

Position Name: Head of Field Office Odesa	Employment Regime: Seconded	
Ref. Number: ODO 001	Location: Odesa	Availability: 08 Jul 2026
Department/Component/Unit: Operations /Field Office Odesa	Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET	Open to Contributing Third States: NO

1. Reporting Line

The Head of Field Office Odesa reports to the Head of Operations.

2. Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- To lead, manage and coordinate the work and staff of Field Office in accordance with the Mission Implementation Plan and relevant planning documents;
- To coordinate and contribute to the development and updating of the Mission Implementation Plan by identifying the Field Office operational requirements;
- To ensure Field Office Mission members are periodically updated about and contribute to the Mission mandate implementation progress;
- To coordinate the Field Office contribution to the Mission internal and external reporting;
- To assess the consistency and sustainability of Mission operational activities in accordance with the Mission Operation Plan and provide recommendations for the improvement of Mission performance;
- To ensure close coordination with other Mission operational, horizontal advising and support functions;
- To coordinate the Mission Support related aspects of the Field Office, under the guidance of the Head of Mission Support Department;
- To lead, coordinate and contribute to the Field Office work with local authorities, and local EU/international actors in cooperation with the Mission Coordination and Cooperation Unit;
- To identify confidence building measures particularly in the Field Office area of responsibility in consultation with the Head of Operations;
- To ensure that Field Office staff perform their work in a secure and safe environment in coordination with the Security and Duty of Care;
- To ensure Standard Operating Procedures are implemented with the Field Office;
- To implement gender-responsive leadership and ensure gender and human rights mainstreaming internally and externally in mandate implementation;
- To uphold a strict zero tolerance policy to misconduct, including all forms of harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination and abuse, and proactively ensure an equal and inclusive work environment for all staff;
- To raise awareness of staff on their rights, obligations and appropriate standards of behaviour, including existing formal and informal complaint and support mechanisms.

3. General Tasks and Responsibilities

- To identify and report on lessons learned and best practices within the respective area of responsibility;
- To contribute and ensure timely reporting on activities within the respective area of responsibility;
- To take account of gender equality and human rights aspects in the execution of tasks;
- To undertake any other related tasks as requested by the Line Manager(s).

4. Essential Qualifications and Experience

- Successful completion of university studies of at least 4 years attested by a diploma OR a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 7 in the European Qualifications Framework OR a qualification of the second cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area, e.g. Master's Degree OR equivalent and attested police or/and military education or training or an award of an equivalent rank; AND

- A minimum of 7 years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the education requirements, out of which a minimum of 3 years at coordination/management level.

5. Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to exercise collaborative, sound and effective leadership;
- Ability to manage, mentor and motivate a professionally diversified and multicultural team;
- Ability to establish, plan, and review priorities;
- Ability to communicate and engage with senior officials and governmental decision makers;
- Ability to represent the Mission at the highest levels of local counterparts.

6. Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Experience in strategic analyses, planning and reporting as well as a sound understanding of strategic and operational considerations;
- Master's degree in management, business administration or other related subjects, or international/national certificate/diploma in management/leadership;
- International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multinational and international organisations.

7. Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ukrainian and/or Russian language skills.