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On EU Immigration and **Asylum Law and Policy**



European Union Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy Droit et Politique de l'Immigration et de l'Asile de l'Union Européenne

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My job as "Stafmedewerker OPA-Procedure" is perfectly divided between the operational aspect and theoretical aspect of the Asylum and Immigration framework. On one side, as the Red Cross Flanders has many Asylum centres, I am myself in continuous contact with the centres to advise, to the best of my abilities on Asylum and Immigration law.

On the other side, I represent the Red Cross Flanders in meetings/ events/ gatherings with Government instances and Civil Associations.

I am very privileged for having a good vision of the "field" and being implicated in the debates which frame this specific field.

I would like to grow even more in the Asylum and Immigration framework and would therefore love to participate in this summer school. Especially given the context in which we are living today.



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Currently, I am performing the role of Volunteer Coordinator for Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen's Startpunt team, the team which has

direct contact every day with people applying for asylum in Brussels to guide them through the asylum procedure in Belgium and to help them in exercising their rights.

As part of the Startpunt project, I am actively involved in fieldwork activities, namely providing basic information and legal advice in several languages to asylum seekers, answering their questions on the overall procedure and ensuring the effective exercise of their rights for reception and legal assistance in relevant places in Brussels: at the first registration point, at the centre where the first interview is held and at Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen's Legal Helpdesk where applicants receive free and official legal assistance. Furthermore, this includes coordinating the follow-ups of people in the asylum procedure and co-monitoring the situation on the outreach activities, collecting data and preparing situation reports which form the base for the NGO's policy work.

Then, as Volunteer Coordinator, I am primarily responsible for coordinating Startpunt group of volunteers, which means: organizing and supervising the smooth running of volunteering activities and planning the weekly schedule of the volunteers' team; recruiting new volunteers, conducting interviews and their onboarding process, making sure they always feel welcome, safe and supported; planning and facilitating debriefing sessions to collect volunteers' feedback, legal questions or difficult cases encountered during the shifts or to report potential incidents; coordinating and organizing the training of volunteers together with project assistants, following-up the training process of each volunteer and identifying training needs within the team; reporting on volunteers' updates, needs, safety and performance, as wells as on the quality of the services provided during volunteering activities; coordinating volunteers' administrative-related documents, such as contracts, reimbursements and certificates; and finally, developing team building activities for the volunteers' group.

Lastly, an important aspect of my current position is to remain updated of developments in international refugee law and subsidiary forms of protection as well as EU and domestic developments in asylum law, policy and case law to translate them into trainings and organise the information retrieved in an accessible way, as well as to keep updated educational tools for awareness raising sessions on asylum and migration, flyers and other material used for Startpunt activities to ensure that the information given to asylum seekers is correct and up-to-date.



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As a civil service intern at the CADA in Marseille, a reception center for asylum seekers managed by group SOS, I work alongside social advisors to handle various administrative procedures, ensuring that residents can access their rights. This includes, among others, assisting with children's schooling when families arrive, helping them receive government aid, and providing general support for the many challenges these vulnerable individuals face. In addition, I help organize activities for the residents, such as language classes, specialized workshops, as well as cultural and sports initiatives to

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Cyrielle Chibaeff, professionnelle du secteur des ONG et du secteur social au Luxembourg, avec près de 15 ans d'expérience dans les

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At 4040, I work under the Fundraising and Partnerships department. My key responsibilities include: Researching and identifying grant application opportunities and reporting them to the department, Engaging with our

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She currently works as a Facilitator of Experts by Experience with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Reyhaneh's work reflects her commitment to advocating for fair treatment and equal opportunities for all.

Previously, Reyhaneh served as Prevention Officer for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) at Diotima, a feminist organization in Greece, and as an Assistant and the Vice President of the Afghan Community in Greece (2021–2023), where she played a key role in representing and supporting the Afghan refugee population. She holds a diploma from high school in Iran and has a strong belief in the need for change to ensure fairness and dignity for people worldwide. Her humanitarian work is inspired by her conviction that every individual deserves respect, justice, and the opportunity to thrive.



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Prior to joining IRAP and as part of the Lazord fellowship program, Nour worked as a project assistant with Mercy Corps in Zaatari refugee camp, where she oversaw the facilitation of transformational leadership training of youth, supported project implementation, and assisted the M&E and logistics team with various responsibilities.

Nour has a bachelor's degree in German and English as foreign languages, during which she also did an exchange semester at Philipps-University Marburg in Germany. She also has a Master degree in Social work/Migration and Refugees from the German Jordanian University; her thesis focused on "Syrian Refugees in Jordan: Conceptualizing Post-Displacement Family Structure".



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En tant que travailleuse sociale dans un dispositif d'hébergement d'urgence (DHU) pour hommes isolés, j'accueille, accompagne et oriente les hommes hébergés pour une nuit ou plus et participe à la gestion et la vie quotidienne du centre. Les hommes accueillis ont des profils extrêmement variés, parmi

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My responsibilities include contributing to the legal drafting process and coordinating with various services to ensure that the EUCCS policy proposal is both operationally efficient and legally sound. I am also in charge of creating the Operational Plan for establishing the EUCCS. This involves identifying key milestones and defining the roles of various stakeholders involved.

I organize high-level events and technical workshops to foster collaboration between EU institutions, Member States, and industry representatives. Additionally, I handle administrative tasks such as preparing supporting documents, including flash reports, management notes, briefings, and speaking points for senior officials like the Head of Unit, Director, and Deputy Director-General. Furthermore, I manage meeting arrangements and communicate with stakeholders through the functional mailbox.



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What's more, it confirmed something I had started to sense: this is where I want to contribute in the long term. I care deeply about shaping fairer, more humane migration systems in Europe. And I want to keep learning, researching, and helping—especially those who find themselves navigating the same uncertainty I once did.



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