

# European Borders: Access to protection? Bridges not walls

## European Conference

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**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**9.00 - 16.30**

Residence Palace (Polak Room)  
Rue Royal 146, 1000 Brussels – Belgium

### Draft Agenda

9.00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

9.15 *Opening Remarks*

Sarah Sommer, European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM)

Christopher Hein, Director, Italian Council for Refugees (CIR)

#### SESSION I – SAFE ARRIVAL AT EUROPEAN BORDERS

9.30 *Migration and asylum policies under the Italian European Presidency and beyond*

Domenico Manzione, Undersecretary to the Italian Prime Minister (\*)

10.00 *“Mare Nostrum” Operation*

Filippo Maria Foffi, Squadron Admiral, Commander in Charge of the Italian Naval Squadron

10.30 *Round Table: Borders, asylum, human rights: challenges and perspectives*

Moderator: Kris Pollet, Senior Legal & Policy Officer, ECRE

Speakers:

Tineke Strik, rapporteur for the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe

Vincent Cochetel, Director, Bureau for EU, UNHCR (\*)

Micheal Diedring, Secretary General, ECRE

Klaus Rösler, Director Operations Division, FRONTEX

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, FRA

Robert K. Visser, Executive Director of European Asylum Support Office, EASO (\*)

12.30 *Video “Access to Protection: a Human right”*

12.45 *Lunch break*

SESSION II – PRINCIPLES AND NATIONAL REALITIES

- 14.00 *Hirsi Jamaa and Others vs Italy, ECtHR Grand Chamber Judgement*  
Pinto De Albuquerque, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
- 14.15 *The research “Access to Protection: a human right”*  
Maria de Donato, Head of the Legal Department, CIR
- 14.30 *Round Table: Key Findings and challenges in partner countries*  
Moderator: Christopher Hein, Director, CIR  
Speakers:  
Elena Munoz, Spanish Council for Refugees (CEAR) – SPAIN  
Gruša Matevžič, Hungarian Helsinki Committee (HHC) - HUNGARY  
Daniela Di Rado, Italian Council for Refugees (CIR) - ITALY  
Spyros Koulocheris, Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) - GREECE  
Jean-Pierre Gauci, The People for Change Foundation – MALTA  
Marei Pelzer, Pro-Asyl Foundation – GERMANY  
Joao Vasconcelos, Portuguese Council for Refugees - PORTUGAL
- 15.45 *Debate*
- 16.15 *Conclusive remarks*  
Martin Schulz, President, European Parliament (\*)  
Stephen Augustine Ryan, Deputy, DG Home, European Commission

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