

Training Opportunity for Portuguese Trainees

Reference	Title	Duty Station
PT-2019-IPL-L	Legal Services	ESA HQ
<p>Overview of the unit's mission: The Legal Services Department is especially responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing legal advice on the interpretation and application of the ESA Convention; • Drafting the Agency's legal instruments (e.g. Regulations and Rules, Programme Declarations, Agreements) to be submitted to Council and subordinate bodies; • Ensuring the provision of legal advice to all Agency Directorates and Services on institutional and programme matters; • Safeguarding the proper application of the Agency's privileges and immunities; • Managing legal disputes before national and international jurisdictions; • Monitoring the evolution of space law and national space legislation and representing the Agency in the international forums dealing with space law. 		
<p>Overview of the field of activity proposed: Under the direct authority of the Head of the Legal Services Department or of one of its Division Heads, the Legal trainee shall receive work assignments within the scope of the Legal Services Department and discharge mainly the following tasks :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft opinions, reports and working documents on any legal problem arising in the Agency's day-to-day operations and in the implementation of applicable rules and policies; • Analyse and organise legal documentation and conduct studies in the various areas of international law, whether public or private, or national law and regulatory matters; • Provide legal support in drafting Agency's legal instruments; • Provide legal support in preparing the defence of the Agency's position in disputes; • Prepare draft agreements and other arrangements, with public and private entities and participate in their negotiation, together with the colleagues from his/her Department and Directorates concerned; • Attend internal Agency meetings in order to give legal advice on any relevant matters. 		
<p>Required education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants should have just completed (conclusion not older than two years) or be in their final year of a university course at Master's level in law, including studies in international law, EU law or comparative law. • Candidates must be fluent in English; a good working knowledge of French would be an asset. 		