

Domains	Explanation of domain
Agriculture	The unit covers Agriculture policies and supports the work of the AGRIFISH Councils and of their preparatory bodies, Coreper (1st part), the Special Committee for Agriculture (SCA) and other working parties involved in this policy area. The trainee will assist the team in dealing with the CAP reform and other files, will prepare and participate in Working Party meetings, as well as meetings of the SCA and of the AGRI/FISH Council, report on sessions of the European Parliament's AGRI Committee on relevant topics, analyze Member States' comments, contribute to the drafting of documents.
Animal health and welfare, Plant health, International Food standards (Codex Alimentarius), General food law, Forestry	The trainee will assist the team in Council's activities related to the policy areas of animal health and welfare, plant health, general food law, forestry and international food standards (Codex Alimentarius). Such activities include in particular preparation of legislation and coordination of the EU's positions with regard to the relevant international organisations.
Archives	The unit is responsible for preserving and promoting knowledge of the Council of the European Union and the European Council and their contribution to the process of European integration.
Audiovisual services	The unit produces and publishes a wide range of video content, such as video messages by the President of the European Council, preview and round up clips for each Council meeting, clips to introduce the different sessions of multilateral summits, thematic videos, etc.
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP); Mashreq/Maghreb; Middle East	Areas covered include CSDP civilian missions and military operations, regional matters in the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf.
Competition, Customs Union, Company Law, Intellectual Property, Public Procurement	Areas covered include: Competition policy (protecting fair competition in the Single Market by suppressing illegal cartels and state aids, and setting up common rules governing legal co-operative activities between enterprises and state aids); Customs Union for European economic integrations, Harmonisation of Company Law (for the implementation of the freedoms of the Single Market, and in particular of the free movement of capital, the right of establishment and the freedom to provide services); Intellectual Property (protecting innovations and providing a fair allocation of the economic returns on entrepreneurial activity and innovative genius - patents, copyrights, trademarks and their legal enforcement are indispensable instruments helping to turn scientific progress into economic benefit); Public Procurement (providing a common framework and enabling fair cross-border competition for public contracts, European public procurement rules substantially contribute to guaranteeing that European taxpayers receive better value for money and that innovations find their way quickly into public goods and services - one very important innovation in this area is the gradual implementation of electronic procedures in public procurement).
Coordination of Council work and preparation of future presidencies	The team supports the current and incoming presidencies of the Council and acts as secretariat to the General Affairs Council. It supports the Presidency in preparing and running meetings of Coreper 1 and 2 as well as in coordinating the agendas for Council meetings. It is responsible for horizontal files such as the Multiannual Financial Framework, impact assessments, the European Semester, the appointment of the members of certain institutions and bodies (e.g. European Central Bank and Court of Auditors) and integrated maritime policy. It is the first point of contact and coordinates training activities for future presidencies. The Directorate also organises Information Days for new delegates of the Member States in Brussels, as well as specific seminars for permanent chairs of working parties and committees.
Council Library	The unit provides access to a wide range of print and electronic resources to its staff and stakeholders, mainly related to EU policies and the decision-making process.
Counter Terrorism	The team is covering a broad range of issues related to the fight against terrorism, such as prevention of radicalization, cooperation with internet companies, cyber security and new technologies, border security, CT partnerships with priority countries in North Africa and the Middle East, Turkey and the Western Balkans, legal and judicial issues, promoting information collection, sharing and analysis. The EU CT and his team work closely with the colleagues in the Council Secretariat, the EEAS, the Commission, JHA agencies, Member States and also have frequent contacts with the EP, third countries, researchers, think tanks and the private sector. The intern will attend meetings and report and may be asked to produce policy papers and support the work of the EU CT and his advisers in various ways.
Crisis management and emergency response	Areas covered include also the migration crisis, civil protection, humanitarian aid and consular affairs.
Data Protection Officer	The team ensures the application at the GSC of the Regulation on personal data in the European Institutions, advises controllers and data subjects, and is also the contact point for the European Data Protection Supervisor.
Development and ACP; Africa; Asia-Oceania; United Nations	Areas covered include development cooperation, relations with the group of the African, Caribbean and Pacific states (ACP), relations with Africa and Asia-Oceania.
Digital communications: web and social media	The unit is responsible for the Council's public website, including its content and its constant improvement for users. It is also in charge of the Council's corporate social media channels.
Economic and financial affairs	The unit is responsible for coordinating the activities of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) including mainly the further development of the European and Monetary Union, in particular the reinforcement of economic governance, economic policy coordination, the completion of the Banking Union and financial services (Capital Markets Union). It deals with both the legislative and political files in these areas. The work in economic policy covers, among other, the implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact, the European Semester, legislation related to the euro, external financial assistance, the European Investment Bank and statistics. In financial services, legislation on banks, insurance companies and securities is covered, including macro and micro supervision.
Education, Culture, Youth, Sports & Audiovisual	The unit is responsible for the preparation of the EYCS Council and deals with negotiations on the relevant legislation for these domains.
Employment and social policy, gender and non-discrimination	The unit covers the policy areas of employment and social policy, as well as gender equality and non-discrimination matters, including the coordination of work of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC). Within the remit of the EPSCO Council the unit advises and assists the Presidency in carrying out its programme at all levels.
Energy, Atomic questions, Telecoms and Information society	The unit is working on the preparation of the Telecom and Energy legs of the TTE Council and also on legislation related to atomic questions. Energy, telecommunications and some aspects of digital policy are their main areas of competence.
Enlargement and neighbourhood policies	Areas covered include enlargement negotiations, the Stabilisation and Association Process and the EU's relations with non-EU European countries, including Turkey, Russia, and Central Asia.
Environment and Climate change	The unit is responsible for the preparation of the Environment Council and for assisting the Presidency with negotiations on international conferences, like the UN Conference on Climate change or the UN Conference on Biodiversity.
EU Budget	Budget activities cover the annual EU budget procedure (in view of the establishment of the following year's budget) and also the annual discharge procedure for the implementation of the budget. It also includes work related to the implementation throughout the year of the EU budget (approval of transfers, establishment of amending budgets), as well as of proceedings and legislation concerning the financial regulation, own resources and fight against fraud.
Fisheries	Areas covered include resource management and conservation, surveillance and control, TACs and quotas, market organisation, bilateral agreements, multilateral cooperation. The trainee will prepare and participate at Working Party meetings and at the corresponding briefings, following-up and drafting internal reports of these meetings, analyzing Member States' comments, contributing to the drafting of Presidency texts and if appropriate, contributing to the preparation of the mandate for the Presidency to enter into negotiation with the European Parliament. The trainee will also draft notes on a given topic on the basis of contributions from Member States/Commission, will report from sessions of the EP PECH Committee on topics relevant for the unit and prepare draft contributions for the internal/external fisheries policy Working Party and analyze media for Fisheries policy related issues.
Fundamental rights	The unit deals with dossiers relating to External Relations, Fundamental Rights, Rule of Law, EP-related issues and JHA-related Multi Financial Framework (MFF).
Graphics and Publications	The unit provides engaging and visually attractive and effective communication and outreach.
Home Affairs	The team deals with dossiers concerning Schengen, Visas, Borders, Asylum, Migration, Police and Customs cooperation.
Human Resources	The trainee will shadow HR representatives in all phases of the selection process, organise and prepare communication activities/information sessions to staff, assist on HR projects (job descriptions, evaluation system, rotation exercise etc), review of the Council's social media tools related to management recruitments and employer branding.
Human Resources - Equal Opportunities	Areas covered include gender equality, persons with disabilities, work-life balance, diversity and inclusion.

Human Resources - Staff and organisational development	The trainee selected will either participate in organisational development projects and internal communication activities or in staff development projects such as: communication on staff development activities via the internal web pages (restructuring web pages, using SharePoint, developing visuals, videos, learning platforms), and other communication tools (marketing via social media), awareness raising campaigns, email campaigns, paper booklets (document design for leaflets, posters, etc, i.e. working with PDFs, whizz Indesign or Muse), develop online training content; assist in developing training projects, launch of (new) training initiatives, preparing training material, analysing evaluations; assist with Mentoring project.
Industry, Space, Research, Innovation	The unit covers the EU 2020 Strategy, a 10-year strategy (2010-2020) for the advancement of the EU's economy which aims at "smart, sustainable, inclusive growth" with greater coordination of national and European policy; the Space Strategy for Europe, Horizon 2020, the framework programme for research and innovation, and also the Industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era developed in the framework of the EU 2020 Strategy which identified as key horizontal policy areas competitiveness, technological leadership, enhanced resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, reduced carbon footprint and innovation policy, to be applied in the different sectorial initiatives. It also provides support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) for Europe's industrial competitiveness.
Information and communication technologies (ICT)	Trainees are expected to provide management with an analytical view of ICT at the Council and identify improvement opportunities at management level, where changes could bring about a greater impact in improving the organization and the implications of ICT for the organizational goals of the GSC. The aim is that trainees should have the opportunity to decide whether they would prefer to pursue a management career rather than an expert career after their traineeship at the Council.
ICT - Information and Knowledge Management (IKM)	The unit organises information and makes it accessible through smart and secure digital services. The team helps transform work by innovating and promoting a 'digital-first' mindset. The unit will be highly oriented to external and internal users and stakeholders: delegates, Presidency staff, GSC staff, other EU institutions and citizens. The major goal of the unit will be the development and implementation of a framework for managing data, information and documents in the European Council, the Council and the GSC.
ICT - IT Service Management (ITSM)	The trainee will provide support in the implementation of the ITSM Programme, especially in the documenting and communication aspects.
ICT - Project, programme and portfolio management (PPM)	The trainee will provide support to PPM Sector operational activities, such as: monitoring, evaluation and assignment of PPM support request (1st level support); support to the organization of the project Charter Evaluation Committee; support to maintain the PPM knowledge base support (FAQ); support to the PPM HoS in the production of the sector operational reporting; support the follow up of actions of different management meetings attended; support the improvement of project portfolio processes and reporting; support to the improvement of the PPM Sector functioning.
Internal Audit	Internal auditors are expected to assess the systems of risk management, internal control and governance, as well as the performance of services in relation to the duties assigned to them. In this regard, the internal auditor's role is to provide reassurance about the existence of internal control systems in place, which operate effectively, as well as about the existence of risk management and governance processes. The tasks are to attest to the validity of systems and, if necessary, to propose or promote measures to improve the management and performance of audited services. The trainee will assist in particular the internal auditors in charge of the ongoing audit assignments to get a hands-on knowledge of Internal Audit methodology in the operational and financial areas. The trainee will also help with various ad hoc specific tasks (compliance and substantive testing, drafting minutes of meetings, elaborating tables with figures, flowcharts, etc.) to assist the auditors in ongoing audits.
Internal Market, Consumer Protection and Better Regulation	Areas covered include free movement of goods and services, Professional Qualifications, Technical Harmonisation, Consumer Policy, Better Regulation.
International Trade; Americas	Areas covered include international trade issues, Americas (Transatlantic relations and relations with Latin America and the Caribbean).
Interinstitutional Relations and Codecision	The team assists the Presidency as regards the Council's relations with other EU institutions and bodies, in particular the European Parliament (EP), attends debates in Parliament - both plenary and committees - and reports back internally and to Member States. The team coordinates the preparation of briefs for Presidency appearances in the EP and is in charge of the General Affairs Working Party, which is responsible for institutional issues. The team is also in charge of the coordination and the advisory support on the ordinary legislative procedure (codecision), in particular on horizontal issues arising across all codecision policy areas, and on the handling of negotiations with the EP.
Justice	The team deals with all dossiers concerning Judicial cooperation in Civil matters and E-Justice, Judicial cooperation in Criminal Matters, Cyber issues and Data protection.
Law	The trainee will assist the team in providing legal advice to the Council and its preparatory bodies and in defending the Council before the European courts. Tasks include research in relation to the current cases, drafting summaries and contributions to Legal Service opinions, preparing meetings, participation in hearings and preparatory bodies of the Council.
Law - EU Law	The trainee will assist the team in providing legal advice to the Council and its preparatory bodies and in defending the Council before the European courts. Tasks include research in relation to the current cases, drafting summaries and contributions to Legal Service opinions, preparing meetings, participation in hearings and preparatory bodies of the Council.
Law - Lawyer linguist	The trainee will assist colleagues in ensuring the editorial quality and the legal-linguistic concordance of legal texts, and will review the texts to ensure that they do not contain errors of grammar, spelling of references or of quotations, so that they are in perfect harmony with the other languages.
Media Monitoring and Research	The unit monitors and analyses media coverage of the activities of the Council and European Council. It also carries out research and analysis in support of the work of the two institutions.
Multiannual Financial Framework	The Multiannual Financial Framework determines the annual ceilings by all categories of the Union's programmes for a seven-year period. Beyond the budgetary framework of the policies of the European Union, the debate on the MFF defines all horizontal and financial aspects, allocation criteria and politically sensitive elements of the Union policies.
Outreach and Events	The unit is responsible for engaging with public audiences and multipliers on behalf of the Council and EUCO.
Press office	The role of the unit is to provide impartial, accurate and timely information to the press on the activities of the Council and European Council.
Protocol, meeting and political events organisation, logistics, infrastructures	The team provides all the logistics services necessary for the organisation of official meetings and visits, both in Brussels and, when required, anywhere in the world. Its mission is to respond rapidly and flexibly to provide all the services needed to host official meetings and events.
Public Health and Foodstuffs	The unit deals with the following policy areas: public health, food, pharmaceuticals, medical devices.
Tax Policies, Regional Policy and Export Credits	Areas covered include: Tax (handling of the legislative process in the field of direct and indirect taxation with focus on the fight against VAT fraud, digital taxation, listing of jurisdictions with harmful tax regimes); Regional policy (handling of legislative proposals in relation to the future Cohesion Policy - 2020-2027); Export credits (the Council Working Group on Export Credits brings together representatives of Member States dealing with supporting economic actors through export credits - it prepares EU positions to be taken at the OECD in Paris and in the International Working Group - involving BRIC countries).
Translation - Terminology	The trainee will translate documents into the main language, prepare documents for translation, provide terminology research.
Transport	The unit is dealing with the preparation of the Transport leg of the TTE Council. Their areas of competence cover land transport, maritime transport, aviation and intermodal transport. The team deals with files varying from passenger rights to satellite navigation.