

The European Union Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Colombo is looking for:

Secretary in the Political, Press & Information Section

We are

The European Union (EU) is an economic and political partnership between 27 European countries. It plays an important role in international affairs through diplomacy, trade, development aid and working with global organizations. Abroad, the EU is represented through more than 140 diplomatic representations, known also as EU Delegations, which have a similar function to those of an embassy.

The EU Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, in Colombo works in close coordination with the Embassies and Consulates of the 27 EU Member States. We are a fully-fledged diplomatic mission and represent the European Union in dealings with the Sri Lankan and Maldivian governments in areas that are part of the EU's remit.

We offer

The post of Secretary (Local Agent Group 3) in the Delegation's Political, Press & Information Section. The team consists of 6 people and there are occasional atypical working hours. Under this post, the recruited person will be attributed functions depending on the needs of the Delegation, and on the changes of these needs. The successful candidate **will serve under the supervision and responsibility** of the Head of the Political, Press & Information Section, providing support, expertise and assistance in administrative support.

Following main tasks and duties are currently required:

- To support the Head of the Political, Press & Information Section as regards agenda, correspondence, telephone communication for the Section, handling general secretarial and administrative requests.
- Helping organise logistics for missions in the section.
- Organise in-coming and out-going mail, including electronic registration in ARES and filing in relevant systems.
- To work on other internal IT system as requested
- To take and transcribe notes, letters and minutes
- To maintain an organised filing system for the Section, assuring easy retrieval of pertinent documents & registration of documents.
- Maintain the archive system.
- To ensure management and monitoring of contact lists, agendas and deadlines for the Section
- To assist with the administration of the Section's leave and work plan, other absences, and missions related to personnel management
- To ensure efficient organisation of meetings and taking minutes when requested.
- Cover in the absence of other Secretaries as and when required under the supervision of the Head of Delegation's Secretary
- To undertake any other assignments that may be required, in view of the efficient functioning of the Delegation.

The candidate should be motivated, able to work alone and in a team, to respect deadlines and able to keep an overview of many different tasks. Strong organisational and administrative skills required as well as good writing capacities. The candidate will have to work in an open office landscape.

The base salary will depend on relevant and verified employment experience, typically starting from EUR 430. There is a competitive benefits package, subject to certain conditions, including personal leave days and public holidays, health insurances and a retirement savings plan.

The expected start date will be 15/01/2024

Minimum requirements / eligibility criteria (necessary for the application to be considered)

- Minimum of GCE A-level or equivalent;
- Minimum of **2 years of experience** in secretarial/administrative support;
- Working knowledge (B2) of English¹
- Enjoys civil rights and permits for employment under local law in Sri Lanka
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office applications

Assets / selection criteria (basis for awarding points to select the best applicant) Bachelor degree

- Communication experience;
- archiving experience or training;
- knowledge of Sinhala and/or Tamil;
- Previous work experience in a diplomatic mission or international organisation.

How to apply

Please submit your **application, consisting of a cover letter, Europass format CV² and a declaration on honour regarding the medical fitness** via the delegation-sri-lanka-recruitments@eeas.europa.eu (Reference: PP&I LA 3 SEC) **no later than 23:59 15/11/2023**. Only complete applications received on time via delegation-sri-lanka-recruitments@eeas.europa.eu will be considered.

The successful candidate will be subject to a medical check and background check.

The process

After the deadline for applications, the **eligible** applications will be admitted to the Selection by the Committee set up for this purpose.

Depending on the number of applications received, successive phases of Selection may include shortlisting of candidates based assessment of the information provided in the cover letter, practical testing and interviews. The 3 best candidates will be invited to the final interview.

Only candidates admitted to each successive selection phase will be contacted individually. The Delegation will use the same means of publication as for this job advertisement to inform the remaining candidates once the recruitment procedure has been completed and that a candidate has (or has not) been recruited.

The Delegation will not supply additional information or discuss the selection procedure. During the selection process, please do not contact the members of the Selection Committee, but address your questions and comments to the Delegation's Administration.

¹ <https://europa.eu/europass/en/common-european-framework-reference-language-skills>

² <https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv>