Trainees: status, leave

The main aim of a traineeship is to give trainees the opportunity:

- to have a general overview of the activities, objectives and work of the Organization;
- to build up a network of contacts which will help them in their career plans;
- to supplement the knowledge acquired in the course of their studies or professional career and put that knowledge into practice;
- to work in a unique multicultural and multilingual environment, thereby promoting the values upheld by the Council of Europe.

What is the status of trainees?

The status of trainees does not grant them the status of Council of Europe staff members. However, it should be noted that they have the following benefits:

 All trainees have health and accident insurance for the duration of their traineeship in the Council of Europe.

Are trainees entitled to have a leave?

Trainees are entitled to the same public holidays and days when the offices are closed as staff members of the Council of Europe, as well as 2 days off per month of traineeship.