

# EIOPA sets up its key priorities in the light of the pandemic

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) has set out its priorities for 2021-2023 taking into account the current market situation in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the political priorities defined by the European Commission.

**COVID-19 crisis management, risk mitigation and active support to the recovery of the European economy** will be the main focus for the future. **Consumer protection** will remain a key strategic priority in light of increasing risks emerging from the crisis.

In addition, EIOPA will continue to work on a number of activities such as digitalisation and cyber risk, sustainable finance, supervisory convergence, financial stability of the insurance and occupational pensions sectors as well as pan-European Personal Pension Product.

The priorities are detailed in the [Single Programming Document](#), adopted by the Board of Supervisors on 29 September 2020.

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## Funded traineeship for young graduates at the EU Delegation to R

*Are you a **young graduate** interested in international relations? Are you curious to learn more about work of a diplomatic mission and how the EU Delegation represents EU interests and values in Rwanda?*

### **What we offer?**

*A **traineeship of up to 6 months** within the Political, Press and information Section and Economics and Good Governance Cooperation Section of the EU Delegation to Rwanda, starting in November 2020, **subject to respect to the local legislation.***

### **Main tasks:**

- *Development of content for the Delegation's social media*
- *Ad hoc research, analysis and project management, on political and economic developments or cooperation matters, inter alia, youth and employment, Erasmus etc.*

- Coordination and support with public diplomacy events organized by the Delegation
- Participation and note taking in internal and external meetings or events

### **Qualifications or special requirements:**

- **Due to the very evolutive context of the COVID-19 breakthrough, applicants currently residing in Rwanda will only be considered.**

### **How to apply?**

Please send the following documents to the e-mail address [delegation-rwanda-press@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-rwanda-press@eeas.europa.eu):

- A detailed Europass curriculum vitae ([CV](#))
- a cover letter describing why you want to participate in a EU traineeship
- and **an [application form](#)**

**Please mention in the subject of your e-mail:** Funded Traineeship – PPI & Eco-Gov Sections

### **Important information**

**Before applying** you are requested to examine the [dedicated website](#) as well as the [general eligibility criteria](#) for a paid traineeship (Article 8 of the Decision ADMIN(2017)28 – Paid traineeship)

Each selected trainee will receive a monthly grant to cover living expenses. All costs related to travel inside the country of residence, visa, insurance, accommodation must be borne by the trainee.

Applications from non-eligible candidates will not be considered. After the evaluation of all applications, shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited for an interview. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified by email. In case the selected candidate is not able to present the required documents, his/her candidacy will be rejected.

**The Delegation informs that even if our Headquarters confirm the eligibility of the selected application, traineeships could be postponed, suspended or even cancelled considering the very evolving context of the COVID-19 outbreak in the host country as well as in the country of origin.**

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## **[Republic of Moldova: Statement by the](#)**

## Spokesperson on the upcoming



The European Union fully supports the strengthening of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova, as well as the right of the people of the Republic of Moldova to express their will in free and fair elections.

The upcoming presidential elections on 1 November 2020 need to be held in a credible, inclusive and transparent manner, upholding democratic standards and ensuring the rule of law in line with the country's international commitments and commitments under the Association Agreement with the EU. Practices that contravene international standards, as observed by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) in previous elections, such as vote buying, misuse of state resources, and pressurising voters must be avoided.

The European Union calls on the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to implement fully and without further delay the recommendations of the Council of Europe Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR to guarantee the transparency of party and campaign financing.

The EU also expects the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to facilitate the unhindered work of international and domestic election observers. It is particularly important to ensure the safety of voters and observers with regard to the coronavirus pandemic.

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## EASO network discusses asylum seekers' vulnerability

The annual conference allowed national authorities, civil society and European organisations to discuss ongoing challenges and good practices when

it comes to the reception and asylum procedures of vulnerable people.

They underlined worsening mental health, increasing domestic violence, missing children and the challenge conducting asylum interviews during the pandemic.

The discussions identified priority areas, which EASO and the vulnerability network will incorporate into future work.

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## **EU Justice and Home Affairs agencies discuss Rights Charter**

It builds on the [joint statement](#) on implementing the Charter that agencies heads signed in autumn 2019. In that statement, they committed to protect fundamental rights in their work, to promote and raise awareness regarding fundamental rights, and exchange practices each year.

This first annual exchange brought to the fore the diversity of experiences and practices that agencies use to protect and promote fundamental rights.