

Annual General Conference 2022, 28 June, Brussels

Asylum in Europe: Strategies for Resistance and Resilience

Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Bruxelles

Workshop 1: Brussels plenary room, 11h00 – 13h00

Title: Supporting Asylum in Europe: The Role of the Agencies

Lead organisation(s): ECRE

Objectives:

- Outline priorities for the Frontex Fundamental Rights Officer and the Fundamental Rights Agency when it comes to ensuring the right to asylum in Europe
- Highlight opportunities for engagement between civil society working on asylum and the different agencies
- Identify issues of shared concern
- Explore opportunities for cooperation

Moderator: Eero Janson, Director, Estonian Refugee Council

Speakers:

- Katarina Lughofer, Interim Head of Migration and Asylum Sector, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Grigoris Tsioukas, Deputy Fundamental Rights Officer, Frontex

Structure/method:

Input statements by the speakers outlining

- What are the priorities for each agency when it comes to ensuring the right to asylum in Europe?
- What are the opportunities for engagement with civil society for each agency?

Followed by a facilitated discussion with all participants

Description:

EU agencies are playing a key role in shaping European asylum responses at the policy and operational level. The expanded mandate and increased deployment of Frontex make exchange and cooperation between civil society more important and the strengthened mandate of the Frontex Fundamental Rights Officer presents new opportunities for engagement. The reference to and role of the Fundamental Rights Agency in elaborating standards and guidance for EU asylum policy has become increasingly prominent, including in the legislative proposals related to the Pact.

To respond to these developments, the workshop seeks to provide an opportunity to exchange, highlight opportunities for engagement and identify potential cooperation going forward.