

## THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



### **FAIR PLUS Project**

*International roundtable for Italian, Greek, Czech and Irish Judges and Lawyers*

**28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Brussels and Online**

Meeting Venue:

Square Meeting Centre  
2 Rue Ravenstein, 1000-B  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – room “The Arc”



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*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022*

*9.30 to 17.45 CEST*

**9.30 Roundtable overview and objectives**

*Welcome and opening by **Róisín Pillay** – Europe and Central Asia programme Director, International Commission of Jurists – European Institutions (ICJ-EI)*

*Presentation of the FAIR PLUS Project [Training Modules](#)*

*Video presenting the FAIR+ project (5 min)*

**9.45 The principle of non-refoulement in the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) jurisprudence**

*Presentation by **Ledi Bianku** – former Judge at the ECtHR & Associate Professor at the University of Strasbourg (France)*

*Discussion moderated by **Kateřina Šimáčková** – ECtHR Judge*

**11.00 Coffee break (30 minutes)**

**11.30 The practical application of the safe country concept**

*Presentations by*



**Cathryn Costello** – Professor of Fundamental Rights & Co-Director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School of Berlin (Germany)

**Angeliki Papapanagiotou-Leza** – Judge at the Administrative Court of Appeals in Athens (Greece) & President of the 5<sup>th</sup> Independent Appeals Committee

**Thomas Straub** – ECtHR Registry Lawyer

*Discussion moderated by **Evgenia Papadopoulou** – Judge at the Administrative Court of Appeal in Tripoli (Greece) & President of the 17<sup>th</sup> Independent Appeals Committee*

**12.45 Lunch (1 hour 45) @ Tich – Rue de Namur 25, 1000-B**



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14.30 **Break-out Sessions**

1. **Bias in decision making**  
(room: The Arc)

*Presentations by*

**Teresa Buczkowska** – Integration Manager  
with Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI)

**Catriona Jarvis** – Judge of the Upper  
Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum  
Chamber) (retired), Director Methoria,  
Human Rights Charity

*Discussion* moderated by **Shauna Gillan** –  
Judge, Ireland

2. **COVID-19 impact on the asylum  
procedures** (room: Studio 202)

*Presentations by*

**Róisín Pillay** – ICJ-EI Director

**Maria Cristina Romano** – Lawyer at  
Associazione per gli Studi Giuridici  
sull'Immigrazione (ASGI)

*Discussion* moderated by **Luca Perilli** –  
Judge, Court of Milan (Italy), National  
Contact Point (NCP) of the EASO Courts  
and Tribunals Network

16.15 **Coffee break (30 minutes)**

16.45 **Exchange of views: Preliminary questions to the Court of Justice of the EU  
(CJEU)**

*Presentations* of examples of national jurisdictions by

**Justice Richard Humphreys** – Judge, High Court of Ireland

**Martina Flamini** – "Ufficio del Massimario" of the Court of Cassation in  
Rome (Italy)

**Magdalena Ličková** – Referendaire, CJEU

*Discussion* moderated by **John Stanley** – Advisory Counsel at the Office of the  
Attorney General, Ireland (previously Deputy Chairperson of the International  
Protection Appeals Tribunal)

17.45 **Wrap-up**

19.00 **Dinner @ Aux Armes de Bruxelles – Rue des Bouchers 13, 1000-B**



*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022*

*9.30 to 19.00 CEST*

**9.30 EU Pact on migration and asylum (current state of play of the proposals)**

*Video featuring migrants' stories (FAIR+ project) (3 min)*

*Presentations by*

**European Commission: Esther Pozo-Vera** – DG Home

**Council of the EU: Nataša Chmelíčková** – Head of asylum legislation, Czech  
Ministry of Interior (CZ PRES July-Dec 2022)

**European Parliament: MEP to be confirmed**

**Philippe De Bruycker** – Professor, Odysseus Network

**Eleonora Celoria** – Lawyer at ASGI

*Discussion moderated by Sharon Dillon-Lyons* – BL and IPAT member

**10.45 Coffee break (30 minutes)**

**11.15 Exchange of views**

*Discussion moderated by Sharon Dillon-Lyons* – BL and IPAT member

**12.30 Lunch (1 hour)**



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13.30 **Break-out Sessions**

**3. Alternatives to detention**  
(room: The Arc)

*Presentations by*

**Alexandra Dubová** – Lawyer, Forum for Human Rights (FORUM)

**Jörg Gebhard** – Director, Jesuit Refugee Service Belgium (JRS)

**Hannah Cooper** – International Detention Coalition (IDC)

*Discussion moderated by* **Karolína Babická**  
– Legal Adviser, ICJ-EI

**4. Criminalisation of solidarity with migrants (humanitarian assistance)**  
(room: Studio 202)

*Presentations by*

**Massimo Frigo** – Senior Legal Adviser, ICJ

**Vasilis Papadopoulos** – President of the Board of the Greek Council for Refugees

*Discussion moderated by* **Francesca Biondi Dal Monte** – Professor, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (Italy)

15.15 **Coffee break (30 minutes)**

15.45 **Exchange of views. The challenges for the asylum and migration judge and lawyer in the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

Temporary protection Directive activation for people fleeing Ukraine

*Presentations by*

**Meltem Ineli-Ciger** – Assistant Professor at the Suleyman Demirel University, Faculty of Law (Turkey)

**Julia Zelvenska** – Head of Legal Support and Litigation, European Council for Refugees and Exiles

*Discussion moderated by* **Martin Kopa** – Judge, Czech Republic

17.30 **Wrap-up**

18.00 **Screening of the documentary “The Valley”**

19.30 **Dinner @ Toukoul in Café Béguin – Place du Samedi 12, 1000-B**



*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022*

*9.30 to 14.00 CEST*

10.00

**Debate over coffee**

@ Café Novo – Place de Vieille Halle aux Blés 37, 1000-B

*Meeting* with the director of the movie “The Valley” – **Nuno Escudeiro**

*Discussion* moderated by **Mary Henderson** – ICI

11.00

**Art and Human Rights**

@ Rue de la Régence, 1000-B

Guided tour in Musées Royaux des Beaux Arts de Belgique

13.15

Goodbye lunch @ Les Filles BelVue – Place des Palais 7, 1000-B



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