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Call for applicants

Pro Bono Legal Assistance for Social Enterprise

We provide long term pro bono legal support for social enterprise, through participation in a programme that develops our trainee and junior lawyers' commercial acumen and understanding of social impact in business; we call this programme HL BaSE Training. After two days of mini-MBA style training, delivered in partnership with <u>Ashoka</u>, teams of our trainee and junior lawyers provide on-going pro bono support to their social enterprise clients, under senior lawyer supervision.

What support do the social enterprises get from this programme?

The support begins with a workshop during which each social enterprise sits down with its team of trainees/junior lawyers, to carry out a legal-needs analysis under senior lawyer supervision.

Together, the social entrepreneur and the legal team will identify **one** key legal issue that the social enterprise is facing; such as a new investment round, a key commercial contract, or an intellectual property issue.

Following the workshop the legal team will continue to work with their social enterprise client, on a pro bono basis, until the agreed work on the key legal issue is complete.

What social enterprises can participate?

We invite social enterprises seeking legal support in the following jurisdictions to put themselves forward to participate in HL BaSE Training: UK, Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Russia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Belgium.

Social enterprises participating in the HL BaSE Training programme do not need to be at a particular stage of development; we have assisted early stage ventures and very established businesses. We ask that the social enterprise has a clear, sustainable business model and positive social and/or environmental impact that, ideally, have been proven (e.g. through a pilot); however, it is not essential to have already incorporated a separate legal entity for the venture.

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Where?

The workshop takes place at our **London office:** Hogan Lovells, Atlantic House, London EC1A 2FG, UK. No further attendance in London should be required after the workshop; the legal teams can continue to work with the social enterprise by email, phone etc.

When?

The workshop will run from approximately 12:30 to 17:00 on **Wednesday 7 March 2018**, usually starting with a networking lunch (exact times and lunch are TBC).

What will it cost to participate?

It is **free** to participate in the HL BaSE Training programme. Social entrepreneurs travelling from outside of the UK can apply to have their travel and/or accommodation costs reimbursed.

How to apply

You may complete the <u>Application Form</u> and send it to *socialenterprise@hoganlovells.com*, or email us if you have any queries about the programme.

Places are limited and will be allocated on an on-going basis from mid-January 2018, when we will start to shortlist applications. Please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please note that, although Hogan Lovells pro bono services for social enterprise can assist with a very wide variety of legal issues, there will be some areas of law and jurisdictions in which we are not able to assist. This can be discussed once we receive your application form. Also, we will not be able to assist with litigation matters.