

Dear colleagues,

The European External Action Service (EEAS) intends to implement the possibility provided by Article 42c of the Staff Regulations (SR) to place certain officials on leave in the interests of the service.

This is a new procedure introduced in 2014 in order to respond to the need to constantly innovate and modernise the EU institutions and their working methods.

All Officials, irrespective of their function group, type of post or grade, may be eligible for leave in the interests of service, if fulfilling the two following conditions:

1. **At the earliest five years before your own pensionable age** (according to Article 52 of the SR and Article 22 of the Annex XIII), and
2. Having completed at least ten years of service in the EU Institutions.

Officials granted leave in the interests of service receive an allowance as determined in Annex IV to the SR and enjoy this status until reaching pensionable age, at which time they will automatically be retired.

For this first exercise, the EEAS is launching a call for expressions of interest to identify **two officials** who may be placed on leave in the interests of the service.

The integral text of the call for expression of interest is published on the EEAS Zone

<http://intragate.ec.europa.eu/eeas/eeaszone/news/call-expression-interest-be-placed-leave-interests-service-article-42c-staff-regulations-%E2%80%93-year>

Officials interested in taking advantage of such a possibility are invited to submit their application only by email to the functional mailbox

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by 23/11/2016 before 5 pm (Brussels time).

The applications will be screened by the Director of Human Resource in consultation with the relevant Managing Directors.

After consultation of the Staff Committee, a final decision will be taken by the AIPN before the end of the year, after hearing the officials selected for this purpose, also with a view to confirm their agreement to leave in the interests of service.

If you have questions regarding your length of service and eligibility or requests for information/clarification on financial aspects, please contact

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