



## ECRE Annual General Conference 2024

### World Refugee Day

### Global Displacement; European Anxiety

Thursday 20 June 2024

Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 75, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

08.30 – 09.00	<b>Registration and Welcome Coffee</b>
09.00-09.05	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonja Tošković – Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights &amp; Member, ECRE Board</li> </ul>
09.05 – 10.30	<b>Panel Discussion: Tackling Global Displacement: What role for Europe?</b>  Panellists will assess priorities for tackling global displacement and Europe’s role in it.  <b>Questions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the global priorities for reducing the record levels of forced displacement?</li> <li>2. What is Europe’s role in the global protection system?</li> <li>3. What are the future scenarios for responses to global displacement?</li> </ol> <b>Moderator:</b> Sadhia Rafi – Head of Strategic Litigation, Dutch Council for Refugees & Member, ECRE Board  <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan Maier – Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, Representation for EU Affairs in Brussels, United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)</li> <li>• Dr Suad Mohamed – Chairwoman, Somali Health Club &amp; Member, European Coalition for Migrants and Refugees and UNHCR Austria Refugee Team</li> <li>• Dr Shepherd Mutsvara – Research Affiliate, Migration Law Research Group</li> <li>• Tineke Strik – Member of the European Parliament</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Break</b>
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Workshops</b> (See separate agendas) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementing the EU’s asylum reforms: Risks and opportunities (ECRE)</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Collaborative advocacy and activism for increased EU-wide resettlement commitments (International Rescue Committee)</li> <li>3. Untangling the EU's migration partnerships with third countries (ECRE)</li> </ol>
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14.00 – 16.00</b>	<p><b>Workshops</b> (See separate agendas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. (De facto) detention in the Common European Asylum System: Current and future challenges to ensure fundamental rights compliance (Jesuit Refugee Service Europe)</li> <li>5. European Parliament elections: Assessment of the results, reflections on civil society campaigns and plans for next steps (ECRE)</li> <li>6. Improving standards and safeguards before, during and after age assessment procedures (Kids in Need of Defense)</li> </ol>
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>16.30 – 17.55</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Inclusion of Refugees and Migrants: Assessing the EU's Recent Policy Developments</b></p> <p>Panellists will assess the implications of the EU's policy developments on inclusion through access to the rights of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants in the EU.</p> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the anticipated impacts of the EU's policy developments, particularly the Skills and Talent package and the Pact files, on refugee inclusion?</li> <li>2. How can EU funding (e.g. Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund; European Social Fund Plus, funds under the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework etc.) be utilised to foster inclusion measures?</li> <li>3. What strategies can be employed to ensure coordination and collaboration between different stakeholders, including refugee-led organisations, in identifying inclusion priorities?</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Meron Ameha Knikman – Senior EU Advocacy Advisor (Refugee Resettlement, Asylum and Integration), International Rescue Committee</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mauro Gagliardi – Deputy Head, Unit for Legal Pathways and Integration, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</li> <li>• Andrea Leruste – Deputy Head, Unit for European Social Fund +, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</li> <li>• Evita Armouti – Senior Officer (Migration Policy and Advocacy), Red Cross EU Office</li> <li>• Silsila Mahboub – Community Manager, Refugee Advisory Board Bulgaria</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Remarks:</b> Colette Meffire – President, Mosaico – Action for Refugees</p>
<b>17.55 – 18.00</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catherine Woollard – Director, ECRE</li> </ul>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>End</b>