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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 15/03/2016 – Flemish Agency for Integration - Brussels
Legal Expert - Immigration Law
- Providing judicial support to local authorities, organisations and newcomers for a correct implementation of immigration law and private international law
 - Research and follow-up of latest developments in the field of immigration law and private international law (policy, legislation, jurisprudence)
 - Organisation of trainings for lawyers, local authorities and field practitioners
 - Redaction monthly legal newsletter
- 01/09/12 – 29/02/16 Belgian Refugee Council - Brussels
Legal Officer – Asylum law
- Coordination of the Asylum unit: follow-up project objectives, training staffing/interns, drafting annual activity report/ call for proposals
 - Provide legal support to individual asylum claims: analysis of refugee status, country of origin research, interviewing asylum seekers, drafting advisory opinions to the asylum authorities
 - Research and drafting legal notes on asylum topics
 - Training for lawyers, guardians and reception centers staff
- 15/09/11 – 30/06/12 ICMC/UNHCR – Nairobi, Kenya
Resettlement Officer
- Identification resettlement cases
 - Interviewing refugees for resettlement to US, Canada and Australia
 - Drafting individual resettlement reports
 - Training partner organisations
 - Organisation of the monthly BID-panel (Best Interest Determination - minor refugees)
- 01/04/11 – 31/08/11 Belgian Refugee Council - Brussels
Legal Officer, Asylum Law
- Provide legal support to individual asylum claims: analysis of refugee status, country of origin research, interviewing asylum seekers, drafting advisory opinions to the asylum authorities
 - Research and drafting legal notes on asylum topics
 - Training for lawyers, guardians and reception centers staff
- 01/01/11 – 30/04/11 UNHCR - Regional Representation for Western Europe, Brussels

Consultant – UNHCR Research Project “Safe at last?”

- Comparative research project regarding requests for subsidiary protection in the EU of Afghan, Somali and Iraqi asylum seekers. Comparative study in 6 EU-member states.
- Responsible for research and drafting of Belgian report

01/08/10 – 31/12/10 Flemisch Refugee Action - Brussels
Legal Officer

- Follow-up of asylum procedure of asylum seekers residing in the reception accommodation of Flemish Refugee Action
- Providing legal support and training on asylum law

01/06/08 – 30/06/10 UNHCR - Algiers, Algeria
Associate Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Officer

- Registration of asylum seekers in Algiers
- Interviewing asylum seekers
- COI Research and RSD analysis and review
- Drafting advisory opinions of refugee status conform UNHCR guidelines
- Training partner organisations and interpreters

01/01/05 – 30/03/08 PROGRESS Lawyers Network - Antwerp
Lawyer

Lawyer in migration and refugee law (nationality, regularisation, asylum, family reunification, detention, visa)

01/09/04 – 20/12/04 UNDP - Rabat, Morocco
Intern Human Rights

Providing support for the promotion and protection of Human rights, Projects for sustainable development, Gender and Millenium Development Goals

EDUCATION

2003-2004 University Ghent, Faculty of Polirical Science
Master conflict and development

2002–2003 Université d’Aix-Marseille III, Aix-en-Provence, France
Maîtrise en Droit International
Erasmus program

2000-2003 University Ghent, Faculty of Law and Criminology
Master in Law (International Public Law)

1998-2000 University Ghent, Faculty of Law and Criminology
Bachelor in Law

PUBLICATIONS

- Bouteillet, D., Daem, G. and Odofoin, C., "Safe at last, Law and Practice in Selected EU Member States with Respect to Asylum-Seekers Fleeing Indiscriminate Violence", UNHCR, 2011, available at <http://www.refworld.org/docid/4e2ee002.html>

- Daem, G., "De Impact van de Conventie van Istanboel op internationale bescherming", 2015, Belgisch Comité voor Hulp aan de Vluchtelingen.
- Daem, G. en Dienst Asiel, "Trauma, geloofwaardigheid en bewijs in de asielprocedure", 2014, Belgisch Comité voor Hulp aan de Vluchtelingen.
- Daem, G., Wissing, R., Lepoivre, C., "Kinderen in asiel: rekening houden met hun kwetsbaarheid en hoger belang", 2013, Belgisch Comité voor Hulp aan de Vluchtelingen.