

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert in the Directorate for Global Issues

Policy Officer, „Green Transition” Division, GLOBAL GI 3

COST-FREE

AD level post

Job No 345291

We are:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) supports the High Representative in the exercise of his mandate to conduct and implement an effective and coherent EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), of representing the EU and of chairing the Foreign Affairs Council. It also supports the High Representative in his capacity as Vice-President of the Commission with regard to his responsibilities within the Commission in the external relations field including the coordination of other aspects of the EU's external action. The EEAS works in close cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Council, the services of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the European Parliament.

The “Green Transition” Division, GLOBAL GI 3, embedded in the Directorate for "Global Issues" is a Division created in September 2021 with a broad mandate focusing on the external dimension of the EU Green Deal, with global scope. It contributes to ensuring that the EU's foreign and security policy is equipped to tackle pressing global challenges related to green transition, including its geopolitical impact and relations with partners, in both bilateral and multilateral settings. The Division is the focal point within the EEAS for policymaking, guidance and information on the external dimension of the Green Deal notably on energy, climate and environment. Our overriding objective is to improve the integration of these aspects into the EU's relations with countries, regions and multilateral bodies worldwide.

Aiming to ensure maximum coherence between internal and external policies and serving as a point of interface between the EEAS, Commission services and Member States, the “Green Transition” Division is a growing and highly motivated team. It works closely with all geographic and relevant thematic and horizontal Divisions of the EEAS, EU Embassies, Commission services and Member States to pursue goals which are politically visible and in direct support of the headline goals of our political leadership.

We propose:

The post of “cost-free” Seconded National Expert on the position of “Green diplomacy” desk officer in the EEAS Division, “Green Transition”, GLOBAL GI 3.

The successful candidate will be in charge of the external dimension of the Green Deal, with focus on policy areas of environment and green transition, with close linkages to climate and energy files. S/he will work closely with other services of the EEAS, in particular geographic Divisions and EU Embassies in partner countries, the relevant Commission services and EU Member States, as part of the broader efforts to contribute to the development of a coherent EU strategy and approach to promote green transition in EU external policy.

Functions and Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Head of Division the Seconded National Expert is expected to perform the following tasks:

- Provide analysis and political advice with regard to the external dimension of the EU Green Deal policies and their geopolitical dimension, working in close cooperation with other members of the team, other EEAS services, EU Embassies in third countries, European Commission and Member States in Team Europe spirit;
- Contribute to strengthening further EU's Green Diplomacy as part of the wider Green Deal, through dedicated initiatives promoting EU's Green transition internationally;

- Contribute to diplomatic outreach with third countries and international organisations- seminars/webinars, political dialogues and other bilateral discussions with partners, policymakers' roundtables, donor discussions;
- Contribute to accompany relevant international negotiations on Green Transition related aspects in close cooperation with European Commission and Member States;
- Prepare policy papers, speeches, briefings on EU external dimension of the Green Deal for High Representative/Vice President, EEAS hierarchy, European Commission, and other stakeholders.

We are looking for:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a dynamic, proactive and highly motivated colleague with strong analytical and drafting skills.

The candidate should have a good understanding of EU policy-making, decision-making processes and inter-institutional relations as well as experience in Green Transition related areas. The candidate will work in an international and multicultural environment in close synergy with Member States and EU institutions, and in regular contact with EU Embassies.

Legal basis:

- This vacancy is to be filled in accordance with the EEAS Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy HR DEC(2014) 01 of 04/02/2014 establishing the rules applicable to National Experts seconded to the European External Action Service.

Eligibility criteria:

Candidates must:

- a) Be drawn from public administrations in Member States, from international organisations or, only in exceptional cases and with prior authorisation from other sources;
- b) Have at least two years' full-time experience of administrative, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions equivalent to those of function groups AD or AST as defined in the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the Union or, where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.¹;
- c) Have a thorough knowledge of one Union language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second language for the performance of his/her duties;
- d) Remain in the service of the employer throughout the period of secondment and shall be paid by that employer;
- e) Remain subject to the social security legislation applicable to the public administration, international administration or entity which employs the SNE and which will assume responsibility for expenses incurred abroad. In case of posting to an EU Delegation, the employer certifies that the SNE is covered for medical expenses incurred at the place of secondment, as well as costs of repatriation on health grounds throughout the full period of secondment;
- f) Ensure that there is no conflict of interest and that he/she will, at all times, safeguard the independence and coherence of EU foreign policy as well as the integrity and confidentiality of EU documentation, information and procedures.

¹ Staff Regulations of Officials (SR) and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS). For reference, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1570023902133&uri=CELEX:01962R0031-20190101>

Selection criteria:

A. Knowledge and Experience:

Professional experience of at least 2 years, ideally in the area of Green transition (environment or climate or energy); understanding of policy issues related to Green transition and the EU's Green Deal; understanding of EU institutions, related decisional processes and EU's external policies

- Experience in cooperation on Green transition with partner countries or/and international organisations as well as experience in diplomatic or field posting (Embassy, International organization, NGO, etc.) would be an asset

B. Skills

- Capacity to work and communicate in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment.
- Teamwork. Coordination and communication skills.
- Solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions. Ability to understand complex technical matters in a broader political context

C. Languages

- Excellent knowledge of English. Operational knowledge of French would be an asset.

D. Personal Qualities

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

Equal opportunities

- The EEAS is committed to an equal opportunities policy for all its staff and applicants. The EEAS is committed to promoting gender equality and to preventing discrimination on any grounds. It actively welcomes applications from all qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds and from the broadest possible geographical basis amongst the EU Member States. We aim at a service which is truly representative of society, where each staff member feels respected, is able to give their best and can develop their full potential.
- Candidates with disabilities are invited to contact SNE-HQ@eeas.europa.eu in order to accommodate any special needs and provide assistance to ensure the possibility to pass the selection procedure in equality of opportunities with other candidates. If a candidate with a disability is selected for a vacant post, the EEAS is committed to providing reasonable accommodation in accordance with Art 1d.4 of the Staff Regulations.

Conditions of secondment

SNEs shall remain in the service of their employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer.

Duration of the secondment: 2 years, renewable up to 4 years in total

Vacancy available from: 01/02/2023

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

For further information, please contact:

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