

**Seconded Personnel** – For seconded positions, only personnel nominations received through official channels from EU Member States/invited/contributing Third States (Contributing States) will be considered. Contributing 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 the Council documents 7291/09 (10 March 2009) and 9084/13 (30 April 2013). Personnel seconded from contributing Third States are not entitled to receive allowances paid according to the 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.

Documents supporting educational qualifications and work experience should be accompanied by certified translations of the original documents in the English 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.

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

The Civilian Operations Commander requests that Contributing States propose candidates for the following international expert positions for the EU Partnership Mission in Moldova, according to the requirements and profiles described below:

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**Citizenship** – Citizenship of an EU Member State or of a Contributing Third 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 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.

**Physical and Mental Health** – Physical and Mental Health – The 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.

As temporary measure, Missions will request an extensive medical examination taking into 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. A copy of the result of the medical examination as well as the certification must be provided by seconded/contracted personnel as well as interns and 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.)

To ensure duty of care in the civilian 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.

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

## **II. REQUIREMENTS**

### **II.A Essential Requirements**

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

#### **1. Education and Training**

The candidate should have a recognised academic qualification under the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)<sup>1</sup>, or equivalent, at a level specified in the individual job descriptions.

#### **2. Knowledge**

The 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).

#### **3. Skills and abilities**

**Language Skills**<sup>2</sup> – Spoken and written proficiency in the working languages of the Mission. Certain positions may require higher language skills further specified in the individual job descriptions.

**Communication and Interpersonal Skills** – The candidates must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both written and oral. In particular, they must be able to write reports in the working language of the Mission.

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

**Computer Skills** – Skills in word processing, spreadsheet and e-mail systems are essential.

**Driving Skills** – The 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 general conditions may result in repatriation/termination of the secondment/contract.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/content/descriptors-page>

<sup>2</sup> [Common European Framework of References for Languages](#)

## **II.B Desirable Requirements**

**Knowledge of the Mission Area** – The 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.

**Knowledge and Experience of SSR** – The candidates must be acquainted with Security Sector Reform concepts and practices, especially in the Mission area.

**Training and Experience** – The candidates should have attended a Civilian Crisis Management Course or equivalent.

**Language** – Some proficiency in local language(s).

**Driving Licence** – Category C driving licence.

## **III. ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SELECTED CANDIDATES**

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

**Visas** – EU Member States and selected candidates must ensure that visas are obtained for entry into the Mission area prior to departure from their home country. 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)** – The selected international contracted candidates must have and present to the Mission the university diploma or the professional certificate/diploma, depending on the job description, before signing the contract or taking up the duties.

**Required Personnel Security Clearance (PSC)** – The 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 EUCI will be limited to RESTRICTED until the issuance of their national security clearance.

**Certificate/Booklet of Vaccination** – The selected candidates must be in possession of a valid certificate/booklet of vaccination showing all vaccinations and immunisations received. They also must be vaccinated according to the required immunisations for the Area of Operation of the Mission.

**Medical Certificate** – The selected candidates should undergo an extensive medical examination and be certified medically fit for Mission duty. 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 reserve 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** – Recommended and mandatory equipment is listed in Annex 2

*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 an improved gender balance in CSDP missions and operations, in conformity with UNSCR 1325. The European External Action Service (Head of Mission/Operation Commander) asks Contributing States and European Institutions to take this into account when offering contributions.

**Application Form** – For candidates holding an EU citizenship, 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 Application Form for third states in Annex 3.

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

**N.B** The selection of candidates who are working for other civilian CSDP Missions at the time of their application will be subject to an impact assessment taking into account the operational needs of the CSDP Missions concerned.

**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 Missionwise and SAFE<sup>3</sup> modules, which are designed for the delegations or equivalent, until a new platform is launched.

**Pre-Deployment Training (PDT)** – The selected candidates should have undergone Pre-Deployment Training in accordance with the CSDP agreed Training Policy.

**Data Protection** - The EEAS, and its Managing Directorate CPCC processes personal data pursuant to Regulation (EC) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, as implemented in the EEAS by the Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 8 December 2011. The Privacy statement is available on the EEAS website.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eeas/security-e-learning>