THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

FAIR PLUS Project

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

**28th to 30th April 2022 – Brussels and Online**

**Meeting Venue:**
Square Meeting Centre
2 Rue Ravenstein, 1000-B
3rd Floor – room “The Arc”

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### Thursday 28th 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 5th 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 17th Independent Appeals Committee

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

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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

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12.30 Lunch (1 hour)
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 21st 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
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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