



Exploring new forms of access to asylum procedures – E.T. Entering the Territory

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EXPLORING AVENUES FOR PROTECTED ENTRY IN EUROPE

19 September 2011

Hotel Renaissance, Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels

08.45 – 09.15 Registration

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome note

Obstacles of access to protection in Europe

Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament

Facilitator Christopher Hein, Director, CIR

09.30 – 09.50 **The legal framework for access to protection at international and European level**

Dr Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, DIIS

09.50 – 11.00 **PANEL SESSION: Exploring the notion and potential of protected entry mechanisms to Europe**

(Moderator: Aspasia Papadopoulou, ECRE)

Professor Gregor Noll, University of Lund

Muriel Guin, European Commission DG HOME, Asylum Unit (tbc)

Emilie Wiinblad, UNHCR

11.00 – 11.20 COFFEE BREAK

11.20 – 11.40 **The relation between protected entry mechanisms and resettlement**

Johannes van Gemund, UNHCR

11.40 – 13.00 **PANEL SESSION: National mechanisms of access to protection from outside Europe: state of the art and perspectives**

(Moderator: Maria de Donato, CIR)

Switzerland: *Susanne Christine Bolz, OSAR*

Austria: *Anny Knapp, ASYLKOORDINATION*

Denmark: *Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, DIIS*

Italy: *Matteo Mecacci, President of the General Committee on Human Rights, Democracy and Humanitarian Questions - OSCE*



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13.00 – 13.15 **Morning session conclusions**
Allan Leas, Acting Secretary General, ECRE

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14.00 – 16.00 **Working Groups on complementary forms of access to protection**

GROUP 1 – Practical aspects: PEP mechanisms, types of visas, embassy capacities, etc
(Rapporteur: *Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax, University of Oxford*)

GROUP 2 – Legal aspects: fundamental rights and procedural guarantees, relations to the current EU asylum framework
(Rapporteur: *Professor Gregor Noll, University of Lund*)

16.00 – 16.20 COFFEE BREAK

16.20 – 16.45 **Reporting back to plenary**
(*Rapporteurs + Christopher Hein*)

16.45 – 17.00 **Concluding remarks**
Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Home Affairs

