

Question for written answer E-002283/2024

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

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Subject: Imbalance of staff representation

Decision (EU) 2024/2247 of the European Parliament of 11 April 2024 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022, Section X – European External Action Service notes that significant imbalance still persists with regard to the representation of all 27 Member States in all staff categories. This has been the case for many years.

1. What measures is the European External Action Service taking to ensure not only that geographical representation is respected, but also that each of the 27 Member States is represented in every category wherever possible?
2. How does the European External Action Service justify the fact that five Member States were represented in 80 out of 141 posts while some Member States only had one representative or did not have any at all?
3. What concrete measures is the European External Action Services taking to end the lack of representation in the selection of EU heads of missions and deputy heads of missions in the subsequent rotations once and for all?

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