

Call for the expression of interest for

## **SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

### **Directorate General for External Policies**

Directorate: **D (Democracy support)**

Unit: **Mediation and Dialogue Support Unit (MED)**

#### Description of the unit:

Since July 2017, the European Parliament's **Mediation and Dialogue Support (MED)** Unit is providing **expert policy advice and practical operational support for MEPs in the area of mediation, facilitating dialogue and preventing conflict**. Mediation, inter-party dialogue and consensus building are increasingly recognised as highly cost-effective tools to be applied in a wide range of cases, complementing democracy support and conflict prevention efforts.

The MED unit is actively steering and supporting complex mediation and dialogue processes in EU Neighbourhood countries (Ukraine, North Macedonia, Serbia, and, in the near future, Georgia) involving national parliaments, political groups and political parties, under the label of the '**Jean Monnet Dialogue**' (for Serbia: 'Inter-Party Dialogue'). The Dialogue complements traditional capacity-building programmes and contributes to institutional reform processes, including those related to EU enlargement processes or the association agreements. It also provides a platform for political group leaders to seek consensus on national priority policies. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/globaldemocracysupport/en/mediation-and-dialogue/jean-monnet-dialogues>

A further leg of the MED unit's activities is the European Parliament's '**Young Political Leaders (YPL)** programme'. It brings together young leaders, parliamentarians, political party representatives and politically active civil society actors from countries outside the EU to encourage peaceful dialogue and cooperation. The YPL develops participants' capacities as peacebuilders, facilitates discussions on challenging regional issues and promotes the political inclusion of youth and civil society. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/globaldemocracysupport/en/mediation-and-dialogue/young-leaders>

#### Candidate's profile:

The Unit is looking for a pro-active **Seconded National Expert (SNE)** with a very good knowledge of EU Foreign Policy and of the functioning of the European Parliament and EU-institutions, in general. The SNE should also have knowledge of international mediation processes and mediation support. Field experience in mediation support would be an asset.

The SNE would provide high-quality advice and operational support to EP-Lead Members/-Mediators. Among the **responsibilities of the SNE**, under the supervision of the head of unit, would be to: design, prepare and implement mediation and dialogue processes; engage in short-term missions inside and outside the EU; contribute to the further development of the EP's expertise and capacities in the field of its mediation and dialogue activities; build and maintain wide professional networks inside the EU-institutions and with key partners; ensure internal reporting, briefings and evaluation of EP-mediation and dialogue activities.

Excellent communication skills, a strong practical experience in working across institutions and with external experts as well as the acumen to work with Members of Parliament, including on sensitive files would be important assets. The candidate should also have strong operational, analytical, drafting and interpersonal skills, be ready to work flexibly, meet tight deadlines and carry out missions outside the workplaces of the Parliament. A very good command of English is essential, French would be an additional asset. The chosen candidate would also be expected to support other services within DG EXPO where required.

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