

EUAM RCA bears a Non-Family Mission status due to the present risk rating of the Mission area, which includes high risks in term of health, notably Malaria and Covid-19. As such, international seconded and contracted Mission Members shall at no time receive visits or be habitually accompanied by any family member in the Mission area for the duration of their tour of duty or contract. For security reasons, the Mission Members are obliged to live in restricted areas, where security responsibilities are borne by the Mission.

Seconded Personnel – For seconded positions, only personnel nominations received through official channels from EU Member States will be considered. EU Member States will bear all personnel-related costs for seconded personnel, e.g. salaries, medical coverage, travel expenses to and from the Mission area (including home leave) and allowances other than those paid according to Council Documents 7291/09 (10 March 2009) and 9084/13 (30 April 2013). Personnel seconded from contributing and invited third States are not entitled to receive allowances paid according to Council Documents 7291/09 (10 March 2009) and 9084/13 (30 April 2013).

Contracted Personnel – The Mission may recruit international staff on a contractual basis as required, through an employment contract. The employment contract with the Mission establishes the conditions of employment, rights and obligations, remuneration, allowances, travel and removal expenses and the applicable high-risk insurance policy. Preference will be given to seconded candidates. Documents supporting educational qualifications and work experience should be accompanied by certified translations of the original documents in the English or French language, if issued in another language, in accordance with the European Commission Guidelines for Lifelong Learning, which ensures transparency in higher education and fair and informed judgements about qualifications. Such documents are time critical and due as soon as successful selection is notified.

Tour of Duty/Contract Period – Subject to the adoption of the Council Decision extending the Mission mandate and approving the respective Budgetary Impact Statement, the initial duration of the deployment will be 12 months.

The Civilian Operations Commander requests that contributing States propose candidates for the following international expert positions for EUAM RCA, according to the requirements and profiles described below:

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Citizenship – The candidates must have citizenship of an EU Member State.

Integrity – The candidates must maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality and self-discipline within the Mission. The candidates are not allowed to provide or discuss any information or document obtained as a result of access to classified and/or sensitive information relating to the Mission or respective tasks and activities. They shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the Mission.

Flexibility and Adaptability – The candidates must be able to work in arduous conditions with a limited network of support, with unpredictable working hours and a considerable workload. They must have the ability to work professionally as a member of a team, in task forces and working groups with mixed composition (e.g. civilian and military staff) and be able to cope with extended separation from family and usual environment.

Availability – The candidates must be able to undertake any other tasks related with the competencies, responsibilities, and functions of the respective position within the Mission, as required by the Head of Mission.

Serious deficiencies in any of these general conditions may result in repatriation/termination of the secondment/contract.

II. REQUIREMENTS

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The following are essential requirements in respect of civilian international experts to the Missions for all Job Descriptions:

1. Physical and Mental Health – Candidates must be physically fit and in good health without any physical or mental problems or substance dependency which may impair operational performance in the Mission and in its Area of Operation. Selected candidates should undergo an extensive medical examination as requested by the seconding authority or the Mission in accordance with “Fit to work clearance” procedure prior to recruitment/deployment to prove that they comply with the requirement.

To ensure duty of care in the CSDP Mission, selected seconded/contracted candidates shall be able to serve the full period of secondment/contract before reaching the normal age of retirement in Contributing States/country of residence.

2. Education and Training - Candidates should have a recognised qualification under the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), or equivalent, at a level specified in the individual job descriptions.

Candidates are strongly advised to verify their compliance through the link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/content/descriptors-page>.

3. Knowledge Candidates should have knowledge of the EU Institutions and Mission Mandate, particularly related to the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), including the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

4. Skills and Abilities

Language Skills¹ – Candidates must have the understanding, speaking, and writing proficiency in the working languages of the Mission. Certain positions may require higher language skills further specified in the individual job descriptions. The Mission may seek to facilitate language training and where appropriate, specialist language training, for newly recruited Mission staff members. Candidates are strongly advised to verify their proficiency through the following link: <https://europa.eu/europass/en/common-european-framework-reference>.

¹ Common European Framework of References for Languages

Communication and Interpersonal Skills and Cultural sensitivity – Candidates must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both written and oral.

Organisational skills - Candidates must have excellent organisational skills, with the ability to prioritise work to meet deadlines, and a concern for order and accuracy.

Digital Skills – Candidates must have basic digital skills in the competency areas: information and data literacy, communication and collaboration, digital content creation, safety and problem solving. Candidates are strongly advised to verify their proficiency through the following link: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/test-your-digital-skills-and-thrive-digital-world>.

Driving Skills – Candidates must be in possession of a valid – including Mission area – civilian driving licence for motor vehicles (Category B or equivalent). They also must be able to drive any 4-wheel-drive vehicle.

Serious deficiencies in any of these essential requirements may result in repatriation/termination of the secondment/contract.

II.B Desirable Requirements

Knowledge of the Mission area – Candidates should have a good knowledge of the history, culture, social and political situation of the region and also knowledge of the police, judiciary and governmental structures, as applicable.

Knowledge and Experience of SSR - Candidates should be acquainted with Security Sector Reform concepts and practices as well as challenges posed in less developed countries.

Training and Experience – Candidates should have attended a Civilian Crisis Management Course or equivalent.

Language – Some proficiency in local language(s), depending on the job tasks and responsibilities.

Driving Licence - Category C driving licence.

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Passport – Selected candidates must have a passport from their respective national authorities. If possible, a Service Passport or Diplomatic Passport should be issued.

Visas – Contributing States and selected candidates must ensure that visas are obtained for entry into the Mission area prior to departure from their home country, if applicable. It is also essential to obtain any transit visas, which may be required for passage through countries en route to the Mission.

Education diploma(s)/certificate(s) or/and professional certificate(s) – Selected international contracted candidates must have and present to the Mission the university diploma or the professional certificate/diploma, depending on the job description, in a timely manner and NLT before signing the contract or the taking up duties.

Required Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) – Selected candidates will have to be in possession of the necessary level of Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) as specified in the respective job descriptions. For seconded experts, the original certificate of the national security clearance or a proof of the initiation of the process must accompany them upon deployment. For contracted experts, the process will be initiated by the Mission upon deployment. For both seconded and contracted experts, access to European Union Classified Information (EUCI) will be limited to RESTRICTED until the issuance of their national security clearance. For Contributing Third States selected candidates, an equivalence to access to the required level of EUCI will be delivered on the basis of Security of Information Agreement or Administrative Arrangements with EU or, in their absence, on the basis of the Framework Participation Agreements

Certificate/Booklet of Vaccination – Selected candidates must be in possession of a valid certificate/booklet of vaccination showing all vaccinations and immunizations received. They also must be vaccinated according to the required immunisations for the Mission area. (For instance, for EUCAP Sahel Mali and Niger, EUAM RCA a yellow fever vaccination is compulsory to be admitted to the country).

Medical Certificate – Selected candidates should undergo an extensive medical examination and be certified medically fit for Mission duty. As temporary measure and while the COVID-19 pandemic persists, Missions will take account the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 crises. In a similar manner a dental examination should be certified where it is stated that no eminent dental issues are foreseen. For selected contracted candidates, in compliance with “Fit to work clearance procedure”, a copy of the result of the medical examinations as well as the fitness to work certificate, for seconded selected candidate, must be sent to the Medical Adviser of the Mission before joining the Mission. Medical data will be handled with confidentiality and in line with EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Standard Operating Procedure on the protection of personal data (CivOpsCdr instruction 12-2018 as amended.) The Heads of Mission reserves the right to reject the recruitment of any selected candidate that proves to be medically unfit to work in a civilian CSDP Mission.

Personal Protection Equipment – It is recommended that national authorities provide seconded selected candidates with protection equipment.

Deficiencies in any of the documents asked for a specific position may result in failure of the selection process.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Gender balance - The EU strives for improved gender balance in CSDP operations in compliance with EU policy and UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (WPS). The CPCC encourages the Contributing States and European Institutions to take this into account when offering contributions at all levels.

Application Form – Applications will be considered only when using the online Application Form (AF) accessible on the Goalkeeper-Registrar software module, indicating which position(s) the candidate is applying for. Candidates seconded by Contributing Third States will apply using the dedicated Application Form returned in word format

Selection Process – Candidates considered to be most suitable will be shortlisted and, if needed, interviewed in Brussels, at the Headquarters of the Mission or by video conference before the final selection is made. If seconded candidates are required to travel to Brussels/Mission Headquarters for interviews, the contributing States will bear any related costs.

Information on the Outcome – Contributing States and contracted candidates (applying for seconded/contracted positions) will be informed about the outcome of the selection process after its completion.

Training – The selected candidates should complete Mission wise and e-SAFE modules, which are designed for the delegations or an equivalent course. The modules can be accessed in the following link: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eeas/security-e-learning>.

Pre-Deployment Training (PDT) – The selected candidates should have undergone Pre-Deployment Training in accordance with the CSDP agreed Training Policy, or a national alternative of the course.

Data Protection – The EEAS, and its Directorate CPCC, processes personal data pursuant to Regulation (EC) 2018/1725 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. The Privacy statement is available on the EEAS website.