

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Training of Lawyers on European Law relating to Asylum and Immigration

Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7, DX 79

Thursday, 2 February 2017

Moderator:

Ángel Bello Cortés, Irish Senior Solicitor, KOD Lyons Solicitors

- 08:30 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**
- 09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome address**
Attracta O'Regan, Solicitor, Head of Law Society of Ireland, Professional Training
- 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, Greek lawyer, 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, Spanish lawyer, Vice-Chair of the Migration Committee of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Panel discussion**
Legal framework applicable to asylum and immigration in Ireland, Spain, Italy and Greece: practical implementation of European regulations, national provisions and best practices
Hilkka Becker (Ireland), Noemí Alarcón Velasco (Spain), Alessio Sangiorgi (Italy) and Aggeliki Nikolopoulou (Greece)
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Q&A session**
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Workshop I**
The European Union legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
Hilkka Becker, Irish Solicitor, Deputy Chairperson, International Protection Appeals Tribunal

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Workshop I**
The Council of Europe legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
Alessio Sangiorgi

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"

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Hilkka Becker

Friday, 3 February 2017

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John Davis, Senior Solicitor, Immigration Section, Chief States Solicitors Office

- 09:00 – 10:00 **Panel discussion**
National case-law in Ireland, Spain, Italy and Greece on immigration and asylum cases
Hilkka Becker (Ireland), Noemí Alarcón Velasco (Spain), Alessio Sangiorgi (Italy) and Aggeliki Nikolopoulou (Greece)
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Q&A session**
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Keynote speech**
Future challenges in immigration and asylum policies
Catherine Cosgrave, Senior Solicitor, Immigrant Council of Ireland
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Closing speech**
Lawyers on the ground: procedural safeguards and legal assistance to immigrants and asylum seekers in European countries
Commander Patrick Burke, Irish Defence Forces