PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF DENMARK TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Strasbourg

Vacancy
Legal advisor (Academic Officer)

Position: Legal advisor
Type of employment: full time, local contract, 1½ year will possibility of extension.
Starting date: 1 January 2027 (or soonest thereafter).
Deadline for application: **1st of December 2026**
Interviews: Selected candidates will be invited for interviews – with possibility of online interview.
Location: Permanent Representation of Denmark to the Council of Europe,
20 Avenue de la Paix, 67000 Strasbourg, France.

The Permanent Representation of Denmark to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg is recruiting a legal advisor. The Representation serves the interests of Denmark in the Council of Europe, which has headquarters in Strasbourg, France. The main work takes place in the Committee of Ministers and the attached rapporteur groups promoting human rights, the rule of law and democracy in the 46 member states of the Council of Europe. You will assist the ambassador in preparing Danish positions and statements and you will also represent Denmark and Danish interests in meetings of the Council of Europe.

We are looking for a colleague with a relevant academic background, who wants to be part of a small dynamic team. You will contribute to the daily work and tasks of the Representation, including the work related to the Committee of Minister's follow up to member states execution of judgements from the European Court of Human Rights, as well as work related to legal and human rights policy issues, social rights, migration and Ukraine etc.

The position is particularly well suited to an early-career professional with a few years of relevant experience who is keen to gain hands-on experience in multilateral diplomacy and develop a deeper understanding of the Council of Europe system.

Main tasks and responsibility

- Prepare and attend as well as report from meetings in the Council, including through close contacts with the Council Secretariat and other delegations.
- Act as liaison to relevant Danish authorities (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, etc.).
- Effective networking among the representatives of the member states.

Required qualifications

- Relevant academic degree, i.e. law.
- Flair for creating and maintaining networks.
- Strong analytical skills an excellent writing skills.
- Team-player, responsible, committed and reliable with situational awareness.
- Ability to work independently and efficiently.
- Flexible and willing to adapt to the changing needs of the Representation.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, prioritizing the work as well as work under time pressure.
- Fluency in English and a Scandinavian language. Knowledge of French (written and spoken) is an advantage.

Employment conditions and what we offer

- Local full time contract based on relevant legally binding labour market rules in France.
- Your standard working hours will be 37 hours per week, including daily paid lunch break.
- Your salary includes 25 paid days of holiday every year and will reflect your qualifications, relevant experience and proven work-related results.
- An excellent opportunity to gain first-hand experience of multilateral diplomacy, develop a professional network and build expertise in the Council of Europe system.

Application and recruitment process

Please send your application (cover letter, CV, proof of relevant education, recommendations and references) all in a single PDF file in English to sxbrep@um.dk. Please write in subject line "Application: Legal advisor (Academic Officer). Your name".

The Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe attaches great importance to equal opportunities for all and therefore welcomes applications from all qualified persons regardless of race, sex, religion, age or disability.

The chosen candidate must present a "No Criminal Record" and pass security clearance by the Danish authorities prior to appointment.

Questions

For any questions regarding the position, please contact ambassador Michael Aastrup Jensen at + 33 (0)6 79 96 57 67 or Deputy Head of Mission Afshin Berahmand at + 33 (0)7 86 32 43 09.

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