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World Refugee Day

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Thursday 20 June 2024

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

Workshop Number: 5

Room: Netherlands III

Time: 14.00 – 16.00

Title	European Parliament elections: Assessment of the results, reflections on civil society campaigns and plans for next steps
Organiser	European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To analyse the results of the 2024 European Parliament (EP) elections and their possible implications for the implementation of EU policies related to asylum and migration 2024-2029. 2. To reflect on some of the civil society campaigns on the 2024 EP elections. 3. To consider possible next steps for engagement with MEPs 2024-2029.
Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eva Singer – Director of Asylum Department, Danish Refugee Council
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Mbapa Ikongo – Acting Communications Officer, ECRE • Reshad Jalali – Senior Policy Officer, ECRE • Ekram Jalboutt – Project Assistant (International Programme), Dutch Council for Refugees • Nikolaj Nielsen – Reporter, EUobserver
Format	<p>Part 1: Analysis of the results of the EP elections</p> <p>Reshad Jalali (ECRE) will present the results of the EP elections and the composition of the new EP, and Nikolaj Nielsen (EUobserver) will give his perspectives on them. Afterwards, all participants will be invited to share their own analysis.</p> <p>Part 2: Reflections on civil society campaigns</p>

	<p>Annette Mbapa Ikongo (ECRE) and Ekram Jalbott (Dutch Council for Refugees) will present their respective organisations' campaigns and reflect on their successes and shortcomings. Afterwards, representatives of other civil society organisations that implemented campaigns on the EP elections will be invited to share their own reflections.</p> <p>Part 3: Possible next steps</p> <p>Reshad Jalali (ECRE) will present ECRE's planned objectives and activities for engaging with MEPs in the short- to medium-term. Afterwards, all participants will be invited to share their organisations' plans and (possibly) propose ideas for joint activities.</p>
Description	<p>The European Parliament (EP) elections that took place 6-9 June will have a major impact on the implementation of EU policies related to asylum and migration, notably the Pact (see Workshop 1), in the coming years.</p> <p>The first part of this workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the results of the elections and the composition of the new EP.</p> <p>Numerous civil society organisations (CSOs), including ECRE, implemented campaigns in 2023 and 2024 related to the EP elections.</p> <p>The second part of this workshop will provide an opportunity for some of them to reflect on the successes and shortcomings of their campaigns, and (possibly) consider strategies for the 2029 EP elections.</p> <p>Numerous civil society organisations (CSOs), including ECRE, are currently planning how they will engage with the new MEPs.</p> <p>The final part of this workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to share the activities that their organisations are planning in the short- and medium-terms, and (possibly) propose ideas for joint activities.</p>
Contact	<p>For more information about this workshop, please contact Ben Moore (ECRE).</p>

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