



GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE ODYSSEUS BLOG

CONTENT

1.1. Topic and scope

Blog articles should provide a *critical* legal analysis of *current* affairs.

We insist that the blog aims to explore issues from a *legal* perspective and should provide interesting and analytical insight and **not simply a descriptive account of new developments**. A review of a book or of an event is not excluded as long as it remains analytical. Policy and political elements can be chosen as a subject as long as their analysis remains mainly legal. The blog does not aim at publishing purely political views.

The scope of the blog extends to EU migration and asylum law and policy, including visas and borders as well as institutional aspects related to the field.

While the **national dimension** can be of interest regarding the same issues as above, they should be analysed in the **context of the EU law and policy** in order to ensure that the article is not mainly interesting for a reader originating from the concerned Member State.

Please have a look at the blog entries already published for examples: <http://eumigrationlawblog.eu>.

1.2. Language

The content of the blog aims to be as widely accessible as possible. For this reason, the languages of publications will be **English and/or French**. The coordination team may offer when possible translation between English and French.

1.3. Contributors

Contributions are welcomed from academics and practitioners active in the field **on an unsolicited basis**. Potential contributors include senior or young professors, researchers and graduate students. Contributions from other persons such as judges, lawyers, officials or NGO representatives will also be considered as long as they meet the required standards of the

blog. Recommendations for contributions submitted from beyond the members of the Odysseus Network and the OMNIA Project are more than welcome!

1.4. Submission

Submissions should be made to the Co-ordination Team at odysseusomnia@gmail.com. It is not possible for contributors to publish directly on the blog website.

The final agreement for publication of the article is given by the editors of the blog. The Co-ordination Team will review submissions to ensure that they conform to the guidelines. They will also carry out administrative tasks related to submission, including the final publication of the blog article on the website.

The submissions procedure should be as short as possible to facilitate rapid publication of the blog articles and to remain in line with the most recent news. Our goal is to publish about one article per week with the exception of holidays.

For enquiries regarding the submission process, please contact us at odysseusomnia@gmail.com.

1.5. Publication

Publication will be carried out by the Co-ordination Team. Information, relevant web-links and institutional logos related to the contributor should be provided and will be clearly displayed to promote the author's work. **The author's re-publication of the same text in the language in which it appears on the Odysseus blog should be limited to a personal blog.** In cases where the blog is republished in the same language, a link should be included to the Odysseus blog article.

1.6. Support from the Co-ordination Team

The Co-ordination Team is more than happy to provide certain support that contributors may request. This help can include, but is not limited to:

- providing access to certain topical EU documents such as newly released EU documents;
- proof-reading services by the English or French native speakers of the Co-ordination team when necessary.

FORMAT

2.1. Language

English or French upon the choice of the author.

2.2. Length

The suggested length is between 1000 and 2500 words (approximately two to five A4 pages of a MS Word document typed in font size 12). Experience shows that to be effective 2500 words is an appropriate length. Shorter mood papers will not normally be accepted.

2.3. Title

The suggested title must be **clear and succinct**. In order to **optimise search results on internet search engines, the first words of the title should be closely linked to the subject matter**. Individual guidance and suggestions to maximise the article's exposure will be provided by the Co-ordination Team.

2.4. Structure

To help guide the reader, the article should be **structured coherently** and conform to general conventions in academic writing. **Sub-headings must be used to clearly structure the content** and message of the article.

2.5. File format

The submission proposal should be sent **in attachment** to odysseusomnia@gmail.com in a Microsoft Word or Open Office file. For related technical questions, do not hesitate to contact the Co-ordination Team at the same email address.

2.6. References

Citations should be used where appropriate and will be inserted in the text through **embedded hyperlinks** instead of footnotes, which are not allowed.

For example: “The recent [Commission Proposal](#) contains...”

To avoid the risk of failed links or incompatible file formats, proposed submissions should employ the following practice: Underline the text to be hyperlinked, and insert between parentheses the full URL.

For example: “The recent Commission Proposal (http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/proposal-implementation-package/docs/proposal_for_council_decision_establishing_provisional_measures_in_the_area_of_international_protection_for_it_gr_and_hu_en.pdf) contains...”.