

LEGAL SUPPORT AND LITIGATION

- FIGHTING THE LEGAL BATTLE -

WHO WE ARE

ECRE's legal support and strategic litigation aims to **support** asylum seekers and refugees to **access their rights** through the courts and to **effect deeper legal changes** through litigation.



The European Legal Network on Asylum (ELENA) is a forum of **legal practitioners** promoting the **highest human rights standards** for the treatment of refugees, asylum seekers and other persons in need of international protection in their daily individual counselling.

The ELENA network extends **across most European states** and involves **some 500 lawyers and legal counsellors**. The network is coordinated by the Secretariat of ECRE in close consultation with the ELENA National Coordinators from 36 European countries

OUR MISSION

PROVIDE and **REINFORCE CONTACT** between legal practitioners in different European countries to **PROMOTE COOPERATION** on individual cases and practice;

facilitate the **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE** between legal practitioners across Europe;

promote the **DEVELOPMENT** of **NATIONAL NETWORKS** of legal practitioners specialising in asylum law;



STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION of national, European and international law relating to refugees



ORGANISE SEMINARS on specific topics relating to asylum and refugee law and **MAKE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE** to practising lawyers.



OUR ACTIVITIES

The ELENA Weekly Legal Update (EWLU)

The ELENA weekly legal updates (EWLU) aim to inform of recent developments in the field of asylum law.

The newsletter covers **judgments of the European Courts and domestic case law** as well as **asylum legal news** from across Europe.

The subscription is free and available on ECRE's website.



The European Database of Asylum Law (EDAL)

The website is an **online database** compiling **summaries of asylum case law** from the courts of 22 European states, the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

EDAL is an invaluable resource, frequently consulted and cited by courts and lawyers in Europe.



Strategic Litigation and Litigation Assistance

Every year over **100 legal queries** from lawyers working on individual cases are answered, with **advice on jurisprudence**, interpretation and argumentation provided.

Strategic litigation involves identifying and supporting legal cases which have the potential to generate significant legal changes at the national, European and international level.



The ELENA Index and the ELENA Courses

The Index provides **contact information** of lawyers and organisations providing legal support to refugees and asylum seekers in Europe.

ECRE facilitates regular introductory and advanced **ELENA training courses** on topics of International and European asylum law in different countries.



DO YOU HAVE A LEGAL QUERY OR YOU NEED SUPPORT WITH A CASE?

Please contact Julia Zelvenska (JZelvenska@ecre.org), the ELENA coordinator at ECRE Secretariat

OUR CONTACTS

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