

EEAS Vacancy Notice

CO-FINANCED

Seconded National Expert / Counter Terrorism and Security – Sahel region

Delegation of the European Union to Niger

AD level post

Job No 253689

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.

We propose:

The position of Seconded National Expert covering Counter Terrorism/Security issues in the Sahel region – **regional EU Counter Terrorism / Security Expert for the Sahel**, based at the EU Delegation to Niger. The position constitutes a “co-financed” secondment, i.e. salary, insurances, accommodation and other costs are to be paid by the EU MS as appropriate and specific allowances to be paid by the EEAS.

Overall purpose: assist EU Delegations within the Sahel region in monitoring security developments. Involvement in establishing and maintaining EU relations with local counterparts on counter terrorism and preventing/countering violent extremism (P/CVE) and financing of terrorism (CTF). Contribute to analysis and reporting in the fields of counter terrorism, security, the rule of law and security sector reform, as pertaining to CT issues. The Expert will be based in Niamey and will be required to travel in the country and in the region. S/he will be a member of the EU CT/Security Experts Network and, as such, will be accountable to EEAS HQ for related tasks and assignments.

We are looking for:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a highly motivated colleague (SNE) to occupy the post of Seconded National Expert (SNE) covering **regional counter terrorism/security issues relating to the Sahel** based at the **EU Delegation to Niger**.

The expert will:

- monitor the security situation and related developments in the Sahel region, providing advice on counter terrorism, preventing/countering violent extremism (P/CVE), radicalisation, terrorist financing and countering transnational and organised crime linked to terrorist activities, in cooperation with the Regional Advisory and Coordination Cell (RACC). The impact of security issues on broader EU interests in the region should also be part of the analysis;
- analyse and report on developments in the areas listed above in the countries of the region, including on a regional level, to the Security and Defence Policy Directorate (CT Division) at EEAS Headquarters, through monthly reports, early warnings, special requests, and information flashes;
- work closely with the Heads of Delegation, the Delegations and different EU actors in the region on these issues;
- promote and raise awareness of local and regional authorities of EU policies, strategies and initiatives concerning counter terrorism, P/CVE and related security issues;
- ensure close coordination with Member States' Embassies and amongst Member States' counter terrorism advisers, security advisers and police liaison officers, including by participating in and/or convening relevant coordination meetings on matters pertaining to the Sahel region;

- develop and maintain a network composed of relevant local and regional actors, from Niger and the countries of the Sahel region, regional organisations such as the G5-Sahel and Lake Chad Basin Commission, the Multinational Joint Task Force, UN agencies, local and international civil society, and bilateral partners;
- cooperate closely with Commission services (including FPI, INTPA and HOME) in the identification, formulation and implementation of EU programmes and activities in the Sahel region concerning counter terrorism, P/CVE and related issues, in collaboration with the Delegation and the Security and Defence Policy Directorate (CT Division);
- contribute to the preparation of and participate in Dialogues on CT and security matters, contribute to briefings and the preparation of impending visits, and provide general analytical input.

Legal basis:

This vacancy is to be filled in accordance with EEAS Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Decision 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 three 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 Union¹ or, where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.
- 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) Have a security clearance of minimum level **EU-SECRET** for the functions that he/she will carry out.
- e) Remain in the service of the employer throughout the period of secondment and shall be paid by that employer.
- f) 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
- g) Ensure that there is no conflict of interest and that they 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.

Selection criteria:

Candidates should:

A. Professional knowledge

- Have professional experience of at least 5 years, preferably in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice or Police with experience in counter terrorism, prevention of violent extremism, deradicalisation, transnational crime or related issues, ideally from work in the region or in developing countries;
- Have extensive knowledge of the above-mentioned policy areas, including conflict sensitive analytical capacities, security/CT policies in Member States or international organisations and diplomatic representations. Previous regional experience would be an advantage, as would good working knowledge of the EU (institutional) environment and instruments in the area of EU external and security policy. Proven reporting and analysis capacity is required.

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>

B. Skills

- Have the capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment. Intercultural sensitivity skills are required.
- Be a team worker and have good coordination and communication skills. Ability to build and maintain a network of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.
- Have solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions

C. Security

Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) is **mandatory** for this posting

D. Languages

- Knowledge (capacity to write and speak) of English and French is required. Knowledge of local language(s) would be an asset.

E. Personal Qualities

- Dynamic, motivated and flexible personality. Ability to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges, including missions in conflict areas. Ability to adapt quickly to difficult working and living conditions.

F. Equal opportunities

- The EEAS is committed to an equal opportunities policy for all its employees and applicants for employment. As an employer, 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 that 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-Delegations@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.

G. 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. The EEAS will provide for the allowances in order to contribute to cover the SNE's living expenses in the place of secondment on a flat-rate basis. These allowances shall not be construed as remuneration paid by the EEAS.

Duration of the secondment: Initial period up to two years, renewable (1 year)

Co-financed SNEs shall be entitled to a:

- Daily allowance (157.35€/calendar day) throughout the period of secondment
- Monthly allowance calculated according to the distance between the point of origin of the employer and the place of secondment (between 0 to 880.90 €/month)
- Living Condition Allowance : 40 %

The EEAS will cover for security costs and missions costs incurred by the SNE posted in the EU Delegation. **Other costs such as removal costs, salary, insurance, accommodation, etc. shall not be covered by the EEAS.**

Post available: **immediately**

For further information, please contact: SNE-DELEGATIONS@eeas.europa.eu