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

Workshop Number: 4

Room: Belgium

Time: 14.00 – 16.00

Title	(De facto) detention in the Common European Asylum System: Current and future challenges to ensure fundamental rights compliance
Organiser	Jesuit Refugee Service Europe (JRS Europe)
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the changes and challenges that the implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum will bring. 2. Discuss options for civil society responses to these challenges, both at the national level and collectively.
Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia Bonamini – Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, JRS Europe
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Cachia – Advocacy Officer, JRS Malta • Dr Galina Cornelisse – Professor of Courts and Transnational Justice, Free University of Amsterdam (VU) • Joost Depotter - Policy and Support Coordinator, Flemish Refugee Action • Sara Kekuš – Programme Director, Centre for Peace Studies
Format	Kick-off comments from speakers to highlight national perspectives followed by facilitated round-table discussions involving all participants.
Description	Detention is currently used across Europe at various stages of asylum procedures (e.g. border procedures, Dublin procedure). The context of (de facto) detention is one where there is by definition a high risk of fundamental rights violations – ranging from detention itself being unlawful and/or arbitrary, to detention conditions being sub-standard and limitations to accessing rights such as the right to legal aid and effective remedy, or even the asylum procedure itself.

	<p>The implementation of the recently approved EU Pact on Asylum and Migration will increase the use of (de facto) detention, in particular in the context of screening and border procedures.</p> <p>This round-table discussion will consist of two parts. The aim of the first part will be to assess the impact of the Pact on the use of asylum seeker detention in different EU member states.</p> <p>The aim of the second part will be discuss potential actions to react to the identified challenges. Particular attention will be given to possible transnational co-operation.</p>
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