We are

The core business of the European Commission’s Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) is to put EU foreign policy into action – fast and flexibly – in a policy-driven approach. The Service deals with the regulatory and financial aspects of EU foreign policy. It acts as first responder to foreign policy needs and opportunities, focusing on conflict prevention and peace as well as on leveraging the EU’s influence in the world. It also supports initiatives on global, trans-regional and emerging threats and the Service will perform the role of administrator and perform the financial tasks of the European Peace Facility in relation to assistance measures with military and defence implications.

The Service plays a crucial role in translating the European Commission’s political priorities into external action, in line with the EU’s Global Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy.

The Service reports directly to HR/VP Josep Borrell. The Service works in close cooperation with the other Commission services, as well as with the EEAS, both in headquarters and in delegations.

Within the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, the unit FPI.1 Stability and Peace – Global and Transregional Threats, undertakes thematic actions under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) to address global, transregional and emerging threats. The Unit supports capacity building to strengthen regional and national security, including cooperation regarding resilience, peace and security.

Part of the Unit’s tasks is to manage the identification, preparation and implementation of actions under its areas of responsibility, in coordination with other Commission services, the European External Action Service, Member States and relevant Member States' organisations, partner countries and, where appropriate, with other donors.

The scope of actions in third countries may include, but is not limited to, strengthening the response capacities of third countries to counter global, transregional and emerging threats, such as countering violent extremism and organised crime, including illicit trafficking in drugs, weapons, wildlife, etc., or threats to critical infrastructure. Actions may also build capacities to mitigate the risk linked to threats of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials, knowledge and technologies. A further priority relates to security threats linked to climate change and environmental degradation.

The Unit is the focal point for relations with UN and international organisations on global, transregional and emerging threats.
The size of the unit is 18 staff members with a majority of its staff in Headquarters. The post is available on 16 September 2021.

We propose

We propose an attractive and challenging position as a Programme Officer managing Global and trans-regional threats in a very dynamic and fast-paced environment with a variety of daily activities. Key tasks include:

- Programme Management of actions under the Peace and Stability line under the NDICI and the former Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP – Article 5).
- Policy support on issues linked to security, including input to policy documents, briefings, notes and other documents.
- Thematic support on issues related to security within FPI.

Work is carried out in close cooperation with relevant counterparts in FPI, INTPA, NEAR, other Commission services, the External Action Service and EU Delegations.

We look for

The FPI highly values team spirit, a strong sense of initiative and responsibility in all its staff members.

We look for a highly motivated and dynamic colleague to manage and advise on the implementation of external programmes and projects financed by the EU on issues related to security.

The successful candidate will have:

- A comprehensive educational background and proven professional experience on security issues falling within the Unit’s remit.
- Experience of at least 4 years in security related fields.
- A sound understanding of policy and programming, with strong analytical and reporting skills.
- Good knowledge of EU institutions and decisional processes relevant to the field of activity - CFSP, CSDP, JHA, EU external action and related EU external policies.
- The ability to deliver within short deadlines on a multi-task basis.
- A proactive approach and sound judgement.
- Strong team spirit coupled with the ability to work autonomously and openness to take on new challenges.
- Security clearance at minimal level SECRET EU, or readiness to undergo security vetting if s/he does not already hold security clearance at the appropriate level, in accordance with the relevant security provisions.

The following elements will be advantages:

- Knowledge of European Security Policy.
- Experience in financial rules and procedures related to EU external actions, notably related to grant management.
- Experience acquired in an EU Delegation or in work with countries in transition.
The position requires excellent oral and written communication skills in English and a good knowledge of French. Spanish or Portuguese would be an asset.

Applications

Interested candidates should send the application form, their CV & a short motivation letter (max. 1 page) with clearly indicated CAST reference number as follows:

To: FPI-HR-COORDINATION@ec.europa.eu
Subject: Application for vacancy FPI N° 352767– Programme Officer

Only FG IV contract agents currently in the EU institutions, candidates from an FG IV EPSO CAST valid reserve list or candidates registered as FG IV in the EU CV online database will be considered for this position.

**Deadline for application:** 6 September 2021 @ 12.00 noon