

Call for the expression of interest for

Seconded national experts to the European Parliament

Directorate General for External Policies

Directorate: B - Regions

Unit: Transatlantic Relations and G8 (TAR)

Description of the unit:

The Unit for Transatlantic Relations and the G8 Policy is responsible for providing coordination of the Parliament's bilateral relations with the US and with Canada, as well as providing support to the President in the framework of the G7 Speakers' Conference.

The cornerstone of the relationship with the US is the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue (TLD), based on the Delegation for relations with the US (D-US), which holds two big inter-parliamentary meetings with counterparts in the US Congress annually. The TLD Steering Committee coordinates the Parliament's work between its standing sectoral committees. The Parliament is actively seeking to deepen its bilateral relations with Congress, focussing on areas where legislators have the powers to make a difference.

The seconded national expert would be one of two desk officers for the US, and part of a small close-knit and friendly unit, where the desk officers for the US and Canada work closely together, nurturing a network of professional contacts with professionals in the other European Institutions, including on the parliamentary oversight of the Trade and Technology Council, US and Canadian missions to the EU, think tanks and civil society.

We are looking for

- (1) A seconded national expert with a good understanding of the US political and governmental system, and knowledge of EU-US relations, to work as a desk officer for the US.
- (2) The jobholder will, together with the current desk officer for the US, provide full support for D-US and the TLD Steering Committee, identifying key issues and providing advice and strategic analysis to the D-US Chair and vice-chairs, organising and managing regular D-US meetings as well as the biannual inter-parliamentary meetings.
- (3) Someone with deep experience in policy advisory functions, international negotiations, EU institutions, academic research or think-tank experience in EU-US relations would be welcome. Knowledge and experience in the area of data protection and/or the role of social media platforms would be an asset.

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