

Call for the expression of interest for

Seconded national expert to the European Parliament

Directorate General for External Policies (DG EXPO)

Directorate: A - Committees

Unit: External Policies Analysis and Support Unit

Description:

DG EXPO's External Policies Analysis and Support Unit (EXAS) supports Parliament's committees, President and Secretary-General in the areas of international relations. The unit provides customised expertise, advice and analysis, usually produced by external researchers who are contracted through public procurement procedures with the help of the DG's Finance Unit. Team members also produce their own briefings and offer oral input. Our principal mission is to help Parliament draft legislation and exercise democratic scrutiny by feeding directly into the work of the relevant committees (AFET, DEVE and INTA) and sub-committees (DROI and SEDE).

The unit is looking for a seconded national expert (SNE) from an EU Member State who would contribute to the unit's work in the area of human rights. Our future colleague would follow Parliament's DROI subcommittee for the Analysis and Support Unit and help provide the Members with expertise to help them in their political work. In addition to helping the unit respond to requests from the subcommittee's Coordinators, the colleague would take initiative and provide additional papers, oral briefings and other input.

The SNE we seek should have a knowledge of EU external human rights policy, instruments and actors, as well as – ideally – international justice, international criminal law or international humanitarian law. Experience in policy advisory functions or academic research in these areas would be a plus.

The candidate should have strong English-language writing skills, in order to produce high-quality written briefings and evaluate the drafts of external researchers. French would be an advantage. The successful candidate should have the patience and analytical skills to contribute to specifications for papers and to read and comment upon them before they are distributed. Because some requests arrive with short deadlines, the successful candidate should be able to work under time pressure. As part of a small team, the person should cooperate effectively with other colleagues in the Analysis and Support Unit and in the DG, especially those working in the committee secretariats. He or she should also be able to deal diplomatically with politicians and outside organisations (other EU institutions, Member States, academic researchers, NGOs, and international organisations), as well as to work independently.

As a reminder, the [rules governing the secondment of national experts to the European Parliament](#) apply to the post. Note that SNEs remain in the service of their employers throughout the period of their secondment to Parliament.

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