



## VACANCY NOTICE

### External Affairs Officer (ref VN022)

#### Administrator - TA 2(f) – AD7

The SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking has set up a selection procedure to establish a reserve list for the position of **External Affairs Officer (TA 2(f) – AD7)**. The duty station is in Brussels, Belgium where the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking has its headquarters and where the place of employment is.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 SESAR

SESAR is the technological pillar of the EU's Single European Sky policy and a key enabler of the European Commission's Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. SESAR defines, develops and deploys technologies to transform air traffic management in Europe.

#### 1.2 The SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking

The SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking (SESAR 3 JU) is established under Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 as an institutionalised European partnership between private and public sector partners to accelerate through research and innovation the delivery of the Digital European Sky. To do so, it is harnessing, developing and accelerating the take-up of the most cutting-edge technological solutions to manage conventional aircraft, drones, air taxis and vehicles flying at higher altitudes.

#### 1.3 Digital European Sky Programme

The SESAR 3 JU is responsible for implementation of the Digital European Sky Programme and operates an innovation pipeline towards deployment, by also demonstrating the viability of the technological and operational solutions, in larger and more operationally-integrated environments.

The Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for the SESAR 3 JU presents the strategic research and innovation (R & I) roadmaps for the years 2021 to 2027 to deliver on the implementation of the Digital European Sky by delivery of a Programme of the same name (i.e. fully scalable services supported by a digital ecosystem minimising the environmental footprint of aviation), including the integration of drones, matching the ambitions of the 'European Green Deal' and the 'Europe fit for the digital age' initiative. The activities outlined in the SRIA to build a digitalised infrastructure are also critical for a post-COVID recovery, enabling aviation to become more scalable, economically sustainable, environmentally efficient and predictable.

To achieve the Digital European Sky (Phase D of the European ATM Master Plan), nine research and innovation flagships (referred to as "Destinations" in Horizon Europe) have been identified in the SRIA with their underlying R&I needs/challenges. These will be the basis for identifying future SESAR Solutions, and are the subject of the Digital European Sky Programme. The nine innovation flagships are: Connected and Automated ATM, Air-ground integration and autonomy, Capacity-on-demand and dynamic airspace, U-space and urban air mobility, Virtualisation and cyber-secure data sharing, Multimodality and passenger experience, Aviation Green Deal, Artificial intelligence (AI) for aviation, and Civil/Military interoperability and coordination.

With the Digital European Sky comes the promise of making Europe the most efficient and environmentally-friendly sky to fly in the world. For more information, see: [www.sesarju.eu](http://www.sesarju.eu)



## 2. KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

The Jobholder reports to the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking Chief External Affairs and Communication. The tasks and responsibilities of the Jobholder shall include:

- Provide advice and support for promoting SESAR 3 JU objectives and activities in relevant external stakeholder groups including the maintenance and development of the SESAR 3 JU's bilateral relationships with external stakeholders, including organisations with whom the SESAR 3 JU has entered into cooperative arrangements
- Daily management of the SESAR 3 JU's contractual arrangements with external stakeholders, including airspace users and professional staff organisations, and elaboration of new draft contractual arrangements as required
- Foster close relations with relevant counterparts in the European Commission, Council and Parliament
- Support the Chief External Affairs and Communication in the SESAR 3 JU's international affairs, in particular the execution of the SESAR 3 JU-related parts of EU international agreements, and of cooperative arrangements entered into by the SESAR 3 JU with non-EU parties, as agreed with the European Commission
- Support the participation of the SESAR 3 JU when necessary in relevant international and global bodies, such as ICAO, and fora
- Support the communications team with technical and operational advice, in the production of communications material and in the management of external communications activities
- Provide advice and support to the SESAR 3 JU for its reporting obligations
- Undertake additional tasks in the interests of the SESAR 3 JU, as required and under the supervision of the Chief External Affairs and Communication

## 3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA REQUIRED

Candidates will be considered for the selection phase based on the following criteria to be fulfilled by the deadline for submission of applications.

### 3.1 Minimum Qualifications Required

A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma in an appropriate field of study when the normal period of university education is four years or more, or a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma in an appropriate field of study when the normal period of university education is three years and, after having obtained the university degree, at least one year of appropriate professional experience.

### 3.2 Minimum Professional experience

At least 6 years of proven professional experience gained after obtaining the minimum qualifications required in a field related to the nature of the key accountabilities, preferably in an international research environment.

### 3.3 Minimum Language Skills Required

Thorough knowledge as well as command of English and a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the European Union to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties are mandatory.

### 3.4 In addition in order to be eligible, the candidate must:

- Be a national of a Member State of the European Union
- Have fulfilled any obligation imposed by the laws on military service
- Be entitled to full rights as citizen<sup>1</sup>
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a police certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record.

<sup>2</sup> Before being engaged the candidate will be medically examined in order that the SESAR 3 JU may be satisfied that he/she fulfils the requirements of Article 12 (2) (d) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities.

#### 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

The successful candidate shall have sense of initiative and professionalism. He/She shall be a team player, flexible, highly motivated, proactive, and able to work under pressure and to tight deadlines in a matrix organisation.

##### 4.1 Essential Selection Criteria

In addition to the requirements on minimum qualification and professional experience set out in heading 3, the successful candidate shall have:

- Experience in international, institutional and/or technical fora and in an international political environment
- Very good knowledge of air transport issues and stakeholders in particular relating to air traffic management
- Knowledge of the organisation and workings of the SESAR 3 JU and the European Union Institutions, and of stakeholder groups both within and outside Europe
- Network of relations across different aviation stakeholders groups
- Strong planning, analytical and organisational skills
- Experience of work in a multi-cultural environment and ability to command trust among peers
- Strong communication (written and oral) and presentation skills, including an ability to write clear, concise reports and other documents in English

##### 4.2 Advantageous Selection Criteria

- Proven knowledge of EU transport policy, in particular in the field of aviation
- A good knowledge of a third official European language

#### 5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Eligibility of candidates will be assessed according to compliance with all formal requirements by the closing date for the submission of applications. Eligible candidates whose application shows evidence of all essential selection criteria may be invited for an interview, which will be held for the most part in English. During the selection process candidates may be required to undergo a competency assessment exercise. The interview will take place in Brussels (Belgium), where the SESAR 3 JU has its headquarters and where the place of employment is. The date of the test and/or interview session has been tentatively set for the **second part of February 2025** (until further notice and depending on the number of candidates). The applicants will be informed of the date within a reasonable period prior to such date.

Candidates invited to an interview will be requested to submit, on the day of the interview, a copy of their diploma(s) and evidence of their professional experience, clearly indicating the starting and finishing dates, the function(s) and the exact nature of the duties carried out. However, prior to contract signature, the selected candidate will be requested to provide the SESAR 3 JU with original or certified copies of all relevant documents proving the eligibility requirements.

As a result of the interviews, the Selection Panel will recommend the most suitable candidates for the post in question. The list of suitable candidates established by the Selection Panel may also be used for the recruitment for a similar post depending on the needs of the SESAR 3 JU and shall be **valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027** (the validity period may be extended). Each candidate will be informed by letter whether or not he/she has been placed on the reserve list. Candidates should note that inclusion on a reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.

Please note that the Selection Panel's work and deliberations are strictly confidential and that any contact with its members is strictly forbidden.

#### 6. DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT TO SERVE PUBLIC INTEREST INDEPENDENTLY

Prior to contract signature, the selected candidate will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration in relation to the interests that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

## 7. APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The selected candidate will be appointed by the Executive Director, upon recommendation of the Selection Panel, following the selection process. Depending on the budgetary situation, the selected candidate may be engaged for a fixed period of 5 years. The period of engagement shall not exceed in any case the duration of the Joint Undertaking.

The successful candidate will be recruited in the **grade AD7**. The basic monthly salary before any deductions or allowances for the grade AD7 (step 1) is **7,646.86 EUR**. In addition to the basic salary, staff members may be entitled to various allowances, such as a household allowance, expatriation allowance, dependent child allowance and education allowance. The salary is subject to a Community tax deducted at source and staff members are exempt of national taxation on income.

Please note that recruitment is done in the first or second step of the indicated grade, depending on the duration of the acquired professional experience gained after the minimum qualifications and professional experience required.

Further information regarding rights and conditions of employment can be found in the following document:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>

## 8. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

### 8.1 Procedure of Applications

Candidates must submit by email to the functional mailbox [recruitmentvn022@sesarju.eu](mailto:recruitmentvn022@sesarju.eu) a **SINGLE A4-sized Adobe Acrobat PDF file (size: max. 5MB) containing ALL the following scanned documents:**

- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) in the Europass format (available on the following website: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>)
- A signed motivation letter of no more than two pages, explaining why the candidate is interested in the post and what would be his/her added value to the SESAR 3 JU if selected
- A duly completed and signed declaration of honor with regard to the eligibility and selection criteria (downloadable from our website)

**The single A4-sized Adobe Acrobat PDF application file shall be named as follows: [Lastname\_Firstname\_VN022.pdf].**

The title and the exact reference of the vacancy notice should be indicated in the subject of the email. Applications where the format and/or content of the Europass CV and the declaration of honour have been modified may be deemed void by the SESAR 3 JU.

No correspondence will be exchanged on the status of the application except in the case of a final decision, positive or negative. Candidates are therefore formally requested not to enquire about the progress of their application neither by email, telephone, fax or letter.

**The closing date for submission of applications is Monday 03 February 2025 at 14:00 Brussels time.**

### 8.2 Appeal Procedure

Any appeal regarding the present vacancy notice shall be sent within 20 calendar days of the date on the email notifying the rejection of the application quoting the reference of the vacancy notice to the Chairman of the selection panel at the following email address: [hr@sesarju.eu](mailto:hr@sesarju.eu).

### 8.3 Promotion of Equal opportunities

The SESAR 3 JU is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility and requirements without any distinction on the grounds of

nationality, age, race, gender, political, philosophical or religious conviction or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or other family situation.

#### 8.4 Personal Data Protection

Please note that applications will not be returned to candidates but will be kept on file by the SESAR 3 JU. The personal data the SESAR 3 JU requests from candidates will be processed in line with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC... Personal data shall be processed solely for the purpose of the performance, management and follow-up of information in view of a possible appointment at the SESAR 3 JU. Should the candidate have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data, he/she shall address them to the SESAR 3 JU Data Protection Officer, [sju.data-protection@sesarju.eu](mailto:sju.data-protection@sesarju.eu). Detailed information on the processing of personal data can be found in the relevant [privacy notice](#).

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