

# Science Diplomacy in the Field

## An Immersion in the Life of Science Counselors of the European Union

*An InsSciDE Case Study*

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The posting of science attachés to diplomatic representations abroad is a tool particularly suited to the implementation of a science diplomacy strategy. The European Commission embarked on this practice by the end of the last century and today there are twelve science counselors stationed in European Union (EU) delegations worldwide. All of them were interviewed for this study, the first to date devoted to the particular profile and missions of the EU's science counselors. Our investigation revealed their essential cross-cutting missions: promoting the European framework research programs, and coordinating enhanced foreign-facing initiatives with Member States' own science attachés. This case study examines and discusses the science counselors' contribution to the implementation of European-level science diplomacy.



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