

ECRE Annual General Conference 2025

Thursday 5 June 2025

Hotel Gromada, plac Powstańców Warszawy 2, 00-030 Warsaw, Poland

Agenda

08.30 – 09.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09.00-09.05	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sonja Tošković – Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights & Chair of ECRE Board
09.05 – 10.30 Plenary Room	Panel Discussion 1: Displacement from Ukraine: Where to now? <p>This panel will explore Europe's response to displacement from Ukraine three years since the full-scale invasion. Panellists will discuss what happens now, what has worked well and where improvements are needed.</p> <p>Guiding questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What options are available after the end of the current EU temporary protection regime? 2. What plans for assisted voluntary return can be developed, despite the uncertainties? 3. How can access to socio-economic rights be supported? Where is there good practice in the EU? 4. Can a collective European response be maintained? 5. What lessons can be learned from the EU response and applied both within Europe and elsewhere? <p>Moderator: Sadhia Rafi, Head of Strategic Litigation, Dutch Council for Refugees & Member of ECRE Board</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Świątosława Nykorowycz-Mendel – Country Director, Right to Protection Poland Eero Janson – Director, Estonian Refugee Council Magda Rychter – Deputy Director of the Department of International Affairs and Migration, Ministry of Interior and Administration Catherine Woollard – Director, European Council on Refugees and Exiles
10.30 – 11.00	Break

11.00 – 13.00	Workshops (See separate agendas) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Litigation relating to pushback cases and legal responses to “instrumentalisation” approaches (Organised by the Association for Legal Intervention (SIP)) 2. Implementation of the Pact: NGO opportunities – legal counselling, monitoring mechanisms, contingency plans and preparedness 3. EU migration partnerships with third countries: Update on recent developments – Case study: Egypt
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Workshops (See separate agendas) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Information and planning: ECRE’s legal support and litigation work 5. Reform of EU legal framework on return: Update and joint advocacy 6. Communicating our work: Strategic planning on ECRE’s external communications and exchange on ongoing and planned campaigns
16.00 – 16.30	Break
16.30 – 17.45 Plenary Room	Panel Discussion 2: The future of asylum in Europe: New challenges, new responses – How to survive the next five years? Panellists will share experience and recommendations for NGO strategies and how to remain effective, motivated and resilient in the face of new and old challenges, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Externalising and deterring: new and old ideas from states 2. Civil society action: strategies in the time of extremism 3. Funding cuts: impact and adaptation Moderator: Sonja Tošković – Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights & Chair of ECRE Board Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yagoub Kibeida – (Former) Executive Director, Mosaico – Action for Refugees • Minos Mouzourakis – Legal and Advocacy Officer, Refugee Support Aegean • Marianna Wartecka – Partnership and Advocacy Director & Board Member, Ocalenie Foundation
17.45 –	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonja Tošković – Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights & Chair of ECRE Board
18.00	End

The Annual General Conference will be followed by an **informal social event** 18.30-21.00 at ArtBistro Stalowa 52 (Address: Stalowa 52, 03-429 Warsaw).