



Roundtable on the ECHR and the protection of Asylum-seekers in Greece

11 May 2016

Athens Bar Association, 60 Akadimias Str., Athens

AGENDA

8:30– 9:00	<i>Arrival and registration of participants – administrative matters</i>
	<u>PLENARY SESSION: Roundtable on the protection of human rights of asylum-seekers in the context of the current refugee crisis</u>
9:00 – 9.30	<p>Welcoming addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Vassileios Alexandris President of the Athens Bar Association - Mr Konstantinos Kosmatos, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice - Mr. Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe - Ms. Ann Maymann, Senior Policy Adviser, UNHCR Representative in Greece - Mr. Panagiotis Perakis, Head of the Refugees and Migrants Committee of the Greek Bars, Athens Bar Association.
9:30 – 09:50	<p>The European Programme on Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals: an introduction</p> <p>Ms. Natacha De Roeck, Head of the HELP Unit, Council of Europe Mr. Petros Alikakos, Judge at the Court of First Instance of Thessaloniki, HELP Focal Point for Greece</p>
09:50-10:10	<p>Overview of the current situation of asylum in Greece</p> <p>Mr. Vassilis Papadopoulos, Secretary General of Migration Policy</p>
10:10 – 11:00	<p>The implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in the context of the current refugee crisis: the role of Greek lawyers</p> <p>Ms. Aikaterini Lazana, Lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11.15 - 11.45	<p>The main relevant ECHR standards on asylum: a UNHCR’s perspective</p> <p>Samuel Boutruche, Judicial Engagement Coordinator, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR</p>
11.45 - 12.30	<p>Litigating asylum cases before the ECtHR: a practical approach</p> <p>Mr. Flip Schüller, Immigration and asylum lawyer, member of the HELP Working Group on the ECHR and asylum</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch

	<u>BREAK OUT SESSION I: Presentation of the HELP/UNHCR Course on the ECHR and Asylum (for participants selected for the course)</u>
14:00 - 14:30	The HELP/UNHCR course on the ECHR and Asylum: an Introduction Ms. Natacha De Roeck, Head of the HELP Unit, Council of Europe
14:30 - 15:30	The ECtHR case law in the HELP/UNHCR course in the light of the current refugee crisis Samuel Boutruche, Judicial Engagement Coordinator, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
15.30 -16.30	The implementation of the course for Greek participants: presentation of the tutor and her role, learning objectives, assessment criteria, adaptation to the Greek legal order, practical aspects and discussion Moderated by Ms. Natacha De Roeck and Ms Danai Angeli, Lawyer and national trainer for the HELP Programme
	<u>BREAK OUT SESSION II: The Protection of Vulnerable Asylum-Seekers in the asylum procedure and the reception system: the particular situation of LGBTI persons (open to participants of the plenary session)</u>
14.00 - 14.30	Specific EU/ECtHR standards regarding vulnerable persons in the context of the current refugee crisis in Greece Mr. Vassilis Avdis, Asylum Legal Expert
14.30 – 14:45	Basic notions on sexual orientation and gender identity and Council of Europe standards on combating discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity Tikli Oikarinen, Policy Advisor, SOGI unit, Council of Europe
14:45 – 16:00	The protection of LGBTI asylum-seekers in International Refugee Law Carole Simone Dahan, Senior Legal Advisor, International Protection Department, UNHCR Geneva LGBTI asylum-seekers’ rights before the European Courts Delphine Leneutre, Legal Associate, UNHCR Representations to the European Institutions in Strasbourg Methods and experiences on handling asylum claims based on sexual orientation and gender identity Ms. Sofia Sjöö, Coordinator, The Swedish Migration Agency Questions and Answers Moderated by UNHCR Greece

16:00 – 16:45	<p>The action of the civil society in protecting LGBTI asylum-seekers in Greece</p> <p>Ms. Marina Galanou, Chair, Greek Transgender Support Association Mr. Ioakeim Vravas, Deputy Head of Programs, Solidarity Now</p> <p>Moderated by Tikli Oikarinen, Council of Europe</p>
16.45 - 17.00	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>Moderated by UNHCR Strasbourg</p>
17.00 - 17.15	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Ms. Carole Simone Dahan, Senior Legal Advisor, International Protection Department, UNHCR Geneva</p>

