Reporting from onboard Humanity 1

Your work on board

Joining one of our missions at sea will allow you to report first-hand about the stories behind the numbers of people on the move and the daily challenges and motivations of a search and rescue crew. You will be witnessing the regular violations of international law by European and non-European state actors on the Mediterranean. As an independent observer, your work will contribute to inform the public about the multi-faceted and underreported realities faced by people trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea, one of the deadliest and most politically contested migration routes worldwide. This in in our interest as much as it is in yours. Therefore, we do our best to support your work on board and afterwards.

Your main point of contact will be the Communications Coordinator on Board (CCB). The CCB will support you in meeting your needs for delivering accurate and authentic reporting from on board, such as interviews with crew and survivors. Social media, televised or radio live reporting from on board is generally possible as long as our internet bandwidth allows.

Ethical guidelines

Safety and security of the operation and care for survivors always have priority over journalistic work. We take the protection, privacy and dignity of survivors very seriously. We kindly ask you to respect our guidelines under any circumstances. This may result in temporarily restricted opportunities to disclosing sensitive or operational information. The publishing of video/photos or stories of individuals, groups of persons or families requires their informed consent.

Life on board and training

Arrival and departure: you can take part in a SAR-mission rotation on board Humanity 1 by either staying for a full rotation (4-5 weeks) or half a rotation (approximately 2-3 weeks). Our missions start in the port of Syracuse (Sicily). After a rescue, we are usually assigned a port in northern or eastern Italy for disembarking the survivors. If you want to join for half a rotation, you can either embark in Syracuse and disembark in the first assigned port (first 2-3 weeks including 5 days of training) or embark at the first and disembark at the second assigned port (second 2 weeks). The assigned ports and our exact arrivals/departures cannot be determined in advance.

Trainings: To prepare for life and work at sea, you are required to participate in several safety drills and crew trainings that ensure a safe operation and smooth handling of emergency situations. Our experienced crew also offers additional trainings you can take part in, e.g. if you wish to go on the RHIBs (fast rescue boats).

Accommodation and food: On board Humanity 1 you will be assigned a shared cabin with another crew member. You are expected to participate in some general crew duties, e.g. daily cleaning of common living spaces and being on the deck with survivors. Vegan food is freshly prepared by our Chief Cook for lunch and dinner.