



European  
Network on  
Statelessness



***Stateless but not Rightless:  
Improving the Protection of Stateless Persons in Europe***

***8 April 2014***

***Room 3, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg***

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**09:45 – 10:10**

**Registration**

**10:10 – 10:30**

**Welcoming Remarks**

Gert Westerveen, *Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, UNHCR*

Chris Nash, *Coordinator of the European Network on Statelessness*

**10:30 – 11:00**

**Keynote Address (followed by Q&A)** by Nils Muižnieks, *Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe*

**11:00 – 11:20**

**Coffee break**

**11:20 – 13:30**

**Panel Discussion: Developing standards and practice on statelessness determination and protection in Europe** – Introduced and moderated by Chris Nash, *Coordinator of the European Network on Statelessness*

Screening of a short video showing testimony from a stateless person

Mr. Gábor Gyulai, *Refugee Programme Coordinator, Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Chair of the ENS Steering Committee*

Ms. Inge Sturkenboom, *Protection Officer, Policy and Legal Support Unit, UNHCR*

Boriss Cilevičs, *Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (tbc)*

Mr. Tamás Molnár, *Head of the Unit for Migration, Asylum and Border Management, Department of EU Cooperation, Ministry of Interior (Hungary)*

Ms. Jean Lambert, *Member of the European Parliament (tbc)*

- 13:30 – 14:15**                    **Lunch break**
- 14:15 – 15:30**                    **Screening of the excerpts from the *Terminal* and/or other video footage followed by panel discussion on how to raise public awareness about the plight of stateless persons**, Video Room, Palais de l'Europe, (tbc)  
Introduced and moderated by Laura van Waas, *Senior Researcher and Manager of a new the Statelessness Programme at Tilburg University*,  
Greg Constantine, *Photograph (tbc)*  
Ivanka Kostic, *Director of Praxis Serbia*
- 15:30 – 17:00**                    **Panel Discussion: Furthering the protection of stateless persons through courts and quasi-judicial bodies: the potential of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights** – Introduced and moderated by the *UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg*  
Maxim Ferschtman, *Open Society Justice Initiative and European Network on Statelessness*  
Ledi Bianku, *Judge, European Court of Human Rights (tbc)*  
Geneviève Mayer, *Head of the CoE's Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (tbc)*  
Mr Henrik Kristensen, *Deputy Executive Secretary, European Committee of Social Rights*  
Andrea Saccucci, *Professor of International law and Immigration law and practicing lawyer, Rome*
- 17:00 – 17:20**                    **Coffee break**
- 17:20 – 18:00**                    **Discussion with the panelists and the audience**
- 18:00 – 18:30**                    **Addressing statelessness globally – challenges and opportunities** Mark Manly, *Head of the Statelessness Unit, UNHCR (tbc)*