

Objective

The objective of this year's Annual Conference on EU Migration Law is to provide an overview of the latest legislative initiatives, policy developments and case law in this field with a particular focus on issues of practical cooperation and responsibility-sharing.

Key topics

- Latest developments concerning the Dublin system
- Recent jurisprudence of the ECHR & ECJ in the area of migration law:
 - *MSS v. Belgium & Greece*
 - The impact of the ruling domestically and from a refugee law judge's perspective
- Responsibility sharing:
 - Practical considerations e.g. potential for cost-sharing
 - The role of responsibility sharing within the Common European Asylum System
- Practical cooperation mechanisms:
The role of the newly-established EASO

Who should attend?

This conference is aimed principally at migration lawyers and judges of national courts, staff of national asylum authorities and NGOs.

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Eamonn Cahill, Judge, Irish Refugee Appeals Tribunal, Dublin/ President, International Association of Refugee Law Judges - European Chapter

Cathryn Costello, Fellow of Worcester College, University of Oxford

Neil Falzon, Human Rights Lawyer, Valletta

James Hamilton, Director of Public Prosecutions, Dublin

Maria Jesús Herrera, Chief of Mission, IOM Mission, Madrid

Loukia Kotroni, Legal Advisor, Directorate of JHA and Schengen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Kris Pollet, Senior Legal and Policy Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles, Brussels

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John Stanley, Barrister, Law Library, Dublin

Eiko Thielemann, Senior Lecturer in European Politics and Policy, Department of Government and European Institute, London School of Economics

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EU MIGRATION LAW 2011

- RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LEGISLATION AND CASE-LAW
- FOCUS ON PRACTICAL COOPERATION MECHANISMS AND RESPONSIBILITY-SHARING

Dublin, 9 December 2011
Coach House, Dublin Castle,
Dublin 2, Ireland





Friday, 9 December 2011

08:00 Arrival and registration of participants

08:45 Welcome
Killian O'Brien

I **The Dublin regulations: prospects for a system under pressure?**
Chair: James Hamilton

09:00 **Setting the scene: the Dublin system and the Stockholm programme – progress made and future challenges**
Cathryn Costello

09:30 **EASO: first steps**
Robert Visser

10:00 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

II **The impact of the ECHR on developments in national asylum procedures**
Chair: Karen Whiting

11:00 **Recent jurisprudence of the ECHR and ECJ and its implications for the Dublin system**
Flip Schüller
Comment: John Stanley

11.45 Discussion

12.00 **State of play in the Greek asylum system**
Loukia Kotroni

12:30 **The aftermath of MSS: Consequences for judicial procedure before national courts**

13.00 Discussion

13:30 Lunch

III **Responsibility-sharing as a solution to current difficulties**
Chair: Jonathan Tomkin

14:30 **Key findings of the European Parliament study on a system of burden-sharing between Member States for the reception of asylum seekers**
Eiko Thielemann

15:00 **The role of responsibility-sharing in building a CEAS**
Kris Pollet

15:30 Discussion

16:00 Tea

IV **EASO and practical cooperation mechanisms**
Chair: Maria Jesús Herrera

16:30 **The future of practical cooperation – challenges and perspectives**
Neil Falzon

17:00 **Panel discussion: The fledgling EASO – One step closer to realising a Common European Asylum System?**
Wilfried Buchhorn
Comments: Robert Visser, Cathryn Costello, Neil Falzon

18:00 End of the conference

Save the date for 2012:

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Vilnius, 22-23 March 2012

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