



ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN ASYLUM LAW 2017

- Reform of CEAS
- External dimension of crisis management
- Asylum-seekers with special needs

Brussels, 26-27 October 2017

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Speakers

Ulrik Åshuvud, CEO, JustDevelop AB, Stockholm

François Bienfait, Liaison Officer to the EU Institutions, European Asylum Support Office (EASO), Brussels

Sergio Carrera, Senior Research Fellow; Head, Justice and Home Affairs Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels (to be confirmed)

Bernard Dawson, Judge, Upper Tribunal, Immigration and Asylum Chamber, London

Constantin Hrushka, Professor of European Asylum Law, University of Bielefeld

Nicolas Jacobs, Head of Legal Affairs, Belgian Reception Agency (FEDASIL), Brussels

Electra-Leda Koutra, Lawyer, Koutra Law Offices, Athens

Oliver Lewis, Barrister, Doughty Chambers, London; Professor of Law and Social Justice, University of Leeds

Bénédicte Lucas, TRACKS Programme Manager, Forum réfugiés-Cosi, Paris

Sophie Magennis, Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Brussels

Nuala Mole, Founder, AIRE Centre, London

Minos Mouzourakis, AIDA Coordinator, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Brussels

Henrik Nielsen, Head of Unit, Asylum, DG HOME, European Commission, Brussels

Representative of the Belgian Council for Alien Law Litigation

Key topics

- Reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS)
- Responsibility-sharing mechanisms: Dublin system, hotspots, relocation and resettlement
- Role of the new EU Agency for Asylum (EASO+)
- EU/Turkey Statement and Partnership Frameworks
- Asylum-seekers with special needs
- Key recent case law of the EU Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights

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Organiser:
Dr Karine Caunes (ERA)



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Thursday, 26 October 2017

8:30 Arrival and registration of participants

9:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Karine Caunes

I. MANAGING THE REFUGEE CRISIS: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Chair: Minos Mouzourakis

9:15 **Managing the refugee crisis and reforming the CEAS: the Commission's strategy**

- The CEAS reform: current state of play
- Dublin, relocation and resettlement

Henrik Nielsen

10:00 Discussion

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 **Crisis management and CEAS reform: some critical assessments**

Sophie Magennis, Constantin Hrushka, François Bienfait, representative of the Belgian Council for Alien Law Litigation

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Handling the crisis in Greece: key challenges**

- Update on the asylum situation in Greece
- What can be achieved through strategic lawyering?

Electra-Leda Koutra

14:15 Discussion

14:30 **Externalisation of the management of the asylum crisis: myth, mess or success?**

- The EU/Turkey Statement
- The EU Migration Partnership Framework on Migration
- Resettlement

Sergio Carrera

15:15 Discussion

15:30 **Judging the CEAS: key issues and key recent case law from European courts**

- Focus on credibility assessment
- Update on Country Guidance on Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Iran

Bernard Dawson

16:15 Discussion

16:30 Coffee break

II. ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE ASYLUM-SEEKERS

Chair: Nuala Mole

17:00 **Introduction: 'Especially vulnerable asylum-seekers' in the CEAS and its reform**

Nuala Mole

17:20 **How to address "special procedural needs"? Key issues and good practices**

Minos Mouzourakis

18:00 Discussion

18:30 Networking reception

Objective

The aim of the Annual Conference on European Asylum Law 2017 is to provide legal practitioners with an update on the ongoing reforms aimed at tackling the refugee crisis. The specific needs of especially vulnerable asylum seekers will receive particular attention.

Who should attend?

Staff of government bodies and national asylum authorities, asylum lawyers and judges in national courts, NGOs, EU civil servants

What participants liked last year

...full and thorough review and update, well-organised

...excellent speakers, presentations of very different backgrounds, very open perspectives

...the practical insight from different points of view

...very interesting discussions after each presentation

Friday, 27 October 2017

- 09:15 **How to address “special reception needs”?** Key issues and good practices
Ulrik Ashuvud and Nicolas Jacobs
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **‘Especially vulnerable asylum seekers’: does one size fit all?**
- Victims of trafficking
Bénédicte Lucas
 - Disabled persons
Oliver Lewis
 - Children
Nuala Mole
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 End of conference

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Trier, 30 November – 1 December 2017

e-Presentations on Asylum Law

The CEAS Reform: State of Play, Added Value and Main Issues

Erika Schulze

The EU-Turkey Deal

Minos Mouzourakis

Towards Common Standards for Reception Conditions in Europe?

Nicolas Jacobs

The Asylum Carousel in the Balkans and Beyond: Effective Access to Territory and Asylum Procedures

Fljor Schüller

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