



**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**The Third Reform of the  
Common European Asylum System  
- Up for the Challenge -**

**Tuesday, 28 February 2017, 9.00 to 12.30 and 14.00 to 18.00**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

**Room: Jozsef Antall (JAN) 6Q2**

## Order of business

9h00 - 9h10      **Opening remarks** by **Claude MORAES**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

### FIRST SESSION

#### **Challenges related to the Common European Asylum System**

**Chaired by Claude MORAES, LIBE Committee Chair**

**9.10 - 10.30**

9h10 - 9h20      Statement by **Hon. Carmelo ABELA**, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security, Maltese Presidency of the Council

9h20 - 9h30      Intervention by **Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS**, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship

9h30 - 10h25      Debate with representatives of **NPs and EP**

10h25 - 10h30      Conclusions by **Claude MORAES**, LIBE Committee Chair

### SECOND SESSION

#### **Ensuring access to asylum and fair distribution of asylum seekers in the EU**

**Chaired by Cecilia WIKSTRÖM**

**10.30 - 11.30**

10h30 - 10h40      Contribution by **Sophie MAGENNIS**, UNHCR Bureau for Europe on ensuring access to asylum and fair distribution in the EU: rebuilding trust through better management, partnership and solidarity

10h40 - 10h50      Contribution by **Daphné BOUTELLET-PAQUET**, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) on the use of an automated system for crisis relocation

10h50-11h00      Contribution by **Anastasia CHRISTODOULOPOULOU**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Hellenic Parliament and member of the Greek Delegation in Parliamentary Assembly of CoE

11h00 - 11h25      Debate with representatives of **NPs and EP**

11h25 - 11h30      Conclusions by **Cecilia WIKSTRÖM**

### THIRD SESSION

#### The safe countries of origin and the safe third country concept

- Experiences from the Member States -

Chaired by Jean LAMBERT

11.30 - 12.30

- 11h30 - 11h45 Presentation by **Adriano SILVESTRI**, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) on the safe country of origin concept and different national approaches
- 11h45 - 12h05 Contribution by two national Parliaments' representatives
- 12h05 - 12h25 Debate with representatives of **NPs and EP**
- 12h25 - 12h30 Conclusions by **Jean LAMBERT**
- 12h30 - 14h00 Lunch break**

#### 3 parallel Workshops

14.00 - 15.20

rooms JAN 6Q2, ASP5E2 and ASP1E2

- 1) Prevention of trafficking in human beings - chaired by Cornelia ERNST, MEP. Speaker: **Zoi SAKELLIADOU**, office of the European Anti-Trafficking Coordinator (room JAN 6Q2)
- 2) Administrative Cooperation between Member States authorities under Dublin: what works? - chaired by Jeroen LENAERS, MEP. Speakers: **Patricia VAN DE PEER**, Head of Asylum Support Department, EASO, and **Jessica Nilsson-Hälje**, Swedish Migration Agency, Department of Operation, Dublin Unit (room ASP 5E2)
- 3) Legal assistance and alternatives to detention during the asylum procedure: Exchange of good practices from Member States - chaired by Birgit SIPPEL, MEP. Speakers: **Christian MOMMERS**, Advisor, office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe (CoE) and **David Conlan SMYTH**, President of the Committee on Migration, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) (room ASP 1E2)

#### Agenda of each Workshop

Introduction by the Chair/Co-Chair (5 minutes)

Inputs from experts/ NPs (20 minutes)

Discussion (50 minutes)

Closure by the Chair/Co-chairs (5 minutes)

**15.20 - 15.45 Break**

#### **FOURTH SESSION**

##### **Protection of children in migration**

**- Experts' and Member States' contributions -**

**Chaired by Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT**

**15.45 - 17.05**

- 15h45 - 15h55 Contribution by **Vicenzo BIANCO**, Mayor of Catania and rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions on the Reform of the Common European Asylum System
- 15h55 - 16h05 Contribution on the German approach to the protection of children arriving in the EU, by **Martina ERB-KLÜNEMANN**, Judge at the District Court Hamm and member of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (EJN)
- 16h05 - 16h15 Contribution by **Gerard Frans Martin VERSTEGEN**, General Manager of the NIDOS Foundation (Dutch guardianship organisation for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers)
- 16h15-16h25 Contribution by **Omid MAHMOUDI**, Founder, Ensamkommandes Förbund (Swedish Organisation for Unaccompanied Minors)
- 16h25- 17h00 Debate with representatives of **NP and EP**
- 17h00 - 17h05 Conclusions by **Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT**

#### **CLOSING SESSION**

**Chaired by Claude MORAES, LIBE Committee Chair**

**17.05 - 18.00**

- 17h05 - 17h25 Recommendations from the Workshops by the Chairs of the Workshops
- 17h25 - 17h55 **"We welcome young refugees"** - Voices from the Kraainem Football Club's integration initiative
- 17h55 - 18h00 Closing remarks by **Claude MORAES**, LIBE Committee Chair and Chair of the MT Parliament counterpart Committee

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- *During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time of speakers will be limited to **ten minutes** and speaking time of other participants to **two minutes** per contribution or question.*
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