



Legal Coordinator

Introduction to the Border Violence Monitoring Network:

The Border Violence Monitoring Network (BVMN) is an independent network of NGOs and associations that monitor human rights violations at the external borders of the European Union and advocate to stop the violence exerted against people on the move.

The advocacy and legal team of the Network has a multi-targeted approach. Our team works collectively to bring evidence of mass human rights violations to relevant EU, UN and national fora, to hold governments accountable and to establish pushbacks and the rights of people on the move as an international priority.

Introduction to the role:

BVMN is seeking a Legal Coordinator to enhance our efforts in supporting migrant rights. The ideal candidate will have a robust legal background, expertise in human rights law, and the ability to engage effectively with national, European, and international legal mechanisms.

The Legal Coordinator of the Border Violence Monitoring Network is responsible for supporting the Network with legal knowledge, identifying cases for complaints or litigation, and equipping field reporters with legal tools. The Legal Coordinator also manages the legal working group.

The Legal Coordinator is tasked with drafting legal briefs and filing complaints or notifications to national, European, and international mechanisms. Their role is to support members and partners in engaging in litigation opportunities through research, exchanging best practices with actors in different locations, and being the focal point for legal knowledge and expertise.

Key responsibilities:

- Regularly monitor the roster of the ECtHR of communicated cases and judgments for legal intervention;
- Engage with the Council of Europe bodies through submissions, consultations and other types of legal action available;
- Engage in legal research and produce legal briefs, reports and memoranda to European, national, and national mechanisms (e.g. national human rights institutions, ombudspersons);
- Support projects of the Network with legal research and input; inform the field, research, and advocacy work of the Network with legal knowledge;
- Monitor the EU calendar for relevant submission to EU mechanisms such as the rule of law annual report, the FRA and EUAA annual reports, and other relevant bodies;



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- Manage a legal working group composed of volunteers;
- Keep updated the legal actions database on the BVMN website;
- Build, maintain and strengthen relationships with relevant key stakeholders.
- Co-ordinate the production and editing of other relevant publications.

Working Group Coordination:

- Attend weekly advocacy and legal team meetings, support with facilitation and minute-taking;
- Manage the email address;
- Engage in volunteer recruitment, onboarding, and general support and check-ins throughout their time spent with the legal working group.

Wider Organisational Responsibilities:

- Attend and support the running of General Coordination meetings and Open Assemblies, including through discussing Network activities, voting on key decisions and working with member organisations to build consensus;
- Support in formulating funding proposals based on advocacy work, support with feedback reports to donors and tracking the implementation of funded projects;
- Participate in other planned activities including structural planning, burnout prevention sessions, mediation sessions or other personal development training;
- Fulfil any other reasonable requests for the advancement of the Border Violence Monitoring Network and its member organisations.

Person Specification:

Required:

- Legal background, knowledge of human rights law and demonstrable working/volunteer experience;
- Excellent command of spoken and written English;
- Ability to work independently/autonomously whilst being adaptable and reactive to rapidly changing situations;
- Some demonstrable experience of engaging with human rights mechanisms;
- Experience in coordinating and publishing legal briefs, reports, or submissions;
- Align with the anti-fascist, anti-racist, queerfeminist values of the Network and strive to work in a collective dynamic.

Applications deadline:

14 July, 2024, 23:59 CET

Link to the form:

<https://forms.gle/T6itJ9ZYM9xcsHy29>