

Seconded National Expert (cost-free)
at the European External Action Service (EEAS)
of the European Union

Job description (job no. 303172)

<u>Job Title:</u>	Counter Terrorism Expert / Policy Officer
<u>Job Location:</u>	Counter Terrorism Division/SECDEFPOL.3
<u>Area of activity:</u>	Political
<u>Category:</u>	AD

Job profile

Policy Officer responsible for implementing, within the European External Action Service, the EU Counter Terrorism (CT) policies and activities with a particular focus on the prevention and countering of radicalisation, violent extremism and recruitment (PCR/VE/R), including on line and on the programming.

Roles and Responsibilities

Within the area of EU Counter Terrorism (CT) external action, contribute to:

- Develop, promote and secure Counter Terrorism cooperation with the countries in the Western Balkans region, including through the organisation of Counter Terrorism political dialogues and travel to the region where relevant;
- Follow the security situation and related developments in the Western Balkans region and support the relevant EEAS/EU structures with advice on matters related to security, with a focus on counterterrorism, radicalisation, and P/CVE and AML/CFT;
- Advise, orient and assist in the programming of Counter Terrorism and Counter Violent Extremism projects from FPI (IcSP - Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace), DG NEAR, DG INTPA and relevant financing instruments;
- Provide guidance to the CT/Security Expert posted at the EU Delegation Sarajevo and having a regional mandate for the Western Balkans, including in the design of capacity building projects dealing inter alia with the prevention and countering of radicalisation, aviation security or border management;
- Provide country-specific analysis, and monitor the evolution of the security situation in the Western Balkans region in close cooperation with the relevant geographic departments, EU Delegations and INTCEN where appropriate;
- Provide strategic analysis and political advice with regard to the external dimension of EU PCR/VE/R policies and their implementation through various bilateral and multilateral Organizations and fora;

- Providing strategic expertise to the EEAS in the field of PCR/VE/R, enhance internal/external security policy consistency and develop synergies in these domains working closely with relevant institutions;
- Assist the development of orientations and programming guidance for CT and PCR/VE/R activities, in particular with the planning and implementation of the NDICI (*Neighbouring, Development, International, Cooperation Instrument*) and IPA instruments in the region;
- Ensure a coherent approach to Counter Terrorism and PCR/VE/R issues in the entire programming cycle;
- Support an effective implementation of the relevant EU Council Conclusions and of specific aspects of the Security Union Strategy, EU CT Agenda and the Council Conclusions on Internal security and European Police partnership.

Functions and Duties:

- Brief on key CT issues in the Western Balkans, including those related to PCR/VE/R aspects;
- Prepare programming documents covering the Western Balkans in the field of PCR/VE/R and CT, in close coordination with other colleagues from the EEAS and from the Commission;
- Prepare the participation of EEAS to meetings in the Council structures (e.g. FAC, JHA, PSC, other Council working groups), in particular to ensure a comprehensive approach to identifying and responding to root causes of radicalism and violent extremism and external threats in the field of terrorism;
- Actively support in EEAS representation at COTER and other relevant Council working groups including ensuring timely information sharing with EU Member States in advance of meetings.
- Participate to short missions and trips in EU and abroad.

Job Requirements

Education and Training: University diploma in law, political science, economy, business administration or any other relevant area.

Knowledge and Experience: Experience of at least 2 years in the above mentioned areas at institutional level, analysis and reporting; Knowledge of EU institutions, related decisional processes, CFSP, CSDP, JHA, EU external action and related EU external policies (geographic and thematic).

Skills

<u>Linguistic skills:</u>	Thorough knowledge (capacity to write and speak) in English is mandatory. Knowledge of French is desirable.
<u>Communication skills:</u>	Capacity to work and communicate under time constraints in an international diplomatic and multilingual environment.
<u>Interpersonal skills:</u>	Teamwork. Coordination and communication skills.
<u>Intellectual skills:</u>	Solid analytical capability as well as drafting and reporting skills. Rapid grasp of problems and capacity to identify issues and solutions.

Personal Qualities

Dynamic. Motivated and flexible personality. Adapting quickly to new situations and deal with new challenges.

General conditions

Be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union and enjoy full rights as a citizen.

The EEAS applies an equal opportunities policy.