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The EU Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme aims to promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights and rights derived from citizenship of the European Union. Its further objectives are to strengthen civil society and to encourage an open, transparent and regular dialogue with it in respect of fundamental rights; to fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism; to improve the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions; and by supporting judicial training, the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme will lead to better mutual understanding among such authorities and professionals.

Lilian SHAH. I started my career at the European Commission attached to the office of the Director General for Internal Market. After three years, I moved to the office of António Vitorino, Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs, working with the Member responsible for asylum and immigration policy. After a two year stint as Assistant to the Director responsible for civil justice, fundamental rights and citizenship, I changed direction and have spent the last five years working as project officer on the Fundamental Rights & Citizenship Programme, currently responsible for some 90 projects / J'ai commence ma carrière au sein de la Commission européenne au bureau du Directeur général pour le marché intérieur. Après trois ans, j'ai rejoint le cabinet d'António Vitorino, commissaire pour la justice et les affaires intérieures, en travaillant avec la personne responsable de la politique d'asile et immigration; puis deux ans pour le directeur chargé de la justice civile, des droits fondamentaux et de la citoyenneté. J'ai changé de direction et travaille, depuis cinq ans, en tant que chargé de projet pour le programme "Droits fondamentaux et citoyenneté" et suis responsable d'environ 90 projets.



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