

Question for written answer E-002226/2021

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: European External Action Service posts for the implementation of the European Peace Facility

In March 2021, the EU established a new financial instrument, the European Peace Facility (EPF), an off-budget fund worth approximately EUR 5 billion for the 2021-2027 period, to be financed through contributions from Member States. As a common security and defence policy instrument, its implementation will be ensured by the High Representative with the support of the European External Action Service (EEAS). For the purposes of financial administration, the High Representative will also be assisted by the Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments in the management of assistance measures.

1. In order to implement the EPF, how many posts did the EEAS apply for and how many were granted?
2. How many of the posts granted have so far been filled, and will these posts be financed through the EU budget or off-budget?