

2. Customs Expert, Transnistrian Settlement Team, Customs (in Republic of Moldova)

Main objectives of the assignment/scope of work:

The Customs Expert works in the Transnistrian Settlement Team under the supervision of the Team Leader / Technical Advisor on Transnistrian Issue. S/he acts a customs advisor and providing background information through research on relevant customs issues; and supports a wide range of initiatives, including the development and implementation of confidence building measures related to the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict. S/he ensures collection of information and data from various sources and prepares analytical products (such as reports and statistics) for the use of EUBAM and various partner institutions.

Detailed description of activities:

- Within the mandate of the Transnistrian Settlement Team review and assess the flow of information (weekly reports, reports and other internal documents such as advice and recommendations produced by the Field Offices, propose/ take corrective action.
- Provide day-to-day advice to the offices in line with the EUBAM Action Plan and other Mission-wide planning and monitoring activities germane to Transnistria and other related matters.
- Contribute to Transnistria-related transport, customs, and trade issues through the development of technical analysis/advice and proposals.
- Conduct search and carry out analysis of the customs/fiscal regulations (including FEZ and Value Added Tax systems) of the Republic of Moldova (including Transnistria) and Ukraine in compliance with relevant EU regulatory framework and the EU-MD and EU-UA Association Agreements/ DCFTA.
- Contribute to drafting regular reports (weekly, monthly, annual, activity progress,) and ad hoc reports (incident, thematic, special including recommendations).
- Perform other tasks as assigned.

Main outputs/deliverables:

- Advice to Field Offices/ EUBAM Office in Moldova as per EUBAM action plan.
- Planning and coordination of operational activities with the involvement of Field Offices/ EUBAM Office in Moldova in the areas germane to Transnistria-related matters (as per the EUBAM action plan).
- Analysis with a view to identifying needs for improvements in the field of customs issues in Ukraine and Republic of Moldova in relation to specific areas of the EU-Moldova and EU-Ukraine Association Agendas (as per the EUBAM action plan).
- Conceptualisation of projects or activities related to the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, through technical proposals for overcoming differences and issues in the transport, customs, and trade spheres.

Monitoring and reporting requirements:

The Customs Expert reports to the Team Leader / Technical Advisor on Transnistrian Issue who is responsible for the appraisal of performance and quality of work deliverables. The reporting takes place through written and verbal briefs.

Selection criteria/requirements:

- Active customs official of an EU Member State with Minimum of ten (10) years of experience customs control or customs procedures experience.
- International experience with customs/border police reform projects in developing countries is an asset.
- Excellent communications, interpersonal and drafting skills.
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Knowledge of other EU languages (Romanian, in particular) and Russian and/or Ukrainian is an asset.
- Computer literacy (Windows applications).
- National certificate of no criminal record.
- Possession of a valid civilian driver license for motor vehicles (Category B or equivalent) and ability to drive any 4-wheel drive vehicles with manual/automatic transmission under complicated road conditions.
- Serious deficiencies in any of these essential requirements may result in repatriation/termination of the secondment.