Reporting line:

The Procurement Officer reports to the Head of Procurement Unit.

Main tasks and responsibilities:

- To conduct procurement processes in line with the organisation's rules and regulations;
- To review Terms of Reference, Technical Specifications, scopes of Work and draft tender dossiers for the purpose of eliminating any possible deficiencies in procurement;
- To issue contracts to successful tenderers and coordinate with Contract Managers a proper handover of contract management responsibilities;
- To provide assistance to respective units in the organisation, related to all procurement and contracting matters and procedures;
- To assist and advise the Head of Procurement on all legal issues related to the procurement cycle;
- To contribute to new, or critically review and propose improvements to existing ways of working, Administrative Directives, Standard Operating Procedures and Operational Instructions;
- To regularly update the unit’s procurement tracking system;
- To prepare letters and memoranda, maintaining adequate records on procurement issues, and to issue reports on procurement matters;
- To maintain the roster of suppliers and to elaborate supplier selection and evaluation criteria, quality and performance measurement mechanisms;
- To undertake any other related tasks as requested by the Line Managers.

Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- Successful completion of University studies of at least three (3) years attested by a diploma OR a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 6 in the European Qualifications Framework OR a qualification of the first cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area e.g. Bachelor's degree
  
  AND
  
  - A minimum of seven (7) years of relevant and proven full-time professional experience after having fulfilled the education requirements.

Specification of Education and Experience

- The above mentioned University degree must be in at least one of the following fields of expertise: Law, Business or Public Administration, Economics, Finance or other related university studies;
- A minimum of four (4) years of relevant and proven experience in public procurement;
- Knowledge of the EU financial rules;
- Experience in using established professional and transparent procurement policies and procedures in accordance with EU legislation and regulations;
- Experience in management of tendering processes, preferably including EU procedures;
- Very good interpersonal and communication skills in English, both written and oral;
- Excellent analytical, research and problem-solving skills;
• Ability to work under stressful conditions and to prioritise and manage a high workload on occasions;
• Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations as a team member in a multi-cultural and multi-national environment.

Desirable
• Substantial knowledge of the functioning of the EU and in particular CSDP Missions;
• Good understanding of the political, cultural and security situation of the Balkans, in particular Kosovo;
• International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multi-national and international organisations.