

SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISER

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT SARAJEVO

DUTY STATION: Sarajevo

CONTRACT TYPE: Consultancy (international, full-time)

GRADE: 8a

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION:

The Senior Political Adviser will work as part of the Security Sector Advisory Unit within the Political and Economic Department of the Office of the High Representative.

The Senior Adviser will be required to work on issues that primarily relate to the pol/mil issues and local-level issues including local level dispute resolution and facilitation in line with the responsibilities derived from the mandate office of the High Representative. Specifically he/she will be expected to advise the High Representative and other staff on pol/mil issues as well as local level issues including refugee return and war crimes, particularly Srebrenica.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Advise the High Representative and other staff within the OHR on pol-mil issue and local-level issues, in particular those related to the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement, such as refugee return, war crimes and other related issues;
- Follow closely the developments in Srebrenica and other related areas and ensure coordination with all stakeholders with respect to the actions of the Office of the High Representative;
- Advise and assist with the implementation of activities related to demining and the destruction of weapons and ammunition;
- Coordinate closely with the relevant BiH institutions and the wider international community on local-level matters, in particular those that relate to the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement;
- Liaise with EUFOR and NATO as well as working on security sector issues including demining and the destruction of excess weapons and ammunition;
- The Senior Adviser will work in close co-operation with other departments in the organization and will be expected to liaise regularly with the broader international community;
- Contribute to the drafting of regular reports policy briefs and speeches; produced by the Office of the High Representative;
- Provide political and strategic advice on matters pertaining to the mandate of the Office of the High Representative;
- The Senior Adviser will be required to perform other duties and functions as requested by the Head of the Political and Economic Department.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS / QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in a relevant field of study;
- At minimum of 5 years working experience in the field of international relations and/or government, preferably in the Western Balkans;
- Good knowledge of the current political, economic and social situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the Western Balkans region;
- Significant experience in policy-making and political analysis and experience in strategic

- operational planning;
- Very good knowledge of the composition and undertakings of the wider international community in BiH;
 - Comprehensive knowledge of human rights related issues as they pertain to Bosnia and the Western Balkans, particularly those that relate to refugee return, war crimes and other issues related to the post-war situation in BiH;
 - Comprehensive knowledge of the programs and issues as they relate to demining and the destruction of weapons and ammunition;
 - Excellent English communication and writing skills;
 - Excellent Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian communication and writing skills.
 - Strong sense of proactivity and readiness to utilize initiative;
 - Ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines;
 - Excellent inter personal, teamwork and communication skills;
 - Readiness to undertake extensive field trips and visits to areas outside Sarajevo.

Any person with the above qualifications should provide (in English) a CV with a one-page cover letter and references to the following:

**Human Resources
Office of the High Representative
Emerika Bluma 1, 71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Closing date for applications: 11 February 2014

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted

No telephone inquiries please