



Seminar Programme

Training of Lawyers on European Law relating to Asylum and Immigration

Athens Bar Association, 60 Akadimias Street, 10679 Athens

Thursday, 8 December 2016

Moderator: Vasileios Papastergiou

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome address**

Christina Koundouri, Board Member, Athens Bar Association

09:15 – 09:30 **Introduction to the seminar**

Vasileios Stathopoulos, Project Manager, European Lawyers Foundation

09:30 – 10:15 **Opening speech**

— The European Union's response to the recent "refugee crisis": the legal instruments in practice

Aggeliki Nikolopoulou, Member of the Greek League for Human Rights

10:15 – 11:00 **Keynote speech**

— An overview of the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers in Europe

Noemí Alarcón Velasco, Vice-Chair of the CCBE Migration Committee

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 **Panel discussion**

— Legal framework applicable to asylum and immigration in Spain, Italy, Greece and Ireland: practical implementation of European regulations, national provisions and best practices

Noemí Alarcón Velasco (Spain), Alessio Sangiorgi (Italy), Aggeliki Nikolopoulou (Greece) and Hilikka Becker (Ireland)

12:30 – 13:00 **Q&A session**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch



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14:00 – 15:30

Workshop I

The European Union legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law

Hilkka Becker, Irish Solicitor, Member of the Refugee Appeals Tribunal

Workshop II

The Council of Europe legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law

Alessio Sangiorgi, Italian Lawyer, Member of the Association of Lawyers "Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani"

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

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Alessio Sangiorgi

Workshop II

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Hilkka Becker

Friday, 9 December 2016

Moderator: Harissios Tagaras, Attorney-at-law, Luxembourg and Thessaloniki, EU Law Professor (Panteion University of Athens), Former Judge / President of Chambers at the EU Civil Service Tribunal

09:00 – 09:30

Plenary Session

- Presentation of the outcome of workshops
Alessio Sangiorgi and Hilkka Becker

09:30 – 10:15

Keynote speech

- Future challenges in immigration and asylum policies: Admission of immigrants or a "Fortress Europe"?
Efstathios Poularakis

10:15 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

Closing speech

- Lawyers on the ground: procedural safeguards and legal assistance to immigrants and asylum seekers in European countries (asylum procedures, detention, expulsions, removals and pushbacks)
Electra-Leda Koutra

12:00 – 13:00

Final discussion

- Exchange of ideas for further initiatives and cooperation between partners in issues relating to asylum and immigration
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