



VIENNA MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

AND

EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Cooperation Agreement

**STUDY VISITORS AT FRA**

## PREAMBLE

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights of the University of Vienna

Hereafter referred to individually as 'the Party' or collectively as 'the Parties';

Considering the wish of the Parties to provide for regular study stays of postgraduate students at FRA that are in the interest of both parties;

FRA and Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights of the University of Vienna have agreed the present cooperation agreement as follows:

### **1. Objective**

This Agreement has the purpose of defining the conditions and modalities of study stays of postgraduate students of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at FRA.

### **2. Eligibility**

The regular stays of study visitors of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at FRA are open to postgraduate students per academic year, preferably:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year postgraduate students with a law background or
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year postgraduate students with a humanities background (political science, sociology, economics, etc.).

### **3. Selection Procedure**

The procedure leading to the appointment of study visitors at FRA is as follows:

1. The Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights proposes suitable study visitors for the upcoming academic year. This proposal shall be based – besides the recommendation of the University of Vienna – on a CV and a letter of motivation by the candidate.
2. The FRA pre-screens the applications and approves the proposed study visitors within a period agreed between FRA and the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights. This approval shall be based on, in addition to the candidate's application, also on a telephone interview conducted by the FRA with the candidate.
3. In case of disapproval by FRA, the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights proposes alternative candidates as soon as possible.

### **4. Scholarship and insurance**

FRA is not providing any kind of remuneration or allowances to these study visitors. Study visitors continue to receive their insurance coverage. FRA is not providing any kind of insurance or related coverage.

### **5. Length of study visit**

The study visit at FRA lasts usually six months. Study visitors per academic year shall be appointed for the period between September to February (six months).

## 6. Working at FRA

FRA is obliged to ensure that the study visitors:

1. are provided with a working place, including computer and telephone
2. are invited to relevant internal meetings and seminars
3. are free to spend a minimum of a third of their study visit on their Master thesis
4. are provided with the possibility to get involved in FRA daily work similar to FRA interns
5. receive at the end of their stay a certificate documenting and evaluating their study stay and their activities and contribution to the work of FRA.

## 7. Transparency

Both Parties undertake to implement this Agreement as openly as possible, including the selection and appointment of study visitors. The agreement shall be published on the websites of the two institutions.

## 8. Confidentiality

Study visitors will have to sign a declaration of confidentiality and a declaration to discharge civil, criminal and fiscal liability before starting their stay at FRA.

## 9. Additional forms of cooperation

Both parties agree that this Agreement holds additional forms of cooperation in other fields, including mutual invitations to conferences and expert meetings or regular exchange of information on upcoming research and policy activities of mutual concern and relevant research and policy developments.

## 10. Contact Points

Both parties will nominate main contact persons for the execution of this Agreement.

## 11. Amendments and supplements

The Parties may amend this Agreement at any time by mutual consent between the Parties. All amendments and supplements must be in writing. Either of the Parties may request consultations with the intention of amending this Agreement.


## 12. Termination

Either of the Parties may terminate this Agreement in writing with a six-month notice period.

Made in English in two copies.


FRA



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17. MRZ. 2015

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