

The Liege Competition and Innovation Institute (LCII) at the Faculty of Law, Political Science and Criminology of the University of Liège (Belgium) is seeking to recruit a

PhD Candidate/Junior researcher working on European Union law and ‘sharing economy’ platforms

The University of Liège has a long standing tradition in cutting-edge research in the field of European Union competition and internal market law. From the early 1960s onwards, the University has focused on developing of teaching and research projects in European Union law. Over the years, no less than five of its academics have joined the Court of Justice of the European Union (Pierre Pescatore, René Joliet, Melchior Wathelet, Franklin Dehousse and Sean Van Raepenbusch). A part of the Faculty-wide “Cité” Research Unit, the LCII boasts an interdisciplinary research group comprising about 20 researchers working on the intersections between law, economics and technological innovation. The Institute is looking for an outstanding junior legal researcher to conduct a four year research project funded by the Fonds National de Recherche Scientifique (FNRS – F.R.S.).

Your assignments/tasks

- You will conduct independent, fundamental research on a research project on the regulation, both at Member State and EU level, of ‘sharing economy’ platforms such as Uber, AirBnB and others, with a view to obtaining a PhD in Law.
- You will communicate your preliminary research results by means of scientific articles, conference presentations and book chapters.
- You will actively take part in international conferences relating to the subject-matter of the project, both in Belgium and abroad.
- You will conduct field research in four different Member States of the European Union and engage in short-term research stays in those Member States.

Your profile

- You obtained a basic Master degree in law with good to excellent grades (preferably top 10% of your class) or a specialised degree in European Union law, competition law or business law. Study experiences abroad are a plus. Your degree must not be obtained more than three years ago.
- You have a clear interest in online platforms, the ‘sharing economy’ and the ways in which the Member States and the EU try to regulate those phenomena.
- You have an excellent knowledge of English (the project language) and master, in an at least passive way, French, German and Dutch (you must be capable to read and understand legal texts in those languages).
- Based at the Université de Liège, you are able and willing to travel to different EU Member States in order to complete the project.
- You have outstanding analytical skills and are able to process large amounts of information in an intelligent and intelligible way.

- You are able to conduct your work in an independent way and to respect strict project deadlines.
- You are sufficiently skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

Our offer

- Employment as a full-time doctoral researcher, up to four years.
- A dynamic research and teaching environment.
- Opportunity to engage in research relevant for legal practice.
- Possibility to improve your knowledge of languages on the job.

Interested?

Please contact Prof Dr Pieter Van Cleynenbreugel (pieter.vancleynenbreugel@uliege.be) with a short CV and motivation letter.

Applications must be received on 21 January at the latest at the abovementioned email address. The successful applicant is expected to start in March at the latest.