

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Cost-free Seconded National Expert/ Adviser

Office of the European Union Representative

West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA

AD level post

Job No 337001

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 (Political Officer) at the **Office of the European Union Representative to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA**, as a "cost-free" secondment, i.e. salary, insurances, schooling and other costs to be paid by the EU MS as appropriate. This position is located in **East Jerusalem**.

We are looking for:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a highly motivated colleague to occupy the post of Seconded National Expert (SNE) at the **Office of the European Union Representative in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA, in the Political, Press and Information Section**.

Overall purpose: As a major aspect of the EU support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on agreed parameters compatible with international law, the Office of the European Union Representative to the West Bank and Gaza Strip manages, co-ordinates and monitors the implementation of EU cooperation assistance to the Palestinians of more than €300 million per year. This makes the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt), the largest recipient per capita of EU ODA. Within this context, and based on her/his regional expertise, the SNE in the Political Section is expected to make a significant contribution to the work of the Delegation, including by ensuring that the EU cooperation with the oPt is based on a solid analysis of the socio-economic, political and security situation in Palestine and the region

Towards this end, the SNE will monitor and contribute to:

- Analysis and reporting on the development, political and security situation in Palestine, including at the regional level and on political relations with the EU and Member States under the direct supervision of the Head of Section and/or Head of Delegation (HoD).
- Supporting the Operations Section of EUREP in analysing and positioning the EU's development portfolio in the fields of justice, rule of law, human rights and good governance in its challenging political context and reporting on it;
- The Political Section contribution to the EU's Triple Nexus engagement in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a particular emphasis on Area C.
- Assist the Head of Section in all other activities of the section, where required.

Functions and Duties:

Policy analysis

- Analyse and assess relevant political and economic developments in order to develop, support, implement and advise on policy-making;

- Participate in stakeholder consultations (UN, PA, MS and other diplomatic missions, NGOs, civil society) on issues related to Palestine and to the conflict with Israel;
- Draft and update comprehensive analysis reports, annual reports, synthesis reports and briefings;
- Providing advice to Head of Section and Head of Delegation on the above issues
- Follow up developments and provide advice to the Head of Section and the Head of Delegation on:
 - Security-related issues, with a particular focus on risks of radicalisation, role of Political Islam in Palestine and particularly in Gaza, impact of regional developments on the domestic situation in Palestine.
 - Intra-Palestinian reconciliation and elections
 - Economic issues (inter alia fiscal issues), economic developments and initiatives
 - Religious diplomacy and inter-faith dialogue

Support to EUREP's tasks of representation, negotiation and communication

- Support the section in its representation, negotiation and communication activities vis à vis Palestinian authorities, diplomatic missions and international organisations, public and private organisations, and the wider public on areas of responsibility;
- Maintain network of contacts with Palestinian Authority and PLO officials, media, NGOs, think tanks, academics, Member States, third country representations.

Support for Presidency functions

- Assist the Head of Section in local Presidency functions, in particular coordination meetings of EU Heads of Political Section;
- In areas of responsibility: preparation of presentations, documentation, organisation of visits, language for press and social media;
- Drafting of minutes, when required.

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 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.²
- 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

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>

- f) 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

Experience of at least 3 years in the above mentioned areas at institutional level, analysis and reporting; in third countries (Embassy, International organization, NGO, etc.); knowledge of Politics of the Middle East and Political Islam; knowledge of EU institutions, related decisional processes, CFSP-CFSD, JLS, EU external action and related EU external policies (geographic and thematic); knowledge of relevant regional integration processes.

B. Skills

Capacity to work and communicate under time constraints 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 work in a politically and culturally sensitive environment.

C. Languages

Thorough knowledge (capacity to write and speak) in English is required. Knowledge of Arabic is an advantage.

D. Personal Qualities

Be dynamic and stress resilient. Motivated and flexible personality. Able to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges. Able to periodically handle very heavy workload during the Human Rights Council sessions.

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

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: Initial period up to two years, renewable up to 4 years.

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

Vacant available from: Immediately

For further information, please contact:

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