

European Network on Statelessness Conference

## “None of Europe’s Children Should be Stateless”

European Youth Centre, Budapest, 2-3 June 2015



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*Provisional Programme (summary)*

### Tuesday 2 June

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 11.00	Setting the agenda: Ending childhood statelessness in Europe
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	Framing children’s right to a nationality in Europe
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Ending statelessness for children born in Europe
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 18.00	Taking action against childhood statelessness

### Wednesday 3 June

9.00 – 10.30	Choice of two parallel sessions
<i>Session A:</i>	<i>Reducing (the risk of) statelessness through promoting birth registration</i>
<i>Session B:</i>	<i>Tackling childhood statelessness in the post state-succession context</i>
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 – 12.00	Ending childhood statelessness in Europe: Debating the way forward
12.00	Conference close

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The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion is an expert partner for the ENS campaign “None of Europe’s Children Should be Stateless”.*

## Tuesday 2 June

**8.30 – 9.00**            **Registration**

**9.00 – 11.00**            **Setting the agenda: ending childhood statelessness in Europe**

Chris Nash, Director of the European Network on Statelessness – *“The ENS campaign None of Europe’s children should be stateless”*

Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Vincent Cochetel, Director of the UNHCR Europe Bureau – *“UNHCR 10-year campaign to end statelessness and its relevance to ending childhood statelessness in Europe”*

Jean Lambert MEP – *“The role of the European Union with regard to upholding children’s rights and the entitlement to a nationality”*

Member of Committee on the rights of the child – *“Children’s right to a nationality”* (tbc)

**11.00 – 11.30**            **Coffee break**

**11.30 – 13.00**            **Framing children’s right to a nationality in Europe**

*Introduced and moderated by Professor Rene de Groot, Maastricht University*

Katja Swider and Caia Vlieks (Amsterdam / Tilburg University) – *“Ensuring the right of a child to acquire a nationality in Europe: problems and possibilities presented by European legal instruments”*

Adam Weiss, European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) – *“Litigating childhood statelessness in European courts”*

Elena Rozzi, Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI) – *“Reducing childhood statelessness through paralegal projects: the experience in Italy”*

Carolina Marin, Independent researcher – *“Identifying challenges and good practices relating to children’s right to a nationality at a national level: the example of Romania”*

**13.00 – 14.00**            **Lunch**

## **14.00 – 15.30**      **Ending statelessness for children born in Europe**

*Introduced and moderated by Inge Sturkenboom, UNHCR*

Laura van Waas, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion – *“A comparative study of the integration of the ‘article 1(1) safeguard in European law and practice”*

Daniela Maccioni, Italian Refugee Council (CIR) – *“Safeguarding the right to nationality for children born in Italy”*

Raimonda Bozo, Tirana Legal Aid Society (TLAS) – *“Safeguarding the right to nationality for children born in Albania”*

Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee (HHC) – *“Preventing statelessness among refugee children: The experience in Hungary and other perspectives”*

## **15.30 – 16.00**      **Coffee break**

## **16.00 – 18.00**      **Taking action against childhood statelessness**

*Introduced and moderated by Chris Nash, European Network on Statelessness*

Beryl Jean Buttigieg (Maltese Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity) – *“A government perspective on tackling childhood statelessness”*

Robert Sepi, Serbian Deputy Ombudsman – *“A tripartite approach to tackling statelessness in Serbia”*

UNICEF – *“The campaign for Universal Birth Registration: lessons on child rights engagement”* (tbc)

Council of Europe representative – *“Council of Europe contribution to standard setting on children’s right to nationality”* (tbc)

Dorota Pudzianowska, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights / Warsaw University – *“Researching childhood statelessness: the experience in Poland”*

Zoe Gardner, Asylum Aid – *“Social media as a tool for mobilisation against childhood statelessness”*

## Wednesday 3 June

**9.00 – 10.30**            **Choice of two parallel sessions**

### **Session A: Reducing (the risk of) statelessness through promoting birth registration**

*Introduced and moderated by UNICEF (tbc)*

Lilana Keith, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) –  
*“Undocumented migrants, birth registration and the right to nationality”*

Milena Isakovic Suni, Independent researcher – *“Comparing approaches to combatting statelessness in Albania and Serbia”*

Martina Smilevska, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA) – *“Birth registration and access to nationality for children in Macedonia”*

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon, the Peace Institute – *“Birth registration and access to nationality for children in Slovenia”*

### **Session B: Tackling childhood statelessness in the post state-succession context**

*Introduced and moderated by Adrian Berry, Garden Court Chambers*

Monika Ganczer, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Sciences – *“Protection of children in cases of state succession”*

Khrystyna Kolesen, Independent researcher – *“Tackling childhood statelessness in Ukraine”*

Svetlana Djackova, Latvian Centre for Human Rights (LCHR) – *“Prevention and reduction of childhood statelessness in Latvia”*

Aleksei Semjonov, Legal Information Centre for Human Rights (LICHR) – *“Prevention and reduction of childhood statelessness in Estonia”*

**10.30 – 10.45**            **Coffee break**

**10.45 – 12.00**            **Ending childhood statelessness in Europe: debating the way forward**

*Discussion with a panel of experts (tbc) and presentation/adoption of an action plan to guide the direction of future work aimed at ending childhood statelessness*

**12.00**                      **Conference close**

## Registration Form – ENS Conference “None of Europe’s Children Should be Stateless”

To apply for a conference place please complete and email this registration form to Jessica Cunliffe [info@statelessness.eu](mailto:info@statelessness.eu) by no later than **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015**.

There is no conference fee although participants are expected to fund their own travel, accommodation and subsistence costs – see this [practical information sheet](#) for further advice on this. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as well as drinks/light refreshments at a conference welcome reception on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 18.30 (further details and speaker information to follow).

Due to limited places it is recommended to apply as early as possible. Equally, applicants are advised not to book any accommodation or travel until their place is confirmed (this will be done as soon as possible).

Depending on the volume of applications, it may be necessary to limit places to one person per organization although discretion will be applied in this regard. Please email [info@statelessness.eu](mailto:info@statelessness.eu) if you have any related or further questions about the conference.

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**Name:**

**Organization:**

**Job title:**

**Email address and phone number:**

**Dietary requirements (if applicable):**

**Which of the Wednesday 3 June sessions do you plan to attend (please tick)?**

Session A

Session B

**What is your motivation to attend this conference (max 200 words)?**