

EEAS Vacancy Notice
Cost-free Seconded National Expert
European Union Delegation to Argentina
Post no 495603
AD-level post

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) to the EU Delegation to Argentina as a "cost free" secondment, i.e. salary, insurances, accommodation and other costs are to be paid by the EU MS as appropriate.

The overall purpose:

The Seconded National Expert (SNE) will be based at the EU Delegation to Argentina (in Buenos Aires) as Political Officer. Under the direction of the Head of Delegation and under the direct supervision of the Head of the Political, Press and Information Section, he/she will support the work of the Section in the following ways:

- Reporting on the political, economic and social situation in the country, with particular attention to the various dimensions of the sustainability agenda, including the climate-development and climate/environment/ security nexus;
- Act as Delegation focal point for Sustainable Development, including monitoring environmental protection and social cohesion, also in the context of the Global Gateway Investment Agenda and the EU-Mercosur Agreement, in close coordination with the other relevant sections of the Delegation;
- Contributing to the preparation and follow-up of the EU's political dialogue with Argentina, including regular contacts on climate, environment and sustainability; energy; human rights, ; defence; and digital matters, where appropriate in close coordination with the relevant sections in the Delegation;
- Contributing to the Delegation's outreach, public diplomacy, press and information activities, in particular the EU's sustainability agenda and the Global Gateway Investment Agenda, in coordination with the relevant sections in the Delegation, including the organisation of awareness-raising events (seminars/webinars, discussions with partners, policymakers' roundtables, etc.);
- Preparing and organising high-level visits to Argentina, notably from the EEAS, the European Commission and the European Parliament, and supporting the organisation of visits of Argentine policy-makers and other stakeholders to the EU;
- Under the supervision of the Head of Sector, establishing contacts with relevant Ministries, Congress, sub-federal entities, civil society organisations and stakeholders, work closely with EU Member States embassies, embassies of like-minded countries and international and regional organisations and act in close cooperation with relevant operational services at Headquarters notably the EEAS and relevant Directorates-General of the European Commission.

- The SNE will work under the supervision of an EU administrator. Without prejudice to the principle of loyal cooperation between the national/regional and European administrations, the SNE will not work on individual cases with implications with files he/she would have had to deal with in his/her national administration in the two years preceding its entry into the EEAS, or directly adjacent cases. In no case, he/she shall represent the EEAS in order to make commitments, financial or otherwise, or to negotiate on behalf of the EEAS.

Functions and duties

POLICY MONITORING

- Maintain an overview of legislation and policies in the various policy areas of interest to the EU in Argentina, in particular those relevant to the sustainability agenda, and prepare/contribute to reports thereon.
- Observe, monitor and report, regularly and in timely fashion, to Headquarters on policy and legislative developments in Argentina on relevant issues.
- Gather information and intelligence to assist HQ in negotiating and managing the future relations with Argentina in the areas within his/her remit.
- Analyse and report on specific issues, including on HQ's request.

POLICY COORDINATION

- Sustainability and Global Gateway Investment Agenda, in coordination with other sections in the Delegation and relevant EEAS and Commission services
- Coordinate activities with the Member States including involvement in the organisation of political counsellors meetings and press counsellors meetings and where relevant meetings of Heads of Mission
- Take on the role as acting Head of the Political, Press and Information Section, when Head of Section is absent.

OUTREACH – COMMUNICATION - PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

- Help prepare, assist and follow up on visits by members of the European Commission, high-level officials and representatives of other EU institutions in Argentina; and visits by Argentine officials and other stakeholders to Europe.
- Helping design and implement communication and outreach activities relating to EU policies and activities in Argentina (official events, seminars, conferences, working groups, meetings), notably the activities managed under the “EU POP Brazil-Argentina” project
- Maintain good and effective contacts with the relevant national, provincial and municipal authorities, Members of the Argentine Congress, private sector representatives, professional organisations and NGOs.
- Contribute to briefings, speeches, position papers etc.

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.

- 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 have:

A. Professional knowledge

- Experience of at least 3 years in international relations and diplomatic work;
- Analysis and reporting skills
- Working experience in third countries (Embassy, international organisations, NGO, etc.);
- General knowledge of EU–LAC and EU–Argentina relation, and EU institutions.

B. Skills

- Have the capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international diplomatic environment.
- Be a team worker and have good coordination and communication skills.
- Have solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions.

C. Languages necessary for the performance of the duties:

Excellent oral and written command of English is essential. Good working knowledge of Spanish is required.

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

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>

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 of **two years**, renewable up to 4 years in total.
For further information, please contact:

SNE-DELEGATIONS@eeas.europa.eu

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