

## **ADDRESSING STATELESSNESS IN EUROPE**

KICK-OFF SEMINAR OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK ON STATELESSNESS EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTRE BUDAPEST, 19-21 NOVEMBER 2012

	19 November - Conceptual framework, understan	ding the phenomenon	
9.00-9.45	Welcome, opening remarks		
9.45-10.30	Introduction of participants		
10.30-11.00	Coffee break		
11.00-12.30	Discovering nationality (its role, doctrines, regulations, gaps between law and practice, EU citizenship)	Laura van Waas, Tilburg University / ENS	
12.30-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-15.30	Discovering statelessness (concepts, definition, UNHCR guidance, jurisprudence including de facto statelessness and at risk of statelessness, migratory-in situ dichotomy)	Mark Manly, UNHCR and Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee / ENS	
15.30-16.00	Coffee break		
16.00-16.30	Stateless populations around the world and in Europe	Sebastian Köhn, Open Society Justice Initiative / ENS	
16.30-17.30	Parallel workshops:		
	Mapping statelessness – the experience of the UK and the Netherlands	Chris Nash, Asylum Aid / ENS and Laura van Waas, Tilburg University / ENS	
	Discrimination and statelessness – the Roma in the Western Balkans	Ivanka Kostić, Praxis / ENS	
	Measuring and improving the quality of statelessness determination procedures	Alajos Lángi, UNHCR / Hungarian Helsinki Committee	
	20 November - Concrete legal issues and	d obligations	
9.00-10.30	Prevention of statelessness	Prof. Gerard-René de Groot, Maastricht University	
10.30-11.00	Coffee break		
11.00-11.45	Statelessness determination – main principles and challenges	Mark Manly, UNHCR	
11.45-13.00	Protection of stateless persons (protection status, protection framework, advocacy considerations) and statelessness determination in practice	Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee / ENS	
13.00-14.15	Lunch		
14.15-15.30	Parallel workshops:		
	Statelessness and forced migration in the European asylum framework	Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee / ENS	
	Litigating statelessness before international courts and human rights bodies	Sebastian Köhn, Open Society Justice Initiative / ENS	
	Reduction of statelessness	Laura van Waas, Tilburg University / ENS	
15.30-16.00	Coffee break		
15.50 10.00		Working groups (part 1): Main gaps in legislation, challenges, populations, on-going initiatives and stakeholders at the national/regional level	
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21 November - Taking action			
9.00-9.30	The ENS (history, structure and objectives etc.)	Chris Nash, Asylum Aid / ENS	
9.30-10.30	Statelessness stakeholders – UNHCR, Council of Europe and others	Françoise Kempf, Council of Europe and Inge Sturkenboom, UNHCR	
10.30-11.00	Coffee break		
11.00-12.45	Working groups (part 2): activity planning		
12.45-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-15.00	Reporting back to the plenary		
15.00-15.30	Summarising and clarifying the action plan (in the plenary)	Chris Nash, Asylum Aid / ENS and Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee / ENS	
15.30-16.00	Closing, evaluation		



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- More information about the venue: <a href="http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/eycb/default\_EN.asp">http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/eycb/default\_EN.asp</a>