



ECRE Annual General Conference 2025

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

Workshop Number: 4

Room: Jagoda

Time: 14.00 – 16.00

Title	Information and planning: ECRE's legal support and litigation work
Organiser	European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To present ECRE's approach to legal support and strategic litigation, including its key activities, objectives, and available resources.2. To reflect on current practices, needs and challenges in the use of litigation and legal support within the asylum context.3. To identify and discuss emerging opportunities and priorities for asylum-related litigation in Europe.
Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stavros Papageorgopoulos – Senior Legal Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexandros Konstantinou – Attorney, Greek Council for Refugees
Format	<p>This workshop will combine short presentations with open floor discussions, creating a space that is both informative and participatory.</p> <p>The format is designed to facilitate information flow and ensure that participants contribute to exploring and shaping shared understandings and priorities in the field of asylum-related litigation.</p> <p>This workshop is open to people who are not involved in litigation but are interested in understanding ECRE's approach and the role of litigation in civil society activities, as well as to people who are involved in litigation and wish to discuss new ideas for litigation.</p>

Description	<p>Litigation is a powerful tool for change, but one that is often difficult to define and even more challenging to implement effectively. This workshop will introduce participants to ECRE's work on litigation and legal support, providing both a strategic overview of the organisation's approach and a practical look at how this work unfolds in day-to-day practice.</p> <p>Participants will explore ECRE's litigation priorities, methodologies and recent initiatives. They will also hear directly from an ECRE member organisation that has worked closely with ECRE's Legal Support and Litigation team.</p> <p>The session will end with an open discussion space, offering participants the opportunity to ask questions, share current legal support needs – whether as litigating or non-litigating organisations – and engage in collective reflection on emerging areas for asylum-related litigation.</p> <p>The aim of this workshop is for all participants to come away with a clear understanding of the distinct but complementary roles played by litigation and non-litigation actors in advancing and protecting the rights of displaced persons in Europe. It should also lay the foundation for smoother and more effective communication and collaboration in the future, whenever and wherever it is needed.</p>
Contact	<p>For more information about this workshop, please contact Stavros Papageorgopoulos.</p>