



2025: Call for UN Advocacy Officers

The UN Advocacy Team is looking for motivated volunteers to join us in the role of UN Advocacy Officers! As a team, we work to bring evidence of mass human rights violations against people on the move to the attention of relevant UN fora and actors. In doing so, the UN Team helps the strategic advocacy goals of the BVMN, works to hold governments accountable and establish pushbacks and the rights of refugees and migrants as an international priority.

BVMN's UN Advocacy Officers are collectively responsible for bringing forward evidence of human rights violations to United Nations bodies. We do this by producing written submissions to UN bodies that outline evidence of pushbacks and other attributed rights violations collected by our field-teams and partner organisations on the ground. The UN advocacy team routinely participates in remote meetings with the UN and actively works to support our member organisations to participate in Treaty Body sessions.

This role provides a high degree of autonomy with the ability to help shape key advocacy outputs and therefore would suit a candidate who is driven and self-motivated.

Ongoing training, support and encouragement are the backbone of our approach to teamwork, and as such we welcome anyone with an interest in the mission and vision of the Border Violence Monitoring Network to apply for this role regardless of experience or education. The key tasks and desired skills are intended to serve as a guide but we recognise that a diversity of skills, experience and knowledge are essential to our work, and invite applications from persons who may not meet these criteria.

In an effort to commit to developing diverse teams, we especially welcome applications from people from minority, displaced or marginalised backgrounds or persons from the regions of BVMNs focus (including the Western Balkans, Greece and Turkey and beyond). If you fulfill either of these criteria and wish to have an informal conversation about your suitability prior to applying please contact the UN Advocacy Coordinator via unadvocacy@borderviolence.eu for further support.

Key Tasks

- Assist in the production of written evidentiary submissions to UN treaty bodies, UN Special Rapporteurs or other International Human Rights Bodies.
- Draft speeches, briefs or reports to be used during UN fora and events.
- Attend the weekly, UN Advocacy Team Meeting (currently: Wednesday, 19h30-20h30 CET).
- Assist other BVMN teams in UN-related advocacy tasks including research, production of advocacy output, facilitating contact to UN bodies etc. as required.
- Participate in United Nations meetings, including by delivering statements or evidence to Committees, diplomatic missions or high-level political forums.

Essential skills:

- Availability of minimum of 6 months with capacity to volunteer for a minimum of 4 hours per week with preference given to volunteers looking to commit long-term.
- Attend the weekly, hourly UN Advocacy Meetings (currently: Wednesday, 19h30-20h30 CET).
- Ability to work in a remote environment with a high degree of autonomy and self-accountability.
- Strive to work in a collective dynamic and be ready to contribute your ideas, thoughts and opinions to help shape our work, output and direction of the team.
- Align with the anti-fascist, anti-racist values of the Network.



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- Comfortable reading first hand accounts depicting personal experiences at borders. For further examples of testimonies please see our website: <https://borderviolence.eu/testimonies/>

Desired skills:

- Strong writing skills in one of the following languages: English, Greek, Slovenian, Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, Arabic, French, Farsi, Turkish
- Experience writing reports, briefings, speeches or producing other advocacy outputs.
- Knowledge of the UN system or international human rights framework.
- Previous experience working or volunteering, with priority given to candidates who have experience in testimony collection or other forms of human rights documentation.
- Previous BVMN members or volunteers.

What we offer

- See the direct impact of your advocacy work in international human rights bodies and policy.
- Get the opportunity to attend high-level UN events and fora to fight for migrant and human rights internationally.
- Join a highly motivated, international and remote team.
- Get involved in the BVMN and gain insights into the workings of a grassroots organization.