



Seminar Programme

Training of Lawyers on European Law relating to Asylum and Immigration

Consejo General Abogacía Española, Paseo de Recoletos 13, 28004 Madrid

Monday, 10 October 2016

Moderator: Oriol Rusca, Vice-President of the Spanish Bar and Dean of the Barcelona Bar

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome address**

*Victoria Ortega, President of the Spanish Bar
Oriol Rusca, Vice-President of the Spanish Bar*

09:15 – 09:30 **Introduction to the seminar**

Alonso Hernández-Pinzón, Managing Director, European Lawyers Foundation

09:30 – 10:15 **Opening speech**

— The European Union's response to the recent "refugee crisis": the legal instruments in practice
Aggeliki Nikolopoulou, Greek Lawyer, Member of the Organisation ARSIS

10:15 – 11:00 **Keynote speech**

— An overview of the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers in Europe
Noemí Alarcón Velasco, Vice-Chair of the CCBE Migration Committee

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 **Panel discussion**

— Legal framework applicable to asylum and immigration in Spain, Italy, Greece and Ireland: practical implementation of European regulations, national provisions and best practices
Noemí Alarcón Velasco (Spain), Alessio Sangiorgi (Italy), Aggeliki Nikolopoulou (Greece) and Hilikka Becker (Ireland)

12:30 – 13:00 **Q&A session**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch



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14:00 – 15:30 **Workshop I**
The European Union legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
Hilkka Becker, Irish Solicitor, Member of the Refugee Appeals Tribunal

Workshop II
The Council of Europe legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
Alessio Sangiorgi, Italian Lawyer, Member of the Association of Lawyers "Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani"

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 **Workshop I**
The Council of Europe legal system regulating asylum and immigration: instruments and case law
Alessio Sangiorgi

Workshop II
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09:00 – 09:30 **Plenary Session**

- Presentation of the outcome of workshops
Alessio Sangiorgi and Hilkka Becker

09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote speech**

- Lawyers on the ground: procedural safeguards and legal assistance to immigrants and asylum seekers in European countries (asylum procedures, detention, expulsions, removals and pushbacks)
Juan Carlos Arnaiz, Protection Officer of the UNHCR Spain

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 **Closing speech**

- Future challenges in immigration and asylum policies: Admission of immigrants or a "Fortress Europe"?
Aggeliki Nikolopoulou

12:00 – 13:00 **Final discussion**

- Exchange of ideas for further initiatives and cooperation between partners in issues relating to asylum and immigration
Juan Carlos Arnaiz, Alessio Sangiorgi, Aggeliki Nikolopoulou and Hilkka Becker



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