related decisional processes, EU external action and related EU external policies (geographic and thematic); knowledge of and previous working experience in relation to Turkey would be an asset.

Skills

Linguistic skills: Thorough knowledge (capacity to write and speak) in English and/or French is required. Knowledge of other EU working language is an advantage. Knowledge of Turkish would be an asset.

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

Interpersonal skills: Teamwork. Coordination and communication skills.

Intellectual skills: Solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions.

Personal Qualities

Dynamic. Motivated and flexible personality. Able to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges.