

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title:	Space Policy Officer – GTRA-DO (Galileo Threat Response Architecture Duty Officer)
Job location:	EEAS Headquarters - Brussels
Reference:	358741
Area of activity:	SecDefPol.5 Space
Category:	AD
Duration of secondment:	initial 1 or 2 years, renewable up to 4 years

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Overall purpose:

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy manages the CFSP/CSDP aspects of the EU's space activities and ensures the consistency of the EU's external action in the space domain.

The High Representative has operational responsibilities in relation to the crisis management related to the European GNSS system, to be extended to the systems and services flowing from the components of the new EU spaces programme, which are considered security-sensitive (Copernicus, SST, GovSatCom, space-based secure connectivity).

The High Representative provides operational direction to the EU Satellite Centre (SatCen), cooperates with the Commission for enhancing synergies between civil, defence and space industries and collaborates with international partners on space security issues (a.o. through space dialogues and other political dialogues).

The High Representative's / European External Action Service's involvement in space activities is rapidly growing with the greater involvement of the EU in space and consequently rapidly increasing requirements to address security and defence aspects of these activities.

With the view to make this involvement possible, a Special Envoy for Space was nominated, who is supported by a division, SecDefPol.5 Space, and answers directly to the MD.CSDPCR and the High Representative for the permanent direct operational chain of command.

Main tasks and responsibilities:

- Contribute to supporting the High Representative and the EEAS in their operational responsibilities related to responses to the threats to or through the European GNSS system, including the preparation of Council Decision 2014/496/CFSP implementation, in particular:
 - Drafting of the procedures that are submitted to the Political and Security Committee,
 - Being a member of the Galileo Threat Response Architecture Duty Officers (GTRA-DOs) team;

- Contribute to implementing in a similar way the Council Decision to be adopted in May 2021, extending the High Representative's responsibilities to the systems and services flowing from the components of the new EU spaces programme, which are considered security-sensitive;
- Contribute to ensuring the operational direction of the EU Satellite Centre (SatCen) notably by:
 - Supporting the SatCen tasking authority,
 - Being a member of the negotiation team for negotiating with some Member States on SatCen's access to their future governmental system (FR – CSO; IT – COSMO-SkyMed 2; DE – SARah; LU – NAOS; possibly ES – PAZ)
- Support the Special Envoy for Space with space security expertise, including in its international cooperation and defence dimensions;
- Collaborate with Commission and Council services in space-related areas: European GNSS, Copernicus (mainly security services and governance), Space Surveillance and Tracking Support Framework (and possible extension to space weather), Governmental Satellite Communications, space-based secure connectivity, international cooperation on space issues, etc.

Functions and duties:

- Contribute to the implementation of Council Decision 2014/496/CFSP and its foreseen extension, including by taking part in the 24/7 "on call" GTRA-DOs team availability;
- Prepare position papers, contributions, briefings and speeches on space policy and more particularly space security;
- Prepare for and attend meetings of Council preparatory bodies, Commission experts committees, European Parliament commissions and related working groups on space policy / space security and report on the results;
- Cooperate closely with the European Commission, prepare the EEAS position and report on the results;
- Assist the EEAS in conferences, multilateral meetings, seminars, official events, on space policy / space security.

Job requirements

Education and training: University diploma in international relations, space policy, security policy, defence or related areas.

Knowledge and experience:

- Experience of at least 5 years in the above mentioned areas at institutional level, including at operational level;
- Analysis and reporting on technical subjects;

- Knowledge of EU institutions and related decision processes, CFSP/CFSD and EU external action;

Skills:

- Linguistic skills: Thorough knowledge (capacity to write and speak) of English and another official language of the EU is required. Working language is English.
- Communication skills: capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international, multicultural and multilingual environment. Ability to translate scientific and technical knowledge / information and integrate it into policy papers and to draft/make oral presentations in a synthetic manner.
- Interpersonal skills: ability to work as member of a team, cooperation with colleagues from Member States, EU institutions and bodies or other (such as ESA). Willingness to travel including at short notice.
- Intellectual skills: strong analytical skills; ability to work under pressure with short deadlines and heavy workload; ability to manage multiple tasks and unexpected demands. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions. Good drafting and reporting skills.

Personal qualities: dynamic, motivated and flexible. Ready to adapt quickly to changing circumstances and to work independently within the scope of assigned duties.

Security clearance at level SECRET UE/EU SECRET or the national equivalent required.