

Regional seminar on the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) and Asylum for legal professionals in the Western Balkans

5 October 2016
Law Faculty, University of Belgrade
Conference Hall

Agenda

- 13:45 – 14:00 *Arrival and registration of participants – administrative matters*
- 14:00 – 14:20 **Welcoming address**
Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department, Council of Europe
- 14:20 – 14:35 **The European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP): an introduction**
Ms Natacha De Roeck, Head of HELP Unit, Council of Europe
- 14:35 – 15:20 **Overview of the current situation of asylum in the region**
Ms. Olga Kim, Senior Regional Protection Officer, Regional Office South Eastern Europe, UNHCR.
- 15:20 – 15:30 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 – 16:15 **The implementation of the ECHR in the context of the current refugee situation: the role of legal professionals**
Ms Biljana Braithwaite, Programme Manager for the Western Balkans, the AIRE Centre
- 16:15 – 17:00 **The main relevant ECHR standards on asylum: a UNHCR's perspective**
Mr Samuel Boutruche, Judicial Engagement Coordinator, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
- 17:00 – 17:45 **Litigating asylum cases before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR): a practical approach**
Mr Flip Schüller, Immigration and asylum lawyer, member of the HELP Working Group ECHR and Asylum
- 17:45 – 18:00 *Coffee break*

**Launching of the HELP/UNCHR Course on the ECHR and Asylum in Serbia
(for selected participants in the course)**

- 18:00 – 18:15 **The HELP/UNHCR course on the ECHR and Asylum: an introduction**
Ms Natacha De Roeck, Head of HELP Unit, Council of Europe
Ms. Valentina Boz, Project Coordinator, HELP in the Western Balkans and
Turkey, HELP Unit, CoE Office in Belgrade
- 18:15 – 18:30 **The ECtHR case law in the HELP/UNHCR Course in the light of the
current refugee situation in the region**
Mr Samuel Boutruche, Judicial Engagement Coordinator, Bureau for
Europe, UNHCR
- 18:30 – 19:00 **The implementation of the course for Serbian participants:
presentation of the tutor, learning objectives, needs assessment,
practical aspects and discussion**
Ms Ivana Krstic, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Belgrade