



Call for Expression of Interest for Seconded National Expert

Legal expert in prosecution of financial crimes EPPO/2021/SNE/001

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| Position (business title): | Legal Expert in prosecution of financial crimes |
| Status: | Seconded National Expert (`SNE`) |
| Location: | Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG |
| Closing date for applications: | <u>17 January 2022; 23:59 (CET)</u>¹ |

The EPPO

Under the leadership of the European Chief Prosecutor (`ECP`), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (`the EPPO`) is the first European Union independent Prosecution Office of the European Union. The EPPO is responsible for carrying out criminal investigations and prosecutions into crimes affecting the Union budget in 22 EU Member States as one of the European Union Institutions and Bodies delivering the European Union's Justice System. It became operational on 1 June 2021.

The EPPO working language is English.

National Officials' secondment to the EPPO

To build on competences of national administrations and contribute to a smooth articulation between the central and decentralised components of its organisational model, the EPPO is seeking skilled individuals, employed in one of the 22 participating Member States' judicial and investigative national, regional or local public administration, available to be seconded to the EPPO for fixed-term secondments under the status of Seconded National Experts (`SNE`)².

Candidate SNE should be a legal expert in prosecution of financial crimes.

Most competent candidates will be placed on a reserve list, which the EPPO draws from as specific needs for expertise and knowledge arise.

SNEs functionally report to the Chief European Prosecutor and are delegated to specific tasks during their period of secondment under the supervision of diverse functional areas' leaders.

Duties and Accountabilities

¹ Published on **24 November 2021**

² College Decision No 102/2021 of 20 October 2021 laying down rules on the secondment to the European Public Prosecutor's office (`EPPO`) on National Experts



The selected candidate, under the authority of the European Chief Prosecutor in accordance with Article 98 of the EPPO Regulation, would be tasked with:

- giving legal and operational support to prosecutorial activities of the EPPO, specifically providing legal advice and opinions to the Permanent Chambers in their directing and monitoring role, to the European Prosecutors in their supervising role, and to the European Delegated Prosecutors responsible for the investigations and prosecutions assigned to them;
- supporting the European Prosecutors and the European Delegated Prosecutors in liaising with the prosecutorial and judicial authorities of the Member States in the process of consultation, exchange of information, possible coordination and other interactions in accordance with the EPPO Regulation and the legislation of the Member States;
- analysing case files and information in possession of the EPPO, and drafting prosecutorial requests and decisions;
- identifying and assessing possible developments and issues at legal and operational level and drafting legal opinions, best practices, procedures, rules, decisions and other legal instruments in support of the activity of the Permanent Chambers, of the European Prosecutors and of the European Delegated Prosecutors;
- undertaking other tasks assigned by European Chief Prosecutor or by the supervising person delegated by him/her.

Eligibility and selection requirements

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants will be considered eligible for the selection based on the following formal criteria to be fulfilled by the deadline for applications:

- to be a national of one of the Member States and enjoy the full rights as a citizen;
- to have a thorough knowledge of the working language of the EPPO and satisfactory knowledge of a second European Union language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties;
- to be employed by a public administration of a member state in accordance with Article 2(1) of the EPPO Regulation – all public services of the Member States of the European Union and central, federal and regional level, including government, prosecution parliamentary and judicial services, the national courts, central banks, as well as the decentralised administrative services of the State and of such authorities;
- to have at least 3 (three) years' full-time experience of administrative, judicial, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions;
- must have worked for his/her employer on a permanent or contractual basis for at least 12 (twelve) months before the secondment and shall remain in service of the employer throughout the period of secondment;
- to have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the EU and of a satisfactory knowledge of another official language of the EU to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties.

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed against the following



selection criteria:

Essential criteria

- experience in handling complex criminal cases for financial crimes in the Member State of origin, including, but not limited to organised crime, corruption related offences, fraud against public institutions, cross-border VAT fraud, smuggling of goods;
- knowledge of the national criminal legal framework of the Member State of origin;
- knowledge of the EPPO Regulation and of the PIF Directive;
- knowledge of the EU Legal Framework in criminal matters;
- ability to establish and maintain effective and constructive working relationships with people of different national and/or cultural backgrounds with respect for diversity.

Advantageous criteria

- experience in prosecuting PIF offences;
- experience in managing or conducting cross-border investigations;
- experience in the area of judicial cooperation in criminal matters;
- knowledge of an additional EU language of at least at a level B2³ excluding English and mother tongue.

Interpersonal competencies sought

- pro-active, highly flexible and dynamic working attitude, high sense of initiative, responsibility, discretion and confidentiality;
- critical and creative thinking and excellent analytical and problem solving skills, attention to details;
- strong inter-personal and negotiation skills;
- ability to prioritise and to organise activities/tasks/resources to deliver on several projects in parallel;
- ability to work independently as well as a part of a team, in a multi-cultural environment.

Candidates are invited to read the ANNEX that represents an integral part of this Call of Expressions and provides information on how to complete the application, the steps of the selection process and appeal procedures.

³ cf. Language levels of the Common European Framework of reference:
<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sites/default/files/cefr-en.pdf>