**CEFTA SECRETARIAT – BRUSSELS**

**Vacancy Announcement**

**Director of the CEFTA SECRETARIAT, BRUSSELS, Belgium**

The Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA 2006) is a modern and comprehensive regional free trade agreement, designed as an integral part of the pre-accession agenda. It provides a strong legal basis for policy formulation and implementation in key areas related to trade and investment. The successful implementation of the Agreement to date with full liberalisation of trade in goods has substantially contributed to the creation of a free trade area in South East Europe. The CEFTA Parties have agreed on an ambitious agenda to further contribute to economic growth, recognised also in the Common Regional Market Action Plan 2021-2024. The CEFTA Secretariat was established in Brussels, Belgium, in September 2008 in accordance with the Article 40.2 of the Agreement. The overall role of the Secretariat is to provide technical and administrative support to the Joint Committee, Chair in Office and any body established by the Joint Committee.

A specially appointed Selection Committee is now seeking applications for the position of Director.

The detailed job description and application form are available at:

<https://cefta.int/vacancies/vacancy-announcement-director-of-the-cefta-secretariat-brussels-belgium/>

Eligible applicants include civil servants from the CEFTA Parties administrations and personnel from international organisations, the private sector and civil society. The successful candidate will be offered a competitive contract by the CEFTA Secretariat.

Interested candidates should upload a completed Application Form in English.

The deadline for receipt of applications is midnight (CET), Sunday 26th March, 2023. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

All applicants are asked to refer to CEFTA language throughout the application process.

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