



DRAFT PROGRAMME

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**The Third Reform of the
Common European Asylum System
- Up for the Challenge -**

Tuesday, 28 February 2017, 9.00 to 12.30 and 14.00 to 18.00

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: Jozsef Antall (JAN) 6Q2

Order of business

9h00 - 9h10 **Opening remarks** by **Claude MORAES**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

FIRST SESSION

Challenges related to the Common European Asylum System

Chaired by Claude MORAES, LIBE Committee Chair

9.10 - 10.30

9h10 - 9h20 Statement by **Hon. Carmelo ABELA**, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security, Maltese Presidency of the Council

9h20 - 9h30 Intervention by **Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS**, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship

9h30 - 10h25 Debate with representatives of **NPs and EP**

10h25 - 10h30 Conclusions by **Claude MORAES**, LIBE Committee Chair

SECOND SESSION

Ensuring access to asylum and fair distribution of asylum seekers in the EU

Chaired by Cecilia WIKSTRÖM

10.30 - 11.30

10h30 - 10h40 Contribution by **Sophie MAGENNIS**, UNHCR Bureau for Europe on ensuring access to asylum and fair distribution in the EU: rebuilding trust through better management, partnership and solidarity

10h40 - 10h50 Contribution by **Daphné BOUTELLET-PAQUET**, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) on the use of an automated system for crisis relocation

10h50-11h00 Contribution by **Anastasia CHRISTODOULOPOULOU**, 3rd Vice President of the Hellenic Parliament and member of the Greek Delegation in Parliamentary Assembly of CoE

11h00 - 11h25 Debate with representatives of **NPs and EP**

11h25 - 11h30 Conclusions by **Cecilia WIKSTRÖM**

THIRD SESSION

The safe countries of origin and the safe third country concept

- Experiences from the Member States -

Chaired by Jean LAMBERT

11.30 - 12.30

- 11h30 - 11h45 Presentation by **Adriano SILVESTRI**, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) on the safe country of origin concept and different national approaches
- 11h45 - 12h05 Contribution by two national Parliaments' representatives
- 12h05 - 12h25 Debate with representatives of **NPs and EP**
- 12h25 - 12h30 Conclusions by **Jean LAMBERT**
- 12h30 - 14h00 Lunch break**

3 parallel Workshops

14.00 - 15.20

rooms JAN 6Q2, ASP5E2 and ASP1E2

- 1) Prevention of trafficking in human beings - chaired by Cornelia ERNST, MEP. Speaker: **Zoi SAKELLIADOU**, office of the European Anti-Trafficking Coordinator (room JAN 6Q2)
- 2) Administrative Cooperation between Member States authorities under Dublin: what works? - chaired by Jeroen LENAERS, MEP. Speakers: **Patricia VAN DE PEER**, Head of Asylum Support Department, EASO, and **Jessica Nilsson-Hälje**, Swedish Migration Agency, Department of Operation, Dublin Unit (room ASP 5E2)
- 3) Legal assistance and alternatives to detention during the asylum procedure: Exchange of good practices from Member States - chaired by Birgit SIPPEL, MEP. Speakers: **Christian MOMMERS**, Advisor, office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe (CoE) and **David Conlan SMYTH**, President of the Committee on Migration, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) (room ASP 1E2)

Agenda of each Workshop

Introduction by the Chair/Co-Chair (5 minutes)

Inputs from experts/ NPs (20 minutes)

Discussion (50 minutes)

Closure by the Chair/Co-chairs (5 minutes)

15.20 - 15.45 Break

FOURTH SESSION

Protection of children in migration

- Experts' and Member States' contributions -

Chaired by **Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT**

15.45 - 17.05

- 15h45 - 15h55 Contribution by **Vicenzo BIANCO**, Mayor of Catania and rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions on the Reform of the Common European Asylum System
- 15h55 - 16h05 Contribution on the German approach to the protection of children arriving in the EU, by **Martina ERB-KLÜNEMANN**, Judge at the District Court Hamm and member of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (EJN)
- 16h05 - 16h15 Contribution by **Gerard Frans Martin VERSTEGEN**, General Manager of the NIDOS Foundation (Dutch guardianship organisation for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers)
- 16h15-16h25 Contribution by **Omid MAHMOUDI**, Founder, Ensamkommandes Förbund (Swedish Organisation for Unaccompanied Minors)
- 16h25- 17h00 Debate with representatives of **NP and EP**
- 17h00 - 17h05 Conclusions by **Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT**

CLOSING SESSION

Chaired by **Claude MORAES**, LIBE Committee Chair

17.05 - 18.00

- 17h05 - 17h25 Recommendations from the Workshops by the Chairs of the Workshops
- 17h25 - 17h55 "**We welcome young refugees**" - Voices from the Kraainem Football Club's integration initiative
- 17h55 - 18h00 Closing remarks by **Claude MORAES**, LIBE Committee Chair and Chair of the MT Parliament counterpart Committee

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

- *During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time of speakers will be limited to **ten minutes** and speaking time of other participants to **two minutes** per contribution or question.*
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