

RRTF Officer - Legal & Political Issues - Return and Reconstruction Task Force Department

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION

The Legal/Property Officer in the Tuzla RRTF Region will provide monitoring, intervention and political/legal support to the RRTF Officers and other international agencies working in the Tuzla region in their work with local authorities

He/she will work under the general supervision of the Head of the OHR Tuzla office and direct supervision of the Regional Head of Tuzla Region Return and Reconstruction Task Force. He/she will draft policy documents relating to the work of the RRTF, maintain contacts with local and international partner organisations, and participate in negotiations with local authorities.

Additionally, he/she will serve as a reference point for all legal/political issues affecting the regional and local RRTF's, monitor and report upon the development of administrative procedures. Further he/she will provide reports on the general implementation of return procedures, highlighting the need for political intervention as appropriate.

The scope of work for this position is as follows:

- Provision of political and legal advice
- Co-ordination, monitoring, and reporting
- Special support
- Negotiation

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Provision of Legal/Political Advice

- Acting as a focal point in the Tuzla RRTF department for the dissemination of legal advice on property issues.
- Providing legal/political advice and support to RRTF staff on legal property related issues in conjunction and liaison with the Human Right/Rule of Law Department and the Political department in OHR Sarajevo
- Establishing and maintaining contacts with local authorities on return-related issues and providing political support in moving the return process forward

Co-ordination and Monitoring

- Co-ordinating closely with the PLIP cell and the IO working on PLIP in Tuzla region on the monitoring of implementation of the Property Laws in the area of responsibility of OHR Tuzla regional office.
- Co-ordinating the participation of International Organisations in the various human rights working groups and at the regular IO co-ordination meetings in the area
- Co-ordinating with other international organisations in addressing political and security aspects of return movements in the AOR

Special Support

- Chairing the Tuzla Regional Human Rights Working Group

Negotiation

- Conducting negotiations with local authorities on RRTF issues and other issues relevant to the work of the office of the High Representative

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified lawyer/political scientists with a minimum of five years work experience, preferably with the international community.
- Fluent verbal and written English essential.
- Knowledge of the socio-political situation in BiH essential and of the property laws an advantage.
- Broad understanding of the Dayton Peace Agreement an advantage.

Any person with this overall professional profile who wishes to be considered for the position should submit (in English) a CV and one page cover letter with references to:

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