

THE FUTURE OF ASYLUM IN EUROPE: ASSESSING AND CAPITALISING ON CHANGES AT EU LEVEL



Organised by ECRE and UNHCR

Brussels, 23 and 24 October 2019

Venue: Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

AGENDA

Day 1, Wednesday 23 October

9h00 – 9h30 Registration

9h30 – 11h00 **Opening Speeches:**
Morten Kjaerum – Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Chair of ECRE Board
Gonzalo Vargas Llosa, UNHCR Regional Representative for European Affairs

Plenary room

Brussels

Opening Panel: The Future of Asylum in Europe:

Panellists will give their assessment of the future of asylum in Europe, covering the key priorities for EU leaders as they see them. What *should* be the future of asylum in Europe? What *will* be the future of asylum in Europe? Panel contributions will be followed by a discussion with the audience.

Sophie Magennis, RREUA, UNHCR; Hala Akari, Swedish Syrian Alliance; Milka Yemane, Director, stichting Lemat; Catherine Woollard, Director, ECRE

Moderator: Dorine Manson, Managing Director, the Dutch Charity Lotteries

11h00 – 11h30 Coffee break

Foyer 1

Workshop
rooms

Workshops: Interactive workshops will bring together experts on the topics to assess EU changes and propose action

11h30 – 13h30

WORKSHOP 1

Changing the Narrative – Building a welcoming Europe

Room: Copenhagen/
Essen/Warsaw

Led by JRS Europe

Maeve Patterson,
UNHCR

Eef Heylighen, Flemish
Refugee Action

Laura Corrado,
Directorate General
Migration and Home
Affairs, European
Commission

Anila Noor and Shaza
Alrihawi, Global
Refugee-led Network

Facilitator

Claudia Bonamini, JRS
Europe

WORKSHOP 2

EU Funding: Incentivising resettlement and relocation?

Room: Plenary

Speakers

Rachel Westerby,
Consultant

Faustine Masson,
Project coordinator,
Migration Unit, Inter-
ministerial Delegation on
Access to Housing
(DIHAL), France

Matthijs Korzilius,

DG Home, European
Commission

Co-Chairs

Daphné Bouteillet-
Paquet, ECRE

Nathalie Springuel,
UNHCR

WORKSHOP 3

An Agreement on Disembarkation?

Room: Madrid

In cooperation with ReSOMA

Speakers

Kahin Ismail,
Representative,
UNHCR Malta

Roberto Cortinovis,
Centre for European
Policy Studies (CEPS)

Karl Kopp, PRO ASYL

Corina Drousiotou,
Cyprus Refugee Council

Facilitator

Morten Kjaerum, Raoul
Wallenberg Institute

WORKSHOP 4

Inclusion in the Labour Market: Spreading good practice

Room: Lisbon

Julie Bodson, Duo for a Job, Belgium

Kinan Halal, Novare
Potential, Sweden

Discussion

Violette Debarbouille,
Action Emploi Réfugiés,
France

Nuria Diez Guardia, DG
Home, European
Commission,

David Manicom, UNHCR
Special Advisor

Discussion

Facilitator

Giacomo Manca, ECRE

13h00 – 14h00 **Lunch**

14h00 – 16h00

WORKSHOP 5

EU Asylum Law: Reform or Compliance?

Room: Lisbon

Speakers

Bori Szegeti, DG Home,
European Commission

Alexandra Embiricos,
UNHCR RREUA

Ahmed Abu Sen,
Vluchtelingenwerk
Vlaanderen

Minos Mouzourakis,
ECRE

Facilitator

Lisa Doyle, British
Refugee Council and
ECRE Board

WORKSHOP 6

EU Return Policy and Practice: Planning civil society's response

Room: Madrid

Open discussion format

Comments Alexander de
Chalus, UNHCR RREUA

Facilitator

Claire Rimmer Quaid,
ECRE

WORKSHOP 7

Limiting the Use of Detention in the Common European Asylum System

Room: Copenhagen/
Essen/Warsaw

Led by Red Cross

Mariana Stoyanova,
Bulgarian Red Cross

Margareta Djordjević,
DG Home, European
Commission

Oreeditse Florah
Mpanye, Voices
Network

Stefan Maier, UNHCR
RREUA

Facilitator

Alexandra Segenstedt,
Swedish Red Cross

WORKSHOP 8

Implementing the GCR in and by Europe – Focus on increasing resettlement and complementary pathways

Room: Plenary

Lena Donner, IRC

Desislava Ivanova,
UNHCR RREUA

Leïla Bodeux, Caritas
Europa

Erwan Marteil, DG
DEVCO, European
Commission

Chair

Reshad Jalali, ECRE

16h00 – 16h30 **Coffee break**

16h30 – 18h00 **Plenary discussion: INFLUENCING the EU: more of the same from civil society?**

Plenary room

Abdeluheh Choho, Director, Dutch Council for Refugees

Masooma Torfa, Co-Founder and Board Member, Female Fellows

Stefan Maier, Senior Policy Officer, UNHCR RREUA

Moderator

Morten Kjaerum, Director Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Chair of ECRE Board

19h00 – 22h00 **Reception hosted by ECRE and UNHCR - all participants welcome**

The Dinosaur Gallery, Museum of Natural Sciences, Vautier Street 29, 1000 Brussels

Day 2, Thursday 24 October

(Main Programme - FOR ECRE MEMBERS ONLY; Information session and discussion space for non-members)

10h00 – 12h30 **Regional meetings (for ECRE regional groupings)**

11h00 - 11h30 Coffee available

- **Central Europe**

(Austria, Belarus, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine)

Karl Kopp, Pro-Asyl and ECRE Board Regional Representative Central Europe

Lisbon Room

- **Mediterranean**

(Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey)

Yagoub Kibeida, Mosaico and ECRE Board Regional Representative Mediterranean

Copenhagen room

- **NOCRE**
(Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden)
Ann-Magrit Austenå, NOAS
Madrid Room
- **Western Europe**
(Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, UK, and international Brussels members)
Lisa Doyle, British Refugee Council and ECRE Board Regional Representative Western Europe
The Hague Room
- **Southeast Europe**
(Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Macedonia, Kosovo, Romania, Serbia)
Emir Prcanović, Vaša Prava
Plenary room (Brussels room)

10h00 – 12h00	Introduction to ECRE's work - information and discussion session with Q and A for nonmembers Essen/Warsaw Room
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00 – 16h00	ECRE General Assembly For ECRE members only <i>Please see separate agenda</i>
16h00	Meeting ends

Day 1: workshop agendas available at: <https://www.ecre.org/ecre-annual-general-conference-2019/>