

Traineeship Programme 2023 - 2024

Justice, Digital and Migration (JDM)

Description of the Unit

This Unit is composed of three Sectors; namely:

- Justice and Security Sector
- Data and Digital Sector
- Migration & Asylum Sector

The work of the **Justice and Security Sector** encompasses projects on subjects ranging from criminal procedural rights, criminal detention, policing, terrorism, victims of crime, and regular updates on sources of data on hate incidents/crime against Jews and Muslims.

This Sector is also responsible for the Agency's large-scale multi-country surveys on violence against women, including a specific survey on the experiences of women who've fled Ukraine, and for the Agency's surveys on discrimination and hate crime against Jews.

The **Data and Digital Sector** covers diverse areas of work relating to Artificial Intelligence and its application across different fields, online content moderation, cybercrime, as well as data protection. The field of data interoperability – which engages large-scale IT systems – is also covered by the Sector working closely with other Sectors.

The **Migration and Asylum Sector** encompasses project work on asylum seekers and refugees, focusing on the rights of vulnerable groups such as unaccompanied children. It also undertakes research with groups such as long-term residents. The Sector engages extensively with Member States, providing expertise and advice, which builds on FRA's data collection and evidence, and currently has a field presence in one Member State.

The Unit collects data on the situation of fundamental rights in the EU with respect to its specific areas of work. This is done through comparable data collection and analysis, and identification of trends, which is underpinned by in-depth legal and policy analysis. The Unit's outputs are in the form of reports, focus papers and databases.

The Unit contributes to better law and policy making, and implementation, by providing independent evidence-based advice, which it delivers to different actors – including EU institutions and EU agencies in the Justice and Home Affairs field.

The staff of the Unit consist of legal and social research experts, as well as data analysts and statisticians.

Which tasks are expected in this unit?

Its core tasks include:

- Undertaking all aspects of research project work – including development, oversight, desk and fieldwork research, data analysis, and administration.
- Qualitative data collection, including in-depth fieldwork with different actors – such as (for example) criminal justice practitioners and crime suspects, representatives of institutions and agencies, civil society actors and experts, through to persons whose rights have been violated.
- In-depth large-scale quantitative survey research covering several Member States, which is focused on the fields of violence against women and on discrimination and hate crime against Jews. Use of statistical software packages for data analysis.
- Conducting legal and social analysis and delivering legal opinions, policy related papers/reports and advice.
- Provision of technical assistance and capacity building to the Agency's stakeholders, within the remit of its competencies – notably in fields related to asylum and migration, including close engagement with Member States.
- Providing expert support to the Justice and Home Affairs agencies, and EU institutions.
- Providing expertise with respect to emerging challenges, which involves ad-hoc research and fieldwork engagement.
- Contributing to the annual Fundamental Rights Report of the Agency, and assisting other Units across the Agency – as required.