



# EQUAL RIGHTS

## *Beyond Borders*

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – LEGAL COORDINATOR – CHIOS, GREECE

TITLE: Legal Coordinator  
PROGRAMME: Equal Rights Beyond Borders  
PRIMARY LOCATION: Chios  
TYPE OF CONTRACT: Full time, 6 months, aim of extension  
REPORTS TO: Equal Rights Beyond Borders – Athens Office

START: As soon as possible

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

Equal Rights Beyond Borders works on reuniting families in Europe and providing qualified legal support to asylum seekers in EU hotspots in Greece. We are an international team of lawyers, legal interns and interpreters. In Chios, we provide legal aid to asylum seekers in the EU hotspot Vial. In Athens, we offer legal aid and strategic litigation with regard to family reunification to other EU member states. In Berlin, we research and advocate for the rights of the people who are subject to the EU hotspot approach, the EU Turkey Deal and illegal administrative practices preventing family unity. Our aim is to enforce the rights of asylum seekers arriving at the EU external border.

We work in close cooperation with our Greek partners. Our legal aid services in Chios include counselling in the first instance procedure as well as on family reunification under the Dublin III Regulation. This includes informing asylum seekers about the hotspot procedure and the EU Turkey Deal and providing legal assistance in the asylum procedure. Our main focus is legal assistance with regard to family reunification under the Dublin III Regulation. However, our focus is and will be adjusted to new needs occurring, e.g. representation in the appeals procedure or legal action against arbitrary state and police measures. Further, the Equal Rights Beyond Borders Chios team participates in advocacy regarding the situation in the hotspots.

The Equal Rights Beyond Borders Chios team consists of two to four legal trainees and two to three interpreters. Apart from casework, the legal coordinator Chios supervises the work of the Chios team and represents Equal Rights Beyond Borders on the island towards authorities and partners. The Chios office works in close cooperation with the other Equal Rights Beyond Borders Offices. Regular visits to Chios by the legal coordinator Athens are foreseen.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- casework – counselling and representation in the first instance procedure; second instance according to needs and capacity
- casework – family reunification under the Dublin III Regulation
- supervise the Equal Rights Beyond Borders Chios team
- represent Equal Rights Beyond Borders Chios towards authorities, in particular all communication with RAO Chios
- represent Equal Rights Beyond Borders Chios towards partners

- participation in the legal working group organized by UNHCR Chios
- administration – insofar as required to run the office in Chios

#### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Law degree
- experience as lawyer in Greece in the field of migration and asylum
- experience working with vulnerable groups
- sound knowledge of Greek, EU and international asylum law
- sound knowledge of the refugee context in Greece and on EU level
- excellent communication skills
- ability to adapt to needs and to think creatively
- ability to self-start in a fast-paced and high-pressure work environment
- fluent in Greek and English

#### PREFERABLY

- experience with family reunification under the Dublin III Regulation
- experience with litigation on asylum and migration matters
- experience in working abroad
- experience in team supervision and coordination
- experience in working with interns
- experience in producing briefings and reports for advocacy purposes
- additional language skills (preferable: German, or: French, Arabic, Farsi, Pashtu, Dari)
- driver's license

#### **Deadline for application: 05 February, 2019**

Please send a CV and cover letter along with the application documents to: [chios@equal-rights.org](mailto:chios@equal-rights.org)