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About Us

aditus foundation is a young, independent, voluntary, non-profit and non-governmental organization established in 2011 by a group of young lawyers dedicated to ensuring human rights access in Malta. aditus was established to *monitor, report* and *act* on issues of fundamental human rights access for individuals and groups.

Our main activities include the identification of priority areas, formulating advocacy strategies and working towards improvement in legal and administrative standards. We focus primarily on immigration and asylum, LGBTIQ rights and anti-discrimination. However, we have become active in advocating for improved governance and the rule of law in Malta.

We do the above, through offering *pro bono* legal information and litigation to our client base, whilst also engaging at an advocacy level to improve standards. We firmly believe that professional research is a necessary advocacy tool and encourage its use by policy-makers in formulating national strategies and action plans. Accordingly, we also prepare reports for various national, regional and international entities on the local human rights scenario, violations, law and administrative policy and practice.

aditus team is composed of Neil Falzon, director; Carla Camilleri, assistant director; Kasia DeWilde, Programmes Officer and the legal team composed of Alexis Galand, Mireille Boffa and Marine Giorgis.

Prattika with aditus foundation

Primary tasks will involve supporting the legal team in its work providing *pro bono* legal support, advice and litigation with a number of clients in our office or in detention centres. This will give you the opportunity to learn about and practice in various legal fora, from administrative tribunals to local courts to international or European courts and complaint systems.

Furthermore, you would be involved in researching and drafting Country of Information reports for clients going through the asylum process and/or litigating in national courts at appeal stage.



aditus is involved in a number of projects, financed nationally or via EU funds, which will allow you to hone in on your legal research skills projects in areas such as migration, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, rule of law and non-discrimination.

There will be opportunities to be involved in other specific areas of interest such as gender and sexual and reproductive health rights, LGBTIQ+ legislation and anti-SLAPPs advocacy.

What you will gain

- Practical experience in litigation in administrative tribunals, local courts and also international or European Courts;
- Experience with working in an advocacy and human rights focused non-governmental organisation;
- Knowledge of international standards and evaluate their implementation at a national level;
- Practical knowledge in the implementation of the asylum acquis in from reception and detention, through the asylum application stage and appeal and lastly to the returns stage;
- Experience with working in a small team on a number of varied issues.

If interested please send your CV and covering letter to <u>info@aditus.org.mt</u> with "Application for Prattika" in subject line.

