

The EU is looking for specialists in external relations

Are you a specialist in the field of external relations? Are you keen to promote the EU's values in its relations with third countries? If yes, then read on.

The European Union is looking for specialists with professional experience in the field of external relations. **Recruited specialists (grades AD 5 and AD 7) will mainly work in the European External Action Service (EEAS)**, which is the EU's diplomatic service, helping the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy carry out the Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy. Based in Brussels, but relying on an extensive network of EU diplomatic presence worldwide, the EEAS brings together European civil servants, diplomats from the foreign services of the EU member states and local staff in countries around the world

Your **main tasks** will be to promote and protect the EU's interests and values in its relations with third countries and international organisations, and to contribute to the conduct of the Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). Additionally, you will cooperate with the national diplomatic services of the EU Member States, the Council and the European Commission, in order to ensure consistency between different areas of the Union's external action.

To apply for **grade AD 5 (graduate administrator entry level grade)**, you need a **university degree of at least 3 years** followed by **at least 1 year of professional experience** in external relations. For the **higher grade (AD 7)**, you need either a **university degree of at least 3 years** followed by **at least 7 years of professional experience** in the field of external relations, or a **university degree of at least 4 years** followed by **at least 6 years of relevant professional experience**. Additionally, you must be an EU citizen and have a thorough **knowledge of one of the 24 EU languages** and a satisfactory **knowledge of either English or French**.

Please note that all EEAS staff periodically serve in Union Delegations. Those recruited must be willing to accept a first posting in a delegation in a country where living conditions can be difficult.

As an employer, the EU offers a community of expertise with a wide range of opportunities to broaden your learning, enhance your skills, and develop your career. The multicultural, international and diverse teams that make up the Institutions work together to benefit the lives of approximately 450 million EU citizens and beyond. Respect for cultural diversity and promotion of equal opportunities are founding principles of the EU. You can find out more about EPSO's equal opportunities policy on this [dedicated page](#).

For detailed information on the required qualifications and eligibility criteria, the selection procedure and how to apply, please visit external-relations.eu-careers.eu.

The application period opens on **10 September** and the deadline is **13 October 2020** at 12.00 (midday), Brussels time.

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