

EEAS Vacancy Notice

Seconded National Expert in the Secure Communications Division

IT Strategy and Planning Officer (RM.SCS.4)

COST-FREE

AD level post

Job No 489431

We are:

The European External Action Service (EEAS) supports the High Representative in the exercise of her 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 her capacity as Vice-President of the Commission with regard to her 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 post of a “cost-free” Seconded National Expert on the position of:

Federated Mission Network (FMN) subject matter expert, delivering architectural and technical support for the implementation of the FMN Core Services (FMNCS) in the EU Operations Wan Evolution (EOW-E) infrastructure. FMN is a framework, facilitated by NATO, providing an evolutionary foundation to ensure that mission networks are established and managed efficiently for supporting federated operations, exercises and trainings. FMN is the reference framework selected by Member States for the EOW-E project, with the aim of delivering a military mission network capable of federating the MPCC and Member States Command and Control services.

The successful candidate will join the Operations Sector of the Secure Communications Division (RM.SCS.4). With the EEAS being the Single CIS Service Provider (SCISSP) for the EU Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC), this Sector supports, among others, the classified CIS needs of the MPCC military missions, operations and exercises.

Functions and Duties:

Under the authority of the Head of Division, the Seconded National Expert is expected to perform the following tasks:

- To contribute, together with the EOW-E architect, to the definition of the roadmap for the implementation of the FMNCS, including the FMN perspective;
- To support the EOW-E Team in the preparation of the documents requested by the SSA for the accreditation of the FMNCS;
- To support the EOW-E Architect in the preparation of the technical documents needed by the Network Operation Centre (NOC) to implement the services;
- To perform quality checks and evaluate the correctness of the technical implementation and to request for corrections, when needed;

- To organise the validation of the implementation of the FMNCS with willing OHQs/FHQs, by preparing the relevant documentation, the test procedures and the criteria for success of the specific service to be tested;
- To support the OHQs/FHQs in the validation of the implementation of the service;
- To define strategies for the transition from the as-is state of the EOW-E infrastructure to the final, FMN-enabled, one, taking into consideration the possibility that some EOW-E partner could be unable to activate an FMNCS service in the short term, but will have anyway the need to use the infrastructure in a traditional way;
- To represent, together with EOW-E Team, the FMN perspective into meetings, working groups, user management boards, etc;
- To define the EEAS participation to the EUX exercise in terms of FMN-related ambitions and test cases;
- To participate to the EUX exercise main conferences and execution, supporting FMN tests;
- To support the organization of other EU exercises played on the EOW-E, or related to the EOW-E FMN services, even when played on different infrastructures.

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 shall have a deep understanding of the FMN concepts, with specifically knowledge related to Core Services. The candidate should have a CIS military background and be able to quickly understand the specific needs and peculiarities of the MPCC. 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 Union or, where justified in the interests of the service, professional training of an equivalent level.¹;

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>

- 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/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;
- 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. Professional knowledge

- Have a professional experience of at least 10 years in the Ministry of Defence, or similar entities.
- Have extensive knowledge and working experience of the above mentioned areas are required. Also, good working knowledge of the EU (institutional) environment and instruments in the area of external and security policy. Proven reporting and analysis capacity.

B. Skills

- Have the capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment. Intercultural sensitivity skills are required.
- Have the ability to work in teamwork, to coordinate and to communicate effectively.
- Have solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions.

C. Languages

- A thorough knowledge (capacity to write and speak) in French and English is required. Knowledge of other language(s) would be an asset.

D. Personal Qualities

- Be dynamic. Motivated and flexible personality. Able to adapt quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges, including missions in conflict area.

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 with equal opportunities as 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.

Other expenses such as removal costs, allowances, salary, insurance, schooling (while the SNE maintains the right to enrol the children in an European School Type I)[1] and costs related to the enrolment to the Interinstitutional nurseries or the After-school centre managed by the early childhood centre of the European Commission shall not be covered by the EEAS. However, in case the SNE makes use of these two facilities for their dependent children, the EEAS shall recover any invoiced cost (including the institutional and the parental contribution, estimated at approximately EUR 18,000 per year and per child) from the Seconded National Expert concerned on a yearly basis. For further information, please contact RM-01-COORDINATION@eeas.europa.eu

Duration of the secondment: 1 year, renewable up to 4 years in total

Vacancy available from: Immediately

Place of secondment: Brussels, Belgium

For further information, please contact:

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