



Irish Centre for European Law

Invitation for Applications

Audit Committee Member (3 vacancies)

The Centre:

The ICEL is a Centre within the School of Law of Trinity College Dublin, constituted as a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity.

It was founded in 1988 by Senator Mary Robinson SC as a membership-based association to further education and research in the law of the European Union and European human rights.

The Centre serves the legal professions, legal academics, law students, public institutions, the voluntary sector, businesses and the wider public.

The Centre organises conferences and seminars across the island of Ireland in various areas of EU law (in particular, environmental, public procurement, data protection, Brexit and competition law) and in fundamental rights. The Centre is also the Irish member of the European Law Association for Criminal Law and the Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU, which is run by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

The Centre has annual revenues of €30k-€50k and 2 part-time members of staff based in Trinity.

After an internal review of its Constitution in light of the Charities Governance Code, the Centre is reorganising its governance structures, and a number of vacancies will arise in Autumn 2021.

The Role:

The ICEL is creating a new Audit Committee to which the Treasurer and Board will account, and which will advise the Board on financial controls and reports.

Members of the Audit Committee will be volunteers, and will not be members of the Board or Charity Trustees.

Responsibilities will include the following:

The Audit Committee, which will have three members and will be independent of the Board, will evaluate and monitor the adequacy of financial controls and procedures and ensure that the organisation is compliant with best practice principles. It will also make recommendations to the Board on its annual budget, revised forecasts, annual report and financial statements.

Required skills

- Individuals with experience in financial management, accountancy or auditing, *or*
- Experience at a senior level in business, board governance, academia or the legal professions

Term

Members of the Audit Committee will be appointed for up to 3 years, with the possibility of renewal.

Committee Meetings:

There will be **2-4** scheduled committee meetings a year. Meetings are held in **Trinity College, Dublin** and may be held online.

Diversity

The ICEL is committed to diversity in appointments to the Board and Committees, in terms of: gender; age; ethnicity; sexual orientation; the inclusion of members of the legal professions and those involved in legal education; geography in terms of residence or place of business on the island of Ireland (including both legal jurisdictions).

Application Deadline

Audit Committee Members will be elected by General Meeting on and with effect from 28th October 2021, together with the new Board. Applications should be made to icelnominations@gmail.com, should be received by 17th September 2021 and will be treated strictly in confidence.