



Irish Centre
for European Law

Annual Asylum and Immigration Conference

Conference Programme

Friday 26 June 2026

2-5pm

Richmond Education and Event Centre, Smithfield, Dublin.
(and streamed live online)

1:30 - 14:00

Registration and Coffee

14:00 – 14.10

Opening Remarks

The Hon. Mr Justice Anthony M. Collins

14:10 – 14.40

Key Note Address

Professor Cathryn Costello, Full Professor of Global Refugee and Migration Law at the Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin

Implementing the EU Migration and Asylum Pact: practices vs, principles

14:40 - 15:00

Questions and discussion

15:00 - 15:15

Afternoon Coffee Break

15:15- 16:30

Panel: Key Changes arising from The International Protection Act 2026

Moderator – Hilka Becker, Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal

Sarah Cooney BL, Law Library

Border Procedures, Restrictions of Freedom of Movement and Detention

Catherine Cosgrave, Immigrant Council of Ireland

Implications of the Family Reunification amendments

David Leonard BL, Law Library

The View from Brussels: the DPC Perspective

Stephen Collins, Senior Solicitor, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

A Human Rights' Perspective: A diminution in overall fair procedures and rights?

16:30- 16:50

Questions and discussion

16:50 - 17:00

Closing Remarks

Hilka Becker, Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal

17:00

Conclusion
