

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert in the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability Managing Directorate (MD.CPCC)

Confidential Counsellor/Coordinator – Psychologist in DMD.CPCC.5

COST-FREE

AD level post

Job no. 427947

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 Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (MD.CPCC) is the permanent structure supporting the Civilian Operations Commander. The Civilian Operations Commander is the overall commander at the strategic level of currently 13 civilian CSDP crisis management missions and provides strategic guidance and direction to the Heads of Mission. The Civilian Operations Commander reports directly to the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and through him to the Council of the EU. Under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee and the overall authority of the High Representative, the Civilian Operations Commander ensures the effective planning and conduct of civilian CSDP crisis management operations, as well as the proper implementation of all mission-related tasks as well as the discharge of the duty of care.

We propose:

The post of a “cost-free” Seconded National Expert of **Confidential Counsellor/Coordinator - Psychologist**. The successful candidate will work under the authority of the Managing Director/Civilian Operation Commander of the MD.CPCC, and as part of the duty of care obligations of the command structure, and reports to the Head of Duty of Care/Security Division. In that context, the aim of the post is to maximise the psychosocial wellbeing of CSDP mission staff members.

Functions and Duties:

- Monitor psychosocial wellbeing of CSDP mission staff to build resiliency, mitigate the impact of traumatic incidents and prevent burn-out syndrome;
- Coordinate and supervise the Confidential Counsellors network;
- Conduct and coordinate Critical Incident Staff Assistance (CISA), including but not limited to:
 - Design, promote and maintain an evidence-based psychological trauma incident response programme to be implemented in the missions;
 - Advice and assist respective Missions, following a critical incident;
 - Provide individual and/or group interventions, follow-up and referrals as needed following a critical incident.
- Provide psychosocial support and advice for staff and managers on healthy work practices including individual and group counselling (assessment, short-term intervention, and referral);

- Develop and provide training, tools and awareness raising activities on psychosocial related matters;
- Contribute to policy development on health, psychological and security issues;
- Participate in Mission planning process by providing expertise and knowledge of psychosocial interventions and evaluation in a Mission context;
- Cooperate and liaise with the CPCC Medical Advisor/Coordinator and CSDP Mission Medical Units;
- Liaise and cooperate with EEAS, EUMS and other relevant EU mental health actors.
- Assist and advise the CPCC Civilian Operations Commander on all mental health and psychosocial wellbeing issues.

We are looking for:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) is seeking a dynamic, proactive and highly motivated colleague with strong analytical and networking skills to occupy the post of Seconded National Expert (SNE). The candidate should have a good understanding of EU policy-making and decision-making processes, and an understanding of inter-institutional relations as well as have relevant experience in the areas of responsibility. He/she will have to work in an international and multicultural environment in close synergy with Member States and EU institutions.

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 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 English for the performance of his/her duties;
- d) Have a security clearance of minimum level **EU-SECRET/SECRET-UE** 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;

¹ Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 of the Council of 29 February 1968 (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p.1) and successive amendments.

² 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>

- g) 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.

Selection criteria:

Candidates should:

A. Qualifications and experience required:

- Successful completion of a full course of university studies attested by a degree in clinical or counselling psychology or psychotherapy, where the normal duration of university education in the country awarded is minimum four (4) years or more and, after having obtained the university degree at least 3 years of relevant and proven full-time relevant professional experience.
- Have a minimum of 2 years of field experience in mental health and counselling in national and/or international settings.
- Additional training or certification in occupational health, staff support, and traumatic/critical incident stress, as well as a broad range of related fields, such as alcohol/substance abuse, family counselling, training, stress management, are considered an asset.
- Have a good knowledge of the European Union's external action mechanisms, in particular CSDP would be desirable;
- Certification as a mediator or mediation skills is an asset.

B. Skills required:

- Have strong organisational and managerial skills, sense of initiative and ability to work under pressure within short deadlines and to manage multiple tasks and unexpected demands;
- Have ability to maintain objective in complex scenarios and to display sensitivity and sound judgement;
- Have excellent interpersonal skills;
- Have ability to work and communicate in interdisciplinary and intercultural teams;
- Have excellent analytical capability as well as excellent drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions;
- Be prepared to travel on mission to current or potential crisis areas and to do so at short notice;
- Have the ability to exercise greatest discretion with regard to all facts and information coming to his/her knowledge in the course of or in connection with the performance of his/her duties.

C. Languages:

- In the interest of the service, the expert must be fully fluent in written and oral English. Good command of French is an advantage.

D. Personal qualities:

- Be a motivated and flexible team player;
- Have the ability to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges;
- Have the ability to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline.

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-CSDP@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:

- costs of professional travels (missions) incurred by the SNE posted in the EEAS HQ;
- accident insurance 24/7 for SNE (not family members).

Other costs such as removal costs, salary, insurance, schooling (other than the European School fee), etc. shall not be covered by the EEAS.

Vacancy available from: Immediately

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

For further information, please contact:

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