Vacancy notice FPI No. 352815
Programme Manager – Global and trans-regional threats
Contract Agent Function Group IV

We are

The core business of the European Commission’s Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) is to put EU foreign policy into action – fast and flexibly – in a policy-driven approach.

The Service deals with the regulatory and financial aspects of EU foreign policy. It acts as first responder to foreign policy needs and opportunities, focusing on conflict prevention and peace as well as on leveraging the EU’s influence in the world. It also supports initiatives on global, trans-regional and emerging threats and the Service will perform the role of administrator and perform the financial tasks of the European Peace Facility in relation to assistance measures with military and defence implications.

The Service plays a crucial role in translating the European Commission’s political priorities into external action, in line with the EU’s Global Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy.

The Service reports directly to HR/VP Josep Borrell. The Service works in close cooperation with the other Commission services, as well as with the EEAS, both in headquarters and in delegations.

FPI staff around the globe are proud of the work that they are achieving and have a strong sense of purpose and motivation. They take, and value, a high level of personal responsibility. A policy-driven approach, a focus on priorities, solutions and impact, combined with a welcoming and supporting atmosphere, are part of the service’s corporate culture. In terms of values, the service promotes professionalism and teamwork, encourages commitment and promotes respect. It also seeks to embed trust and fairness while prioritizing effective communication at all levels.

Within the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, the unit FPI.1 Stability and Peace – Global and Transregional Threats manages the ‘global threats’ part of the Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention thematic programme under the EU’s Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI – Global Europe).

Concretely, the Unit manages a budget of approximately 90M EUR per year to fund actions that provide technical support and promote capacity building in the EU’s partner countries to tackle global and transregional security threats linked to terrorism and violent extremism, transnational organised crime, climate change and environmental degradation, cyber and maritime security, and threats posed by the intentional, accidental or naturally occurring release of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials and substances. The unit supports the external dimension of related EU security policy strategies and action plans. It works in close cooperation with other Commission services, the European External Action Service and EU Delegations throughout the world, with Member States and relevant Member States’ organisations, partner countries and, where appropriate, with other donors.
The successful candidate will be responsible the identification, preparation and implementation of actions, including the preparation of programming documents, management of calls for proposal, negotiation of contracts, monitoring and evaluation of projects and results reporting. They will play an active role in steering projects under their responsibility and in maintaining relations with the EU Member States, implementing agencies and partner countries.

The size of the unit is 21 staff members, with a majority of its staff based in Headquarters. The post is available on 1 December 2022.

**We propose**

An attractive and challenging position as a Programme Manager to manage actions linked to the Global Threats component of the Thematic Programme on Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI).

Key tasks include:
- Managing a portfolio of programmes and projects under the thematic programme on peace, stability and conflict prevention under the NDICI, and ongoing actions developed under the former Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP – Article 5).
- Policy support on issues linked to security, including input to policy documents, briefings, notes and other documents.
- Thematic support on issues related to security within FPI.

Work is carried out in close cooperation with relevant counterparts in FPI, INTPA, NEAR, other Commission services, the European External Action Service and EU Delegations.

**We look for**

The FPI highly values team spirit, and a strong sense of initiative and responsibility in all its staff members.

We look for a highly motivated and dynamic colleague to manage and advise on the implementation of external programmes and projects financed by the EU on issues related to security.

The successful candidate will have:
- A comprehensive educational background and proven professional experience on security issues falling within the Unit’s remit.
- Experience of at least 4 years in security related fields.
- Experience of at least 3 years in project management ideally in the area of security policy or a closely related field.
- Good knowledge of EU institutions and decisional processes relevant to the field of activity - CFSP, CSDP, JHA, EU external action and related EU external policies.
- A proactive approach and sound judgement.
- Strong team spirit coupled with the ability to work autonomously and openness to take on new challenges.
- Security clearance at minimal level SECRET EU, or readiness to undergo security vetting if s/he does not already hold security clearance at the appropriate level, in accordance with the relevant security provisions.
The following elements will be advantages:

- Knowledge of European Security Policy.
- Experience in financial rules and procedures related to EU external actions, notably related to grant management.
- Prior experience with using IT tools for project management and related processes would be a strong asset for this post.
- Experience acquired in an EU Delegation.

The position requires excellent oral and written communication skills in English and a strong command of either French or Spanish.

Applications

Interested candidates should send the application form, their CV & a short motivation letter (max. 1 page) with clearly indicated CAST reference number as follows:

To:          FPI-HR-COORDINATION@ec.europa.eu
Subject:     Application for vacancy FPI N° 352815 – Programme Manager – Global and trans-regional threats

Only FG IV contract agents currently in the EU institutions, candidates from an FG IV EPSO CAST valid reserve list or candidates registered as FG IV in the EU CV online database will be considered for this position.

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Deadline for application: 27 September 2022 @ 12:00 noon (Brussels noon)