



EUROJUST

CALL FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE CREATION OF A RESERVE LIST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERTS ('SNEs') WITHIN EUROJUST

Seconded National Experts in Legal Service Reference: 15/EJ/SNE/02 M/F

EUROJUST is a European Union body established in 2002 (Council Decision 2002/187/JHA of 28 February 2002 on the setting up of EUROJUST, amended by Council Decision 2003/659/JHA of 18 June 2003 and by Council Decision 2009/426/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the strengthening of Eurojust) to enhance the effectiveness of the competent authorities within Member States dealing with serious cross-border and organised crime.

The College of EUROJUST is composed of 28 National Members, one nominated by each EU Member State. The College elects one of the National Members to be its President. The Administrative Director is responsible, under the supervision of the President, for the day-to-day administration of Eurojust and staff management.

For further information, please consult our website: www.eurojust.europa.eu

Eurojust wishes to set up a list of candidates interested in a fixed-term agreement on secondment as a Seconded National Expert (*hereinafter referred to as SNE*) in the **Legal Service** for a period of **two years, renewable**.

SNEs are staff employed by a national, regional or local public administration or a public intergovernmental organisation (IGO) and seconded to Eurojust so that Eurojust can use their expertise in a particular field.

One position is currently vacant in the Legal Service. Candidates who are placed on the reserve list may also receive an offer for a secondment in another Unit or Service of Eurojust in which comparable profiles are required.

The SNE seconded to the Legal Service shall directly report to the Head of Legal Service.

1. Key accountabilities

The Legal Service of Eurojust has two main spheres of competence. It provides legal advice and assistance:

- To the College of Eurojust, in the accomplishment of its objectives and tasks as described in the Eurojust Decision, and to the activities of the College ('College matters' sector), and
- To the Administrative Director and the administrative units and services of Eurojust in the performance of their tasks; in this capacity, the Legal Service deals with all legal issues related to budget and finance, staff regulations, civil matters, contracts, litigation, and

monitoring of compliance of the Eurojust procurement procedures with legal requirements ('Administrative matters' sector).

The successful applicant will be responsible for contributing to the activities of the 'College matters' sector of the Legal Service under the supervision of the Senior Legal Officer. These activities include, amongst others:

- Providing expert legal support in strengthening Eurojust's capacities as a centre of expertise in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters while contributing to the structured gathering of practical and legal experience arising from casework;
- Providing expert legal support and assistance to the College teams and College members in all priority areas of operational work and projects;
- Providing legal assistance in scrutinising, evaluating and promoting Eurojust's legal experience with a view to bringing it to the law-making process in the European Union;
- Contributing to the drafting of guidelines, manuals and recommendations for best practice addressed to practitioners on various issues pertaining to cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters; and
- Assisting the Senior Legal Officer in the performance of any other tasks assigned by them in the framework of the above-mentioned scope of competence.

2. Qualifications and experience required

a- Eligibility criteria

- Be a national of one of the Member States of the Communities;
- Be employed by a public administration (either at central, federal or regional level) of a Member State of the European Union or IGO;
- A level of education that corresponds to completed university studies in law of at least 4 years; and
- At least three years' working experience
 - in a national department dealing with judicial cooperation in criminal matters, or
 - in a national court or prosecution office.

b- Selection criteria

Essential

- Knowledge and experience in the area mentioned under 'key accountabilities';
- Good knowledge of European criminal law;
- Proficiency in English, as English is the working language of Eurojust;
- Knowledge of the legal and institutional framework governing EU institutions and bodies;
- Good legal drafting skills; and
- Good oral and written communication skills.

Advantageous

- Experience in negotiation;
- Experience in organising or actively participating in international conferences and seminars;

- Knowledge of French, as some sources of European law are only or more easily available in French;
- Working experience in an EU institution or other experience with the EU decision-making process;
- Working experience in comparative law or with different legal systems; and
- Working experience in a multicultural environment.

3. General conditions

The duties and rights of the SNE are governed by the provisional Implementing Arrangements on SNEs of Eurojust (College Decision 2013-6 on Implementing Arrangements for the secondment to Eurojust of national experts).

The SNE will be assigned to the Legal Service. His/her immediate hierarchical superior will be the Head of Unit. That does not exclude the competence of Eurojust's Administrative Director and of the Head of the Human Resources Unit regarding some administrative aspects.

Candidates on the reserve list may also receive an offer of secondment to another Unit or Service of Eurojust.

The SNE shall carry out his/her tasks bearing in mind the objectives and mandate of Eurojust, without seeking or accepting instructions from any government, authority, organisation or person outside of Eurojust.

The SNE shall carry out his/her duties at the seat of Eurojust (Maanweg 174, 2516 AB The Hague, Netherlands), being the place of the secondment.

The SNE shall serve on a full-time basis throughout the period of secondment.

Unless otherwise provided in the exchange of letters between Eurojust and the competent authorities of the Member State concerned, the SNE may be entitled, throughout the period of secondment, to a daily subsistence allowance of EUR 128.67. Where the distance between the place of origin and the place of secondment is more than 150 km, the SNE may receive an additional monthly subsistence allowance to be determined.

The SNE may be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of his/her travel between his/her place of origin and the place of secondment at the beginning and end of his/her secondment.

4. Essential requirements for the selected applicants

4.1. Sufficient link with the public administration or IGO from which the SNE is to be seconded

The prior authorisation of the employer of a candidate in the Member State is an **essential precondition** for secondment and appointment to Eurojust.

To qualify for secondment to Eurojust, a national expert must have at least three years' experience of administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions, which can be regarded as equivalent to those of function groups AD or AST – this former function group being taken into consideration only for highly specialised job profiles – as defined in the *Staff Regulations of Officials* and the *Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities*.

The candidate must have worked for his/her employer on a permanent or contract basis for at least 12 months prior to his/her secondment. The SNE shall remain in the service of his/her employer throughout the period of secondment and shall continue to be paid by that employer. The employer shall undertake to maintain his/her administrative status (permanent official or contract staff member) throughout the period of secondment.

Before the period of secondment begins, the national public administration or IGO from which the SNE is to be seconded shall **certify** that he/she will remain, throughout the period of secondment, subject to the social security legislation applicable to the public administration that employs him/her and be responsible for expenses incurred abroad.

The termination of or change in the SNE's administrative status (permanent official or contract staff member) may lead to the termination of his/her secondment by Eurojust, without notice.

4.2. Security clearance

Eurojust requires selected applicants to sensitive posts to undergo a security screening procedure and obtain a positive national opinion. The level of the latter depends on the specific classified data dealt with by post-holders. For this post, the required level of clearance is SECRET.

Applicants who currently hold a valid and positive national security screening opinion at the above-mentioned level do not need to obtain a new one. They shall then provide a copy of such opinion to Eurojust and specify the issuing authority, level and date of expiry. In case the opinion expires within one year, the renewal procedure shall be initiated expeditiously.

In the event selected applicants do not currently hold a valid and positive national security screening opinion at the above-mentioned level, Eurojust will require them to sign a pre-screening self-declaration. Eurojust will request such opinion from the National Security Agency of the applicants' state of nationality.

In the event such agency issues a negative opinion at the above-mentioned level after the signature of the contract of employment, Eurojust has the right to terminate the latter.

5. Application procedure

Applicants must submit their application via the Permanent Representation of the seconding Member State using the E-application form available on the Eurojust website.

E-applications must be forwarded by the Permanent Representation to the following e-mail address: applications@eurojust.europa.eu **by 17.01.2016 at midnight CET.**

The e-mail and the application form must mention the reference number and the title of the post for which the application is submitted.

All the questions on the form must be completed in full (*whether or not the candidate decides to attach a personal curriculum vitae*).

The E-application must be completed in English.

At the second stage, should applicants be invited for an interview, an application will only be considered complete if, on the day of the interview, photocopies of all the supporting documents (diplomas, certificates, professional references, etc.) necessary to prove that the applicants satisfy all eligibility criteria are brought to the interview. All documentary evidence of professional experience

must indicate start and end dates of previous positions and the start date and continuity of the current position held.

Candidates who fail to submit all the documents specified on the date of the interview will be disqualified.

Please note that any documents submitted will not be returned to the candidates.

Application forms sent by fax or by postal mail will not be accepted, except for candidates who have a proven disability that prevents them from applying via E-application. These candidates may submit by postal mail, no later than the indicated closing date for the submission of applications (the postmark date will serve as proof), a printed version of the E-application form, and mail it, with the reference number of the selection procedure and title of the post, to EUROJUST Recruitment Office, P.O. Box 16183, 2500 BD The Hague, Netherlands.

Closing date: The closing date for the submission of applications is strictly adhered to. Your E-application must arrive at the following e-mail address, applications@eurojust.europa.eu, by 17 01 2016 at midnight CET. In the subject line of the e-mail, the reference number of the post and the title of the post for which a candidate is applying must be mentioned.

To summarise:

The E-application form must be fully completed, in English, no later than the indicated closing date. Applications must be sent via the Permanent Representation of the seconding Member State to applications@eurojust.europa.eu, mentioning the reference number and the vacancy and title of the position in the subject line of the e-mail.

The Human Resources Unit will acknowledge receipt of applications. Due to the volume of applications, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted further. Candidates are invited to follow the recruitment process status on Eurojust's website.

Please note that the Selection Board's work and deliberations are strictly confidential and that any contact, directly or indirectly, with its members is strictly forbidden.

All personal data collected for any selection procedure to be handled by Eurojust will only be used for the purposes of the selection procedure and will in no case be transmitted to any third party. Any data provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and with a high security standard. All documents provided to Eurojust during any selection procedure will be kept in Eurojust's files and will not be returned to applicants. Applicants' documents will only be kept for as long as mandatory to fulfil the requirements of existing applicable Eurojust auditing/control procedures. The Head of the Human Resources Unit of Eurojust acts as controller of such data, which will be collected and further processed in full compliance with all applicable data protection regulations and, in particular, with the rules on the protection and processing of personal data at Eurojust (OJ C 68/1, 19.3.2005). The rights of information, access, correction, blocking and deletion of personal data are guaranteed under these rules.

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