

LONG-TERM TRAINING PERIODS AT THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECtHR) – 2027/2028

Before applying, candidates are strongly advised to carefully review the long-term training General Conditions (attached to the call for applications) as well as the EJTN financial policy, which provide detailed information about the EJTN long-term training scheme.

1. Presentation

A total of 12 long-term training periods will be implemented at the ECtHR in Strasbourg, France.

EJTN trainees will be assigned to one of the case-processing units of the Court's Registry where they will handle individual applications, in English or French, from their country of origin. Under the supervision of the Head of Unit, their responsibilities will include:

- examining and processing applications in accordance with the Court procedures and internal guidelines. Applications will primarily include prima facie inadmissible cases and cases which can be processed in a standard manner;
- drafting decisions, minutes, reports, notes and other documents;
- maintaining correspondence with applicants and, where appropriate, with Governments and third parties;
- advising applicants on the conditions of admissibility of applications to the Court and provide them with all relevant information;
- ensuring legal analysis and assisting experienced case-lawyers in the preparation of Chamber cases for examination by the Court;
- drafting of Chamber judgments and decisions and attending the Court's sessions;
- undertaking studies and research relating to the Court's case-law and domestic law as well as comparative and international law.

In addition, one candidate may be allocated to the [Department of Social Rights and Secretariat of the European Committee of Social Rights](#). The participant allocated for this position will contribute to the preparation of collective complaints and reporting work depending on competence and experience. Priority will be given to candidates with judicial experience in the fields of labor and employment law, social security and health, child and family protection or other aspects of social rights falling within the scope of the Charter and the purview of the European Committee of Social Rights.

2. Length and available positions

- Number of positions: 12
- Duration: 10 months
- Training period: from Monday 30 August 2027 to Friday 30 June 2028

3. Eligibility Criteria

The requirements to join one of the case-processing units of the Court's Registry are the following:

- be a judge (ordinary or administrative) or a prosecutor;
- have about 5 to 10 years' work experience;
- have a thorough command of French or English, including the ability to draft legal decisions.

The requirements to join the Department of Social Rights and Secretariat of the European Committee of Social Rights are the following:

- be a judge (ordinary or administrative) or a prosecutor;
- have about 5 to 10 years' work experience in a legal profession, preferably in an area related to social rights (or human rights more generally);
- have a thorough command of English or French, including the ability to draft legal decisions.

4. Supporting documentation

Participants are required to submit the following supporting documents in PDF format:

- 1) a curriculum vitae in Europass format, in French or in English;
- 2) a cover letter in French or in English (to be included in the application form). If applying for the Department of Social Rights, this must be clearly indicated in the cover letter.

These are the mandatory documents required by the host institution. Applicants are encouraged to submit any additional supporting documents permitted under the General Conditions that may strengthen their application and demonstrate their qualifications, experience and/or motivation.