



European Council on Refugees and Exiles

Annual General Conference 2017 and UNHCR Europe NGO consultation

Organised by Estonian Refugee Council and ECRE

Tallinn, 16 to 18 October 2017

Venue: Euroopa Hotel, Paadi 5, Tallinn, Estonia

DAY 1, MONDAY 16 OCTOBER	
9:00 – 10:00	REGISTRATION
10:00 – 11:15 PLENARY ROOM	Refugee rights in Europe: Is the crisis over? <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Raivo Küüt, Deputy Secretary General for Public Order and Migration Policy, Ministry of the Interior, Estonia» Pascale Moreau, Director for Europe Bureau, UNHCR» Catherine Woollard, Secretary General, ECRE <i>Moderator: Morten Kjaerum, Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Chair of the Board of ECRE</i>
11:15 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 13:00 WORKSHOP ROOMS	UNHCR Europe NGO Consultation (part I): Promoting the Inclusion of Beneficiaries of International Protection in Europe <p>5 regional workshops¹ co-chaired by representatives of UNHCR Regional Representation and of ECRE's membership.</p> <p>The consultations will focus on the key gaps and priorities identified in each region; participants will discuss thematic priorities linked to refugee inclusion, review on-going advocacy and litigation activities, and identify joint CSO/UNHCR activities for 2018-2019 where feasible.</p> <p>Reports will be circulated afterwards covering civil society recommendations for UNHCR and suggestions for cooperation between UNHCR and civil society in the regions.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:30	UNHCR Europe NGO Consultation (part II): Promoting the Inclusion of Beneficiaries of International Protection in Europe <p>Regional workshops continue.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK

1. Regional workshops will cover the following regions: Western Europe, Central Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe and South-Eastern Europe (based on UNHCR regions).

16:00 – 17:30	UNHCR Europe NGO Consultation (part III): Refugee Rights in the EU’s Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
PLENARY ROOM	<p>Presentation of the findings and recommendations of the report: <i>Follow the Money: implementation of AMIF priorities at national level</i> - Annabelle Roig-Granjon, UNHCR and Rachel Westerby, Consultant.</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet, ECRE</i></p>
19:00 – 21:00	SOCIAL EVENT
	<p>Erinevate Tubade Klubi Address: Telliskivi 60-A1-65, Tallinn</p> <p>Map: https://goo.gl/maps/nGZUMWrLtLy</p>

DAY 2, TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

9:30 – 10:30	Externalisation of protection:		
PLENARY ROOM	<p>With continued deadlock on the reform of the European asylum law and policy, European policy-makers are turning deliberately or by default to a strategy of “externalisation”. The panel discussion will explore the latest developments and the impact on Europe’s external affairs policies, including diplomacy, development and security, as well as the impact of this approach on other countries and regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Woollard, Secretary General, ECRE • Christian Friis Bach, incoming Secretary General, Danish Refugee Council • Yagoub Kibeida, Vice President, Mosaico, Azioni per i rifugiati 		
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK		
11:00 – 13:00	Workshops: Interactive workshops will bring together experts on the topics to share ideas. Facilitators from across ECRE will prepare the sessions, including methodology, in advance.		
WORKSHOP ROOMS	Each workshop will include 1) interactive discussion on the topic with ECRE members, ECRE Secretariat and external participants sharing their views; 2) presentation of and input into ECRE’s strategy and activities on the issue in question.		
	<p>Workshop 1: Inclusion</p> <p>Good practices and the way towards an inclusive Europe.</p> <p>Facilitators: Eero Janson, ERC, and Tamim Nashed, ECRE</p>	<p>Workshop 2: CEAS reform</p> <p>Practical Impact of Reform and Key Member States’ priorities</p> <p>Facilitator: Martin Rozumek, OPU</p>	<p>Workshop 3: Accessing EU funds</p> <p>Practical training for civil society on how to access AMIF funds</p> <p>Trainer: Annabelle Roig-Granjon, UNHCR</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Workshop 4: Strategic litigation</p> <p>Litigation priorities, identifying strategic cases; and needs assessment.</p> <p>Facilitator: Cecilia Vejby Andersen, Danish Refugee Council</p>	<p>Workshop 5: Resettlement</p> <p>EU resettlement framework, ATCR, global development, and ECRE’s position.</p> <p>Facilitator: Claire Rimmer Quaid, ECRE</p>	<p>Workshop 6: Communication</p> <p>Influencing the public(s): towards a strategic approach to ECRE communications.</p> <p>Facilitator: Vladimir Petronijevic, Grupa 484</p>
16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK		

<p>16:30 – 18:30 PLENARY ROOM</p>	<p>Debate: Don't Dream It's Over: Restricting Refugee Rights in the Nordic/Baltic Region</p> <p>The debate aims to provide a snapshot of the situation for asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection in the Nordic/Baltic region. Moderated by leading Estonian journalist, Evelyn Kaldoja, the head of the foreign desk at Postimees, Estonia's largest daily paper, three experts from the region will provide their assessment of developments, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the Nordic/Baltic region responded to the European political crisis on migration? How are the countries of the region influencing European and global developments? • What are the trends in the region? Who are the villains and the heroes? How do countries influence each other? • What are current risks to the rights of asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection? • Who are the defenders of rights in the region? How can they be bolstered? • What is the broader impact of asylum issues on the politics and societies of the region? <p><i>Moderator: Evelyn Kaldoja, Postimees</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mina Jaf, Founder and Director of Women Refugee Route • Ahmad Zaki Khalil, Afghan Association in Sweden • Eero Janson, Estonian Refugee Council
<p>19:00</p>	<p>FREE EVENING</p>

DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER
(FOR ECRE MEMBERS ONLY)

<p>09:30 – 11:00 WORKS:OP ROOMS</p>	<p>Regional meetings (for ECRE regional groupings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Europe Region (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland) – <i>Karl Kopp, ECRE Board member</i> • Mediterranean Region (Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey) • Nordic/Baltic Region (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden) – <i>Egle Samuchovaite, ECRE Board member</i> • Southeast Europe Region (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYROM, Kosovo, Romania, Serbia) – <i>Vladimir Petronijević, ECRE Board member</i> • Western Europe (Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, UK, and international) – <i>Jasper Kuipers, ECRE Board member</i>
<p>11:00 – 11:30</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>11:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>ECRE General Assembly (<i>agenda available for ECRE members</i>)</p>
<p>13:30</p>	<p>MEETING ENDS WITH LUNCH</p>

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