

Vacancy at the Embassy of the Netherlands: Legal and Political Officer

The embassy as an employer

The Dutch embassy represents, promotes and protects the interests of the Dutch government in Hungary, Dutch citizens who are residing in Hungary and Dutch corporations that are active in Hungary. The embassy builds and maintains friendly ties with the Hungarian government, international organisations, corporations and civil society, e.g. universities, churches, NGO's and the media.

Hungary and the Netherlands are partners within the EU and NATO. The Netherlands is hiring a Legal and Political Officer to work on strengthening these relationships. The Netherlands attaches great importance to the defence and promotion of fundamental human rights and the rule of law in the European Union. Therefore, the ideal candidate is experienced and knowledgeable when it comes to the nexus of policy and law in Hungary. The treaty of the European Union, Council of Europe resolutions and other international laws and norms form the basis of the embassy's work in Hungary. Special interest goes out to the interplay between Hungarian national and international law.

The embassy provides an intellectual stimulating, dynamic and social work environment with enthusiastic colleagues who work together to strengthen the European Union as a value-based community.

Type of employee

The different departments of the embassy work together as One Team. The new Legal and Political Officer should be willing and able to be a positive and cooperative member of the team. The ideal candidate is a team player with strong analytic skills who feels comfortable working in a multidisciplinary, international setting. The candidate should be someone who is capable of explaining complex legal issues. In doing so, he or she must be sensitive to the social and political context in which legal developments are taking place. The candidate we look for is able to understand and interpret ideas and opinions on the full domestic political spectrum.

Duties

- Monitoring and analysing legal and political developments in Hungary in the context of the European Union as a value-based community, and reporting about them in English.
- Pro-active cooperation as a member of the embassy's One Team.
- Creating and maintaining a network of stakeholders in the field of politics, law and social issues that increases the effectiveness of the work of the embassy.
- Organizing and implementing projects that contribute to the policy goals of the embassy.
- Attending lectures, conferences and other types of events and reporting about them.
- Organizing and supporting incoming visits of Dutch officials.

- All employees share responsibility for the implementation of the strategic communication plan of the embassy, including via social media.

Profile

- You studied Hungarian law.
- You are familiar with the Hungarian legal and political institutional landscape. Your network is not limited to Budapest but extends to other areas of the country.
- You have demonstrable knowledge and experience in the following fields: international relations, EU politics, constitutional, European, international, administrative and/or criminal law.
- Your strong analytical and communication skills allow you to explain and interpret socio-legal developments in their political and international context.
- You are a team player with strong organizational skills.
- You have a pro-active style and do not shy away from proposing new initiatives.
- You possess excellent writing and speaking skills in both Hungarian and English
- You are interested in and follow current Hungarian affairs in the news.
- You are familiar with basic modern IT equipment (PC, mobile devices, social media).
- You are available for a full time position (37,5 hour per week) and accept a temporary contract (1 year).

PROCEDURE

Candidates are asked to apply by sending by e-mail a CV and a cover letter to the attention of Ambassador of the Netherlands at BDP-CDP@minbuza.nl before 10 September 2018

Questions about the procedure or the offered position can be addressed to Steven Sutton steven.sutton@minbuza.nl or +36.205233211