Objective

This conference will provide asylum law practitioners with practical insight into the current challenges the Dublin system faces and new avenues for enhancing responsibility-sharing, solidarity and mutual trust among Member States while protecting the rights of persons in need of international protection. It will also analyse the recent case law of the European courts on asylum law and new policy and legislative developments.

Key topics

- Assessing the functioning of the Dublin system and identifying best practices in its implementation
- Complementing the Dublin system: recent developments regarding a new European emergency relocation mechanism (Art. 78(3) TFEU) and a new European resettlement scheme
- Eurodac, fingerprinting and development of the ‘Hotspot’ approach
- Reception conditions, detention of people in need of international protection and existing alternatives: a comparative overview
- Issues related to family reunification, dependent persons and (unaccompanied) minors
- Procedural safeguards and right to an effective remedy
- Update on recent policy and legislation developments in EU asylum law
- Recent case law of the CJEU and ECtHR in the area of asylum law

Who should attend?

Staff of government bodies and national asylum authorities, asylum lawyers and judges in national courts, NGOs.

Speakers

Roland Bank, Chief of the Legal Protection Department, UNHCR, Berlin
François Bienfait, Head of Centre for Training, Quality and Expertise, EASO, Malta
Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet, Senior Legal Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Brussels
Antonio Caiola, Head of Unit, Unit for Justice and Civil Liberties, Directorate for Legislative Affairs, European Parliament, Brussels
Cathryn Costello, Andrew W Mellon Associate Professor of International Human Rights and Refugee Law, Oxford University
Wolfgang Heusel, Director, Academy of European Law, Trier
Constantin Hruschka, Legal Protection Officer, Organisation suisse d’aide aux réfugiés (OSAR), Bern
Nuala Mole, Senior Lawyer, AIRE Centre, London
Flip Schüller, Partner, Prakken d’Oliveira, Amsterdam
Caroline Sheldon, Legal Advisor, Dublin Unit, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Nuremberg
Anne Soisson, Counsellor, Asylum and Migration, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union, Brussels
Thomas Straub, Registry Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights, formerly UNHCR Protection Officer, Strasbourg

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Thursday, 22 October 2015

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 Welcome
Karine Caunes

I. ENSURING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE DUBLIN SYSTEM: CURRENT CHALLENGES, TOOLS AND TRENDS
Chair: Karine Caunes

09:15 The Dublin system in practice: state of play and way forward
Antonio Caiola and Cathryn Costello
- Myths and facts about the Dublin system
- Complementary mechanisms: Hotspot approach and Eurodac fingerprinting; relocation and resettlement; Schengen and humanitarian visas
- Potential use of Art. 7 TEU mechanism
- Upcoming mid-term review of the Dublin regulation

10:00 Discussion

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 Supporting the implementation of the Dublin system: the contribution of EASO
François Bienfait
- Data collection and sharing: Quality Matrix process, Early warning and Preparedness data collection System (EPS) and Information and Documentation System (IDS)
- Capacity building: EASO Training Curriculum, operational support plans, joint processing pilots and Hotspot approach

11:15 Discussion

11:30 National implementation of the Dublin system: current challenges, best practices and potential solutions
Caroline Sheldon

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

II. GUARANTEEING THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF PROTECTION IN THE DUBLIN PROCESS
Chair: Constantin Hruschka

13:45 Mutual trust and fundamental rights protection in the Dublin system
Constantin Hruschka

14:15 Discussion

14:30 Procedural safeguards and right to an effective remedy
Flip Schüller

15:15 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Guarantees for minors, family units and dependent persons
Nuala Mole

16:45 Discussion

17:00 Reception conditions, detention and alternatives to detention: a comparative assessment
Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of the first day

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III. EUROPEAN ASYLUM LAW BETWEEN THE CJEU AND THE ECtHR: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
Chair: Karine Caunes

09:30 Recent case-law of the European Court of Human Rights
Thomas Straub

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Recent case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union
Roland Bank

11:45 Discussion

IV. POLICY UPDATE ON EU ASYLUM LAW
Chair: Wolfgang Heusel

12:15 Shaping the future of the Common European Asylum System: responsibility and solidarity. The contribution of the Luxembourg Presidency
Anne Soisson

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Light lunch and end of conference

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