

## TO PSC AMBASSADORS

**SUBJECT:** CALL FOR SECONDMENT FOR THE POST OF POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE EUSR FOR CENTRAL ASIA (BRUSSELS OFFICE, 2 VACANCIES)

**ANNEX:** TOR FOR INTERNATIONAL SECONDED POLITICAL ADVISER (**ANNEX 1**)  
APPLICATION FORM (**ANNEX 2**)

**REFERENCE:** COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2025/404 of 24 February 2025

Dear Ambassadors,

I would like to inform you about an opening of **two vacancies** in the team of the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia. It concerns **two positions of Political Adviser**, who will work on the full array of political, security and economic matters in the region and in each Central Asian country and will liaise between my office and the EU institutions in Brussels.

The positions are open for experts from the EU Member States.

I would kindly ask for your assistance in bringing the announcement to the attention of your national authorities.

### **A. BACKGROUND**

The mandate calls on the EUSR for Central Asia to perform the following tasks:

- (a) promote overall Union political coordination in Central Asia and help to ensure consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;
- (b) contribute to the implementation of the Union Strategy for a stronger partnership with Central Asia, complemented by relevant Council conclusions and subsequent progress reports on the implementation of the Union Strategy on Central Asia, and of the Joint Roadmap for Deepening Ties between the EU and Central Asia,
- (c) make recommendations and report to relevant Council bodies on a regular basis;
- (d) assist the Council in further developing a comprehensive policy towards Central Asia;
- (e) support the regular organisation of high-level political meetings between the Union and countries of Central Asia;
- (f) closely follow political developments in Central Asia by developing and maintaining close contacts with governments, parliaments, the judiciary, civil society and mass media;

- (g) encourage Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to cooperate on regional issues of common interest;
- (h) develop appropriate contacts and cooperation with the main interested actors in the region, and all relevant regional and international organisations, taking into account the growing presence of third countries in the region;
- (i) contribute to the implementation of the Union's human rights policy in the region in cooperation with the EUSR for Human Rights, including the Union Guidelines on human rights and in particular the Union Guidelines on children and armed conflict and the Union Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them, and to the implementation of Union policy regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, including by monitoring and reporting on developments as well as formulating recommendations in that regard;
- (j) contribute, in close cooperation with the OSCE and the UN, towards conflict prevention and resolution by developing contacts with the authorities and other local actors such as non-governmental organisations, political parties, minorities, religious groups and their leaders;
- (k) provide input to the formulation of aspects of the Common Foreign and Security Policy with respect to Central Asia relating to: connectivity, including the Global Gateway strategy; energy security; border security; countering of serious crime, including narcotics and trafficking in human beings; and water resource management, environment and climate change;
- (l) promote regional security in Central Asia in the broader geopolitical context, including Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and developments in Afghanistan;
- (m) support Union outreach and demarches to the countries of Central Asia, including on the prevention of circumvention of restrictive measures;
- (n) support Union outreach and demarches to the countries of Central Asia concerning respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States, including within the framework of all regional and international fora.

The EUSR shall support the work of the HRVP and maintain an overview of all the activities of the Union in the region.

## **B. AIM**

In order to achieve these objectives, the EUSR has three seconded political advisers on his team. The aim of this call for contributions is to select **two** highly qualified international experts for these posts. **The posts for Political Advisers, seconded by a Member State, should be filled as of 1 August 2025 and 1 September 2025.** The duration of the deployment would follow the mandate of the EUSR, i.e. until 28 February 2027 with a view to possible extension.

Following the adoption of Commission Communication C(2009)9502 of 30 November 2009, staff seconded to the EU Special Representative shall receive a daily allowance. This does not apply to those seconded from EU institutions.

The daily allowance for Brussels based political advisers amounts to € 173.30 (which may be subject to adjustment).

The remuneration of personnel seconded by a Member State or an institution of the European Union to the EUSR shall be covered by the Member State or the institution of the European Union concerned.

## C. METHODOLOGY

Member States and the EU institutions are invited to provide secondment offers as follows:

- a) The personal profiles of the proposed candidates should meet the listed criteria described in the job description (**Annex 1**);
- b) The closing date for receipt of offers of secondment is **Wednesday, 11 June 2025, 17:00hr Brussels time.**

The selection procedure will take place immediately following reception of proposals.

- c) Member States and EU institutions should submit their secondment offers/applications by e-mail, to EEAS – Office of the EUSR for Central Asia, including a detailed curriculum vitae of the applicant, according to the attached form, to the following address:

**Office of the EUSR for Central Asia**  
**Email: [eusr.centralasia@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:eusr.centralasia@eeas.europa.eu)**

- d) Only personnel nominations received through official channels from Member States and institutions of the European Union will be considered.
- e) The candidates considered to be most suitable will be short-listed and interviewed in Brussels or by phone.
- f) The Office of the EUSR for Central Asia will be responsible for notifying Member States of the results of the selection.
- g) The selected candidates will be expected to start work as of 1 August and 1 September 2025.

## D. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) Nominated personnel should undergo an extensive medical examination, appropriate vaccinations and be certified medically fit for mission duty by a competent authority from the Member State. A copy of this certification must accompany deployed seconded international experts.

- b) The selected candidates will have to be in possession of the necessary level of security clearance (**EU SECRET** or equivalent). The original certificate of the national security clearance must accompany deployed seconded international experts.
- c) Member States seconding personnel to an EUSR office are kindly reminded that European Commission rules for Special Advisers specify that the concerned Special Adviser/EUSR is solely responsible for the management of seconded personnel, and that seconding Member States are therefore requested not to instruct seconded personnel to undertake any activity on their behalf for the duration of secondment. The seconded staff will be required to sign a corresponding 'undertaking' to this effect upon taking up the position. European Commission rules for Special Advisers also require a certification by Member States who second personnel to an EUSR office that the seconded staff will remain subject throughout the period of secondment to the social security legislation applicable and that the employer will assume expenses incurred abroad.
- d) A Standard Risk Insurance, office space and needed office equipment, incl. communication costs are covered from the EUSR budget.
- e) Any further information regarding the application process for this position may be obtained from the Office of the EUSR for Central Asia, by contacting:

Ms. Nijole Stariene  
Office of the EUSR for Central Asia  
Email: [Nijole.Stariene@ext.ceas.europa.eu](mailto:Nijole.Stariene@ext.ceas.europa.eu)

Thank you very much in advance.

Yours sincerely,



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