

Annual General Conference (AGC) 2017

Tallinn, 16-18 October 2017

EU resettlement framework, ATCR, global development, and ECRE's position.

Agenda

14:00 – 16:00 WORKSHOP 5: RESETTLEMENT

The aim of the workshop is to update members on latest trends and developments in EU resettlement policy, foster exchange and discuss ECRE's advocacy positions on resettlement in view of the most recent policy developments.

Moderator: Claire Rimmer, ECRE

14:00 – 14:15 The EU Resettlement Framework Proposal: overview and state of play (*Aspasia Papadopoulou, ECRE*)

14:15 – 15:15 HUMANITARIAN ADMISSION PROGRAMMES AND OTHER FORMS OF ADMISSION

The first part of the workshop will discuss complementarity between resettlement and other forms of admission. Members that have been involved in or have followed closely the implementation of humanitarian admission and private sponsorship programmes will share their experiences and thoughts on the following:

- » How can different forms of admission complement resettlement?
- » What are/should be the main differences between these programs? Special needs of certain groups of refugees? Different referrals? Different status? What eligibility criteria should apply?
- » What do the programs need to fulfil in terms of quality? How to measure success?

Discussants: Petra Hueck, ICMC; Patricia Reineck, Caritas German; Helene Soupios David, FTdA

15:15 – 16:00 THE STRATEGIC USE OF RESETTLEMENT: OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

The second part of the workshop will discuss the EU's recent stated intention to use resettlement as leverage in migration control and migration partnerships. This involves the tendency to refer to the 'strategic use' of resettlement, albeit in a way other than defined by UNHCR. It also involves the risk of using resettlement as an exclusive channel of access to Europe and the recent revival of the concept of external processing. As discussion on resettlement is shifting, advocacy needs to revisit its messaging, key asks and recommendations.

Discussants: Anneliese Baldaccini, Amnesty International EU Office; Lena Donne, IRC; Aspasia Papadopoulou, ECRE