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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EUSR Economic Adviser

Local Staff 2023/01

Positions available: 01 May 2023

Please send your application and supporting documents to:

delegation-bosnia-and-herzegovina-eusr-personnel@eeas.europa.eu

with subject "***Application Ref. No 2023/01- EUSR Economic Adviser***".

The package should include a cover letter and a detailed CV in English using the 'European Curriculum Vitae Format' (available on our website <http://www.europa.ba>).

The EUSR will not supply additional information or discuss the selection procedure by telephone. Please address any queries concerning this procedure or related to employment conditions and benefits to

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Note: Short-listed candidates will be asked to take a written test.

Candidates who passed the written test will be invited for an interview.

Deadline for application: **Monday, 20 February 2023 at 23:59 hrs (Brussels time)**.

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Thank you for your interest.

Terms of Reference

Position Title:	EUSR Economic Adviser
Position Reference Number:	LS2023/01
Staff Category:	Local Staff
Direct Supervisor:	EUSR Senior Adviser
Duty Station:	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Salary grade:	LSG Grade I
Position available:	01 May 2023

The powers and authorities of the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) and the powers and authorities of the Head of European Union Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina are vested in the same person. The EUSR's mandate includes facilitating progress on political, economic and European priorities in close coordination with European Commission and EEAS in order to ensure consistency with other relevant activities falling within the competence of the Union.

The Economic Adviser is a member of the Executive Office of the EUSR/Head of Delegation and the Deputy Head of Delegation which provides strategic planning, policy and coordination services to the EUSR, led by a Senior Adviser/Head of Executive Office. The Office works closely with the other Sections of the EU in BiH Office who carry the responsibility of their respective policy areas and portfolios. The Economic Adviser specifically plays a leading role in the EUSR's facilitation of the BiH's socio-economic reform processes in full coordination with the competent services of the European Commission and the BiH-based international (financial) institutions.

The EUSR in BiH is double-hatted with the European Union Head of Delegation (EUHoD) and the offices and resources of the EUSR work in full collaborative and supportive association with the Delegation of the European Union to BiH.

Together, the Office of the EUSR and the Delegation of the European Union to BiH are referred to as the EU Office. In accordance with the EUSR mandate to '*facilitate progress on political, economic and European standards priorities*', the Economic Adviser will also work closely with the European External Action Service, European Commission services and other EU institutions as required by the EUSR. In particular, EUSR ensures the coordination and implementation of the Union's efforts in the whole range of activities in the field of socio-economic and related sectoral areas by monitoring and advising the executive and legislative authorities at all levels of government in BiH.

The EUSR modus operandi and internal organisation will necessarily evolve in accordance with decisions of the Council of the European Union and in relation to the challenges the EUSR meets in BiH. The duties and responsibilities outlined are therefore typical but not exclusive and the EUSR reserves the right to reasonably amend the duties and responsibilities here within.

Typical Duties and Responsibilities

In line with the EUSR mandate, under the supervision of the Senior Adviser/Head of Executive Office, typical tasks include to:

- Provide substantive socio-economic analysis and advice to facilitate progress on economic criteria and European standards priorities, and more broadly upon their impact on BiH political processes, governments and legislative bodies.
- Monitor, report and provide early warning and advice on relevant institutional /legislative / political developments;

- Contribute to the formulation of recommendations and strategies;
- Conduct outreach and advocacy activities and provide expertise, advice and assistance to BiH stakeholders to facilitate progress on economic and European standards priorities, including supporting political processes and initiatives, governments and legislatures;
- Liaise and coordinate with relevant local and international community actors on policy/technical matters;
- Draft and/or contribute to regular and ad hoc analytical reporting, flash reports and briefings, background papers, including talking points and policy lines;
- Closely collaborate and lead coordination efforts with other EU staff, and lead or contribute to cross departmental teams;
- Accompany EUSR and other EU officials on external activities, including missions away from the workplace and outside of BiH;
- Assist in designing and supporting the EU's external communications and public outreach activities on socio-economic reforms; and
- Other tasks as assigned by the EUSR and/or delegated authority.

Professional Requirements/Qualifications

- University Degree in a relevant domain; Post-graduate degree (MA or PhD) in Economics would be an advantage;
- At least 8 years of relevant professional experience related to analysis and advice on economic policy and socio-economic matters, preferably with at least 3 years of experience in BiH's public institutions;
- Broad knowledge and experience of transition economics, preferably in the context of EU related policies for enlargement in the Western Balkans and BiH specifically;
- Good understanding of the BiH political and socio-economic environment, and related regional developments;
- Good knowledge of the EU institutions and enlargement policies, with particular focus on BiH;
- Good knowledge of the role and functioning of the International Finance Institutions, and their policies towards BiH and the Western Balkans.

Competencies & Attributes

- Ability to take initiative and work in team setting with high sense of confidentiality and flexibility;
- Ability to operate independently;
- Excellent analytical ability;
- Ability to operate within a fast moving environment and react appropriately to change;
- Good knowledge of the political environment of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Experience of interacting with interlocutors at senior government/ministerial level;
- Team-player; taking initiative and working in team setting with high sense of confidentiality and flexibility;
- Willingness to work long hours with focus on results and objectives;
- Ability to operate independently;
- Excellent communication and reporting skills in English language [both spoken and written];
- ICT skills commensurate with the scope of the post;
- Good interpersonal skills to interact within multicultural environment;
- Fluency in the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina

General conditions

- Citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- The Candidate will need to be certified medically fit for employment by a competent authority/person in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Possession of a valid driver's license "B" category and ability to drive EUSR official vehicles;