

## LONG-TERM TRAINING PERIODS AT THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECtHR) – 2026/2027

Before applying, candidates are strongly advised to carefully review the long-term training General Conditions (attached to the call for applications) as well as the EJTN financial policy, which provide detailed information about the EJTN long-term training scheme.

### 1. Presentation

A total of 12 long-term training periods will be implemented at the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in Strasbourg, France.

EJTN trainees will be assigned to one of the case-processing units of the Court's Registry where they will handle individual applications, in English or French, from their country of origin. Under the supervision of the Head of Unit, their responsibilities will include:

- examining and processing applications in accordance with the Court procedures and internal guidelines. Applications will primarily include prima facie inadmissible cases and cases which can be processed in a standard manner;
- drafting decisions, minutes, reports, notes and other documents;
- maintaining correspondence with applicants and, where appropriate, with Governments and third parties;
- advising applicants on the conditions of admissibility of applications to the Court and provide them with all relevant information;
- ensuring legal analysis and assisting experienced case-lawyers in the preparation of Chamber cases for examination by the Court;
- drafting of Chamber judgments and decisions and attending the Court's sessions;
- undertaking studies and research relating to the Court's case-law and domestic law as well as comparative and international law.

In addition, one candidate can be allocated to the [Department of Social Rights and Secretariat of the European Committee of Social Rights](#). The participant allocated for this position will contribute to the preparation of collective complaints and reporting work depending on competence and experience. Priority will be given to candidates with judicial experience in the fields of labor and employment law, social security and health, child and family protection or other aspects of social rights falling within the scope of the Charter and the purview of the European Committee of Social Rights.

### 2. Length and available positions

- Number of positions: 12
- Duration: 12 months
- Training period: from Tuesday, 1 September 2026 to Friday, 27 August 2027

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

The requirements to join one of the case-processing units of the Court's Registry are the following:

- be a judge (ordinary or administrative) or a prosecutor;
- have about 5 to 10 years' work experience;
- have a thorough command of French or English, including the ability to draft legal decisions.

The requirements to join the Department of Social Rights and Secretariat of the European Committee of Social Rights are the following:

- be a judge (ordinary or administrative) or a prosecutor;
- have about 5 to 10 years' work experience in a legal profession, preferably in an area related to social rights (or human rights more generally);
- have a thorough command of English or French, including the ability to draft legal decisions.

#### 4. Supporting documentation

Participants are required to provide the following supporting documents (PDF format is recommended):

- 1) a curriculum vitae in Europass format, in French or in English;
- 2) a cover letter, in French or in English (to be included in the online application form). If applying for the Department of Social Rights, this must be clearly indicated in the cover letter..
- 3) the authorisation from their hierarchy permitting participation in a long-term traineeship. EJTN is fully aware that participants might not be able to provide this document by the end of the application period. However, it will be requested at a later stage and participants are encouraged to submit their leave request to the appropriate authority as soon as possible.

#### 5. Calendar

1 September 2025 – 15 October 2025	Application period
December 2025 – March 2026	Selection of applications by the ECtHR
March – April 2026	Notification of selected participants by EJTN
April – September 2026	Preparation of the selected candidates in view of the training period
1 September 2026	Start of the training period

#### 6. Financial policy

Participants will receive a daily allowance of €120 for the entire duration of the training period. For more detailed information, candidates must consult the EJTN financial policy applicable to long-term training periods (attached to the call for applications).

#### 7. Deadline



Candidates from all EU Member States participating in the Justice Programme of the European Union and with strong motivation are invited to submit their applications by 15 October 2025, 18:00 (Brussels time).