

Meijers Committee

standing committee of experts on international immigration, refugee and criminal law

Meijers Committee Vacancy: Academic Intern, German liaison

(4-6 months, 0,4 fte)

Who are we?

The Meijers Committee is an independent think tank that researches and advises institutions on Human Rights and European criminal, migration, refugee, privacy, non-discrimination and constitutional law.

The Committee promotes transparent and democratic decision-making, respect for fundamental rights and access to legal remedies in the European cooperation in justice, migration and security.

The Committee is composed of law professors, legal researchers, judges and attorneys with expertise in different European legal topics. The Committee is financially supported by a number of civil society organizations. The daily work of the committee is done by an Executive Director and a part-time Secretary.

Your role in a nutshell

The Meijers Committee is in the process of expanding its advocacy activities to Germany. The Meijers Committee believes that national parliaments can and should play a strong role in the parliamentary review of new EU legislation.

As an intern you will help the Meijers committee to be in touch with the German Bundestag and German NGO's on EU decision making in the area of justice, security and migration. You will translate recommendations into the German language and assist in liaising with German contacts. In addition, you will assist the committee in any other business that may come up.

Key responsibilities

1. Translate committee advisory opinions into the German language, using legal terms;
2. Assist in liaising with German and other stakeholders;
3. Legal and political research and draft advisory opinions on current legislative files, depending on your particular interest and the EU political agenda;
4. Assist the Executive Director with her work for the Meijers Committee.

Your profile

- Advanced student at a (Dutch) university in law, political science, European studies or similar;
- Fluency in German and English, working knowledge of Dutch;

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- Affinity and basic knowledge of the EU decision-making process and at least one of the fields of expertise of the committee (migration, asylum, criminal law, security, privacy, non-discrimination);
- Research and drafting skills;
- Ability to effectively communicate with external stakeholders;
- Ability to work independently, take responsibility and function as a sparring partner.

Terms and remuneration

Duration of the internship is four to six months for two days a week. Starting date will be decided in consultation. You are remunerated according to the CAO Welzijn with a small stipend of (€ 500 a month on a full time basis). In consultation, a Committee member could supervise you in writing your thesis. The Committee is a flat organization and you will be treated as an equal as much as possible.

Further inquiries and apply

Please direct any questions to Nejra Kalkan, Executive director, at post@commissie-meijers.nl or 020 362 0505. If you are interested in applying, please send a CV and a short motivation letter to the same e-mail address before 15th of February, 2020.