

QD012: Principal Planning Development Officer

Post No QD012/ Ref. No 2026_00417

JOB DESCRIPTION (See link to the full job description in the blue box)

- A Master's level qualification from a nationally recognised/certified University in a related discipline and 5 years' post-related experience in a governmental, inter-governmental or military environment.
- Acceptable alternatives: Bachelor's level qualification with 8 years' post-related experience in a governmental, intergovernmental or military environment, or an equivalent education combined with an appropriate amount of relevant, professional experience.
- Ability to develop resourceful and effective solutions to problems (including personnel), focus on team performance goals and track metrics to measure performance improvements.
- Ability to facilitate/present persuasively to gain buy-in and effective negotiations skills to achieve desired outcomes including business growth.
- Good knowledge of acquisition and lifecycle management best practices in Industry and NATO environments.
- Proven knowledge and experience in the field of distributed synthetic training.
- Proven experience in project management, including experience as project manager for sizeable complex projects in a national/international environment.
- Recognised Project Management Certification [e.g. Managing Successful Programmes, PRINCE2®, Project Management Professional (PMP®)], or International Project Management Association (IPMA®)], or equivalent.
- Knowledge of organisational design principles.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- Multicultural environment
- Initial three year contract with competitive monthly tax-free salary (subject to Article 19 of the Ottawa agreement on exemption of Taxation)
- Additional benefits for expatriate staff including expatriation and education allowances (where applicable) and additional home leave
- Excellent health coverage
- Great work/life balance
- Generous annual leave of 6 weeks plus official holidays
- Pension Scheme

POST DETAILS

- Basic monthly salary: EUR 11 231.51, tax free - before insurance and pension contributions.

HOW TO APPLY?

All candidates (internal and external) should refer to the [FAQs](#) before applying.

NSPA internal candidates must submit additionally their latest completed **performance report**.

NSPA staff members of the same grade can submit a transfer request till 22nd July 2026.

Applications sent via e-mail will be automatically rejected.

All application deadlines are based on the Central European Time (CET) zone.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Qualified redundant NATO civilian candidates of the same grade will be considered in priority.

Interviews are expected to be held approximately six weeks after the application closing date. The Talent Acquisition and Development Office shall let you know in due course the outcome of the screening process.

Moreover, due to the broad interest in NSPA and the large number of potential candidates, telephone or email enquiries cannot be dealt with.

The Agency would appreciate it if addressee countries could provide their support by submitting candidates whose security clearance can be effected (or confirmed) rapidly and who could report for duty as soon as possible after selection.

NSPA as an employer values diverse backgrounds and perspectives and is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse and talented workforce. NSPA welcomes applications of nationals from all Member States and strongly encourages women to apply.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT MILITARY OR ADMINISTRATION

POST HOLDERS:

Please note that if you currently hold a military or administration post, you will be required to decide, in accordance with your national authorities' regulations, whether to retire or resign from your post, or apply for special leave from your national authorities. If you are invited to a preliminary interview, you will be asked to indicate your preference at that time as well.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Your application should be submitted in one go and you **will not** be able to modify your data once submitted.