

**Seconded National Expert (SNE)
at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union**

Legal Service

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Job description

A. Tasks and responsibilities

As a member of Directorate III of the Legal Service, the legal adviser will be called upon to:

- give advice and oral or written opinions on legal and institutional questions to the Council and/or its preparatory bodies and/or the different GSC services
- advise the Presidency and/or the GSC to help find legally correct and acceptable solutions for the body concerned
- follow the proceedings of one or more Council preparatory bodies or of the Council itself (taking part in meetings and, where appropriate, briefings)
- contribute to ensuring the legal certainty of Council acts, the quality of drafting and compliance with the applicable rules and procedures
- carry out conceptual work, studies and legal analysis
- as required, take part in the preparation of work to assist and represent the institution in disputes and, where appropriate, in cases before the EU's courts

B. Qualifications and experience required

Essential

- University degree in law (Master's degree)
- Good knowledge of French and English; ability to communicate and write in both languages
- Good knowledge of EU law
- Good knowledge of the functioning and procedures of the EU
- Experience of advising on legal questions relating to CSDP and defence/military issues

Advantageous

- Satisfactory knowledge of another official language of the European Union¹

¹ The languages of the EU are: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish.

C. Skills and abilities required

- Ability to anticipate and identify potential problems and to solve them
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work in an international and multicultural environment and with a variety of diplomatic and military actors
- Ability to adapt to different situations and to work under pressure to tight deadlines
- Ability to work in a team and flexibility in terms of attendance and working hours, as required by the needs of the service
- EU SECRET security clearance. Such clearance must be obtained by the candidate from the relevant authorities before his or her secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council. This clearance must be valid for the whole duration of the secondment. If not, the General Secretariat reserves the right to refuse the secondment as national expert

D. General conditions

The legal adviser must be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union and enjoy full rights as a citizen.

The General Secretariat of the Council applies an equal opportunities policy.

Further information on the nature of the post can be obtained from Mr Paul Berman (+32 2 281 6878 - paul.berman@consilium.europa.eu) of the Legal Service.