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| UNHCR-25x50-EN |  | **Open call for Internships**  **At the UN Refugee Agency** – **Bureau for Europe**  **Liaison Office to Frontex (Warsaw)** |
|  |  | The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (the UN Refugee Agency, also known as UNHCR) is an intergovernmental organization with a mandate to protect refugees and stateless persons worldwide. Promoting respect for international protection norms in European Union (EU) law and policy is of vital importance to UNHCR, and the agency, accordingly, provides its views on a wide range of issues related to access to Europe, asylum, refugee protection, resettlement and integration in the 28 Member States of the EU. UNHCR's reports, proposals and observations on EU asylum law and policy can be found on this page: [www.unhcr.org/eu](http://www.unhcr.org/eu).  Frontex, which is based in Warsaw, is an independent EU body with a legal personality as well as operational and budgetary autonomy. The mission of Frontex – the European Border and Coast Guard Agency – is to promote, coordinate and develop European border management in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the concept of Integrated Border Management. Frontex’s main areas of activity include monitoring, intelligence gathering and analysis of the situation at the EU external borders; planning, coordination, implementation and evaluation of joint operations and rapid border interventions conducted using Member States’ staff and equipment at the EU external borders (sea, land and air), assisting Member States in carrying out returns, and the development of common training standards and specialist tools to provide common training to border guards across the EU[[1]](#footnote-1).  UNHCR has a bilateral working arrangement with Frontex and a strong relationship, which has been developed over the years through expertise and information sharing, as well as advocacy work led by the UNHCR Bureau for Europe and a dedicated liaison office based in Warsaw.  UNHCR is also a member of the Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights and has played a leading role in it over the past few years. The Forum was established to promote transparency and respect for Fundamental Rights in Frontex activities. Comprised of fifteen relevant European and International Fundamental Rights organisations[[2]](#footnote-2), this body serves as a knowledge and expertise resource that advises Frontex Management Board as well as the Executive Director in all Fundamental Rights matters, offering strategic advice on how Frontex can structurally improve respect for Fundamental Rights in its various activities. |
| Selection Criteria | | |
|  |  | The candidate should be a student or a recent graduate of a post-graduate program (Master’s or PhD) in an area relevant to UNHCR (law, international relations etc.), with a demonstrated interest in refugee protection. Research, analytical and English writing skills are essential. |
| Work Responsibilities | | |
|  |  | * To support research on a wide range of subjects related to refugee protection, border management and asylum policy and practice relevant in the EU context, including international and European refugee and human rights law; * To review and analyze relevant reports issued by Frontex, other EU actors, civil society organizations or the media; * To provide statistical analysis of refugee and migration trends in Europe; * To assist in the implementation of various initiatives undertaken by the UNHCR Liaison Office, designed to promote and assess the application of international and European refugee and human rights law, particularly in areas of relevance to the work of Frontex; * To assist in the drafting of minutes of meetings, reports or advocacy documents prepared by UNHCR; * To assist in the preparation of UNHCR or Consultative Forum-led meetings and events, and to attend conferences and meetings on topics of relevance to UNHCR as necessary, as well as support to follow-up action; * To assist with other tasks that may arise. |
| Work Dates | | |
|  |  | Full-time for two to six months starting in July/August 2017. Exact dates to be agreed. |
| How to apply | | |
|  |  | Please send your CV and motivation letter as well as details regarding your availability in English by **July 20** to **Dace Kozule at** [**kozule@unhcr.org**](mailto:kozule@unhcr.org)**.** For more information, please check UNHCR’s websites (www.unhcr.org, www.unhcr.org/eu). Kindly note that the internship is not paid. |

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1. More information on Frontex is available [here](http://frontex.europa.eu/). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. More information on the Frontex Consultative Forum, including its work programmes and annual reports is available [here](http://frontex.europa.eu/partners/consultative-forum/general-information/). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)