

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE MISSION STATEMENT

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DIPLOMACY

We are the diplomatic service of the EU. Democracy, human rights and the rule of law are at the core of our action. We support a rules-based international order. We represent the EU and engage with partners across the world and in international organisations through our global network of EU Delegations. We contribute to international peace and to the development of European defence through our military and security structures, including by deploying missions and operations. We provide a high level of awareness, offering a platform to our member states for the sharing of intelligence analysis.

ENGAGEMENT

We work under the authority of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. We support him/her in the conduct of the Union's common foreign, security and defence policy. We address both longstanding challenges and threats and emerging security issues including conflicts, hybrid and cyber threats, disinformation and foreign interference. Building and consolidating international partnerships is at the centre of our engagement.

PROTECTION

We work for and with EU citizens. We promote the interests of a stronger Europe in the world, working to increase the resilience of our societies. We ensure a crisis response capability to protect European citizens and support EU Member States in the provision of consular assistance, notably in times of crisis. Through strategic communication and public diplomacy, we enhance the global projection of the EU.

INCLUSIVITY

We strive to be a dynamic, efficient and inclusive service. Valuing talent and the professional excellence of our staff, we are committed to building an organisation where gender equality and the respect for diversity are core values. We work to create a common European diplomatic culture. Results-oriented, we generate ideas and initiatives that meet the requirements of an evolving diplomacy, and act upon them.

PARTNERSHIP

We cooperate with all EU institutions in a spirit of openness and partnership to ensure the overall political coordination, effectiveness and coherence of the EU's external action. We assist the Presidents of the European Council and of the European Commission in external relations. We work with the European Parliament and with all other European institutional partners. We cooperate closely with EU member states to deliver policies with global reach in support of equality, prosperity and sustainability.