



COURT OF JUSTICE
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TRAINEESHIPS AT THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



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As a young graduate or national judge, you have the opportunity to take part in a traineeship programme at the Court of Justice of the European Union. The Court is the judicial institution of the European Union and the guarantor of EU law for 450 million citizens.

This programme will give you the chance to further your professional development while also contributing to the Court's activities in a stimulating, European and multilingual environment. You will meet other young graduate trainees and judges who share the common values of the European Union, founded on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.



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TRAINEESHIPS FOR YOUNG GRADUATES

Under the programme, young graduates will be given training in the activities of the institution and carry out tasks to assist the Court's work.

The Court offers a limited number of traineeships (around 120 per year). The traineeships are paid and may take place either in the chambers of the Members (Judges and Advocates General) for a period of between three and five months, or in the administrative departments of the Court for a period of five months.

Trainees are subject to a duty of discretion, both during and after their traineeship, regarding all internal Court matters or documents of which they become aware. In that respect, the trainee may not publish or have published anything relating to his or her traineeship without giving prior notification to the relevant Member or head of department. Before the traineeship begins, the trainee signs a solemn undertaking to comply with this duty.



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Traineeships in the Members' chambers (Judges and Advocates General)

Chamber traineeships are primarily intended for young law graduates, in particular those with training in EU law. As part of his or her duties, the trainee will participate in the work of the chamber by carrying out various tasks relating to the cases assigned to the relevant Member and which are not yet at the deliberation stage.

Traineeships in the administrative departments

In those departments of the Court which accept traineeships, trainees have the opportunity to discover the specific duties performed there and apply the knowledge acquired during their studies. They will participate actively in carrying out the tasks entrusted to them, under the supervision of experienced officials.

The following administrative departments accept trainees:

1. Directorate-General for Multilingualism (legal translation and interpretation)
2. Library Directorate
3. Research and Documentation Directorate
4. Terminology Projects and Coordination Unit
5. Protocol and Visits Directorate
6. Communications Directorate
7. Registry of the General Court of the European Union
8. Legal Adviser on Administrative Matters

For more information on the duties of the various departments, visit the curia.europa.eu website.





Traineeships in the Interpretation department

Lasting for between 10 and 12 weeks, traineeships in the Interpretation Directorate are primarily intended for young graduates qualified in conference interpretation. The aim is to enable young interpreters to be supervised as they perfect their interpreting skills, particularly regarding legal content, which includes the preparation of case files, terminological research and practical exercises in a 'silent booth'. Candidates must have at least two passive languages or a second active language. The ability to read French is required. Applicant selection takes place once a year in mid-September, covering the whole judicial year (applications must be submitted between 1 July and 15 September of each year).

ELIGIBILITY, REMUNERATION AND APPLICATIONS

Eligibility

- You must be a national of a Member State of the European Union, subject to duly justified exceptions.
- You must have completed a university course in law, political science or economics or in a related field, attested by a diploma (or, exceptionally, an equivalent course).
- You must have a thorough knowledge of an official language of the European Union and a good knowledge of another official language of the European Union. For operational reasons, a good knowledge of French is desirable.
- You must not have already undertaken a traineeship (whether paid or unpaid) in an institution or body of the European Union.

Remuneration

Trainees receive a traineeship grant, the amount of which is subject to regular updates. A contribution towards travel costs is paid to trainees whose place of residence is located 200 km or more from Luxembourg. The amount of the traineeship grant and the travel cost contribution can be referred to on the [CVRIA](#) website.

This remuneration does not apply to traineeships carried out in the Cabinets of the Members, outside of the two fixed periods under a professional training course for which trainees also receive a grant, an allowance or remuneration.



How to apply

For traineeships taking place during the period between 1 March and 31 July, applications may be submitted between 1 July and 15 September of the preceding year.

For traineeships taking place during the period between 16 September and 15 February (chamber traineeships) or between 1 October and the end of February (traineeships in the administrative departments), applications may be submitted between 1 February and 15 April of the same year.

Applications must be submitted via the [EU CV Online](#) application and be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae along with copies of diplomas and/or certificates, including those issued by a university authority concerning academic or professional qualifications.

Selected applicants are informed in writing by the Court's human resources department of the decision taken with regard to them. Admission to a traineeship does not grant the trainee the status of EU official or servant, nor does it entail any right or entitlement to recruitment.



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TRAINEESHIPS FOR NATIONAL JUDGES



The Court accepts national judges as trainees under the exchange programme organised by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), at a maximum of 15 judges per year.

Traineeships for national judges are undertaken in the chambers of the Members of the Court of Justice and the General Court or in the Research and Documentation Directorate (RDD). They last for between 6 and 10 months. As trainees, national judges carry out the same tasks as legal secretaries or RDD administrators, depending on where they are assigned.

National judges are subject to a duty of discretion, both during and after their traineeship, regarding all internal matters or documents of which they become aware. The judge undertakes not to publish or have published anything relating to his or her traineeship.

Eligibility

- You must have held judicial office (as a judge or prosecutor) in a Member State of the European Union for at least one year.
- You must be familiar with EU law.
- You must have a perfect knowledge of an official language of the European Union and a satisfactory knowledge of French enabling you to support the Members of the Court of Justice and the General Court in the handling of case files and the drafting of decisions.

Remuneration

National judges accepted for a traineeship do not receive any payment or compensation from the Court. They receive a daily allowance funded by the EJTN.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted to the EJTN ([EJTN – Long-term traineeships](#)).

For more information

On the Court of Justice website: curia.europa.eu – The Institution → Working for the Court of Justice → [Traineeships](#)

On the EPSO website: epso.europa.eu – Job opportunities → [Traineeships](#)



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