

# ECRE ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

## 12-14 OCTOBER 2011

### DRAFT AGENDA

20 September

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#### WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

12:00 -12:30 *Registration*

12:30 -12:45 Introduction and Welcome  
*Mr. Andreas Kamm, ECRE Chair*

12:45-13:00 Seeking asylum in Malta  
*Mr. Friggieri, Refugee Commissioner, Malta*

13:00 -13:15 Detention in Malta  
*Jesuit Refugee Service, Malta*

13:15 -15:00 Visit to an Open Centre/Detention Centre  
Screening of *Suspended Lives* by JRS Malta

15:00 -15:30 *Coffee*

15:30 -16:00 Keynote Speech: Overview of the Situation in North Africa  
*Dr. Tahar Cheniti, Secretary General, Tunisian Red Crescent*

16:00 -16:30 Reflections on the EU's Response to the Arab Spring  
*Ms. Helene Bourgade, Head of Unit, Employment, Social Inclusion and Migration, DG for Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid, European Commission*

16:30 -17:00 Consequences of the Arab Spring for UNHCR  
*Mr. Yacoub El Hillo, UNHCR Director for the Middle East and North Africa*

17:00 -18:00 Panel Discussion on the Arab Spring  
*Moderator: Christopher Hein, Director, Italian Refugee Council*

20:00 *Welcome reception & BBQ*

#### THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

9:15 -10:00 Keynote Speech: The Media's Impact on Public Opinion surrounding Refugees and Asylum Seekers  
*Ms. Milica Pesic, Executive Director, Media Diversity Institute*

10:00 -10:30 European Umbrella March  
*Ms. Louise Carr, Executive Assistant/Membership Officer, ECRE*

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee*

11:00 -12:30 Workshop Sessions:

- Detention in Europe – *Dr. Katrine Camilleri, Jesuit Refugee Service Malta*
- Open Core Group on External Dimension of Asylum – *Dr. Aspasia Papadopoulou, Senior Advocacy Officer, ECRE*
- Statelessness – *Mr. Chris Nash, Senior Legal Researcher, Asylum Aid and Gabor Gyulai, Programme Coordinator, Hungarian Helsinki Committee*

12:30 -13:00 Plenary Discussion on Workshops

13:00 -14:15 *Lunch*

14:15 - 15:00 Keynote Speech: EASO's role in Securing a Common European Asylum System  
*European Asylum Support Office*

15:00 -15:30 Keynote speech: The Role of the Council of Europe to Safeguard the Right to Protection  
*Christos Giakoumopoulos Director of Directorate of Monitoring, Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe*

15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee*

16:00 - 17:30 Workshop Sessions:

- The Future of EU Funding in the field of Asylum and Migration – *Mr. Laurent Aldenhoff, Fundraising Officer , ECRE*
- Open Core Group on Integration – *Ms. Anne Bathily, Protect Officer , ECRE*
- Protecting torture victims through early recognition - *Erick Vloeberghs, International Affairs, Pharos and Helene de Rengervé, Head of IRCT Brussels office*
- Social Media and online Advocacy – *Mr. Jan Brulc, Communications Officer, Migrants' Rights Network*

17:30 -18:00 Plenary Discussion on Workshops

20:00 *Social evening*

## **FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER**

9:15 - 10:45 Report and Activities and Impact 2010/2011  
Financial Report  
Discussion of Membership fees  
*Mr. Allan Leas, Acting Secretary General*

10:45 - 11:15 *Coffee*

11:30 - 12:15 Elections to the Board  
Priorities 2012  
*Mr. Allan Leas, Acting Secretary General*

12:15 -13:45 Presentation of Projects by Members

13:45 - 14:00 Closing Speech

14:00 - 15:00 *Lunch*