



Macedonian Young Lawyers Association



## Terms of Reference

### EXPERT

#### To prepare handbook/collection of selected judgements from the ECtHR

#### 1. BACKGROUND

In the Republic of Macedonia, numerous state institutions, international organizations and civil society organizations (CSOs) play an important role in the protection of migrants and refugees. The country was significantly affected by the 2015/2016 refugee crisis. Despite the high figures, Macedonia was and still is perceived as a transit country, both by the people on move and the state officials. This has resulted in continuation of promotion of a system for an easy transit of the people instead of exploring possibilities for setting up protection mechanisms or providing *prima facie* recognition of refugee status. Significant gaps have been identified in terms of the protection of refugees and positive engagement with the local population that is currently affected by the refugee crisis. The capacities of the engaged staff to identify and address the needs of the refugees is often limited, due to the frequent overcrowding and later due to the limbo in which the refugee found themselves at the reception sites.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK

This assignment aims to support the development of expertise among the relevant state institutions on the case-law related to protection of the rights of asylum seekers. The Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA) has established a productive long-term cooperation with relevant state institutions. To build on that, MYLA with this activity will enable better understanding of the jurisprudence of the Court, thus helping judicial institutions better equip for the upcoming challenges.

#### The selected experts will have the following specific assignments:

- Develop methodology for the handbook/ collection
- Select relevant judgements from the ECtHR
- Provide expert opinion on each selected judgement

#### 3. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

In coordination with the expert and the project team.

#### 4. COMPENSATION

Agreed upon selection of the offer.



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**5. QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Educational background in law, social science or human rights;
- Extensive experience in the case-law of the ECtHR
- Extensive working experience in legal protection and human rights issues;
- Previous work experience on a similar assignment in the region and wider;
- Proven expertise with analysis and assessments in legal protection;
- Highly proficient in written and spoken English

**6. HOW TO APPLY:**

All interested candidates are required to submit an offer and short bio, to the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association at: [contact@myla.org.mk](mailto:contact@myla.org.mk) by **Wednesday, 07.08.2016, 17:00 hrs. CET** with subject line: **Application for expert collection of selected judgements from the ECtHR**

**7. SCORING**

The following methodology will be used to evaluate the applicants:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Scores</b>
Previous work experience in the region and wider	30 points
Relevant working experience with legal protection and human rights issues	30 points
Proven expertise with analysis and assessments in legal protection	20 points
Excellent analytical and writing skills	10 points
Postgraduate degree in law, social science and human rights	10 points

\*Please be informed that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted