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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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Strasbourg, 10-11 September 2024

Palais de l'Europe, Room 1

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The Conference is being organised under the auspices of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), in collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative on Migration and Refugees

DAY 1 – Tuesday 10 September 2024	
10:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Fritz Zeder, Chair of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC)</p> <p>David Best, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees</p> <p><i>Moderator: Hanne Juncher, Director, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</i></p>
10:40	<p>Presentation on countering the smuggling of migrants</p> <p>Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe</p>
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	<p>Session I - Existing international and national instruments (I): Core principles and practical challenges in their implementation</p> <p>International perspectives:</p> <p>Martin Fowke, Team Leader, Normative and Policy Team Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, Organized Crime Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</p> <p><i>Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: core principles, implementation and practical relevance.</i></p> <p>Simona Ardovino, Head of Unit, Migration Management Response and Counter-Smuggling (HOME.C.4), Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</p> <p><i>Overview of the EU Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling and Commission's new legislative proposal of November 2023</i></p> <p>National perspectives, experiences of applying international instruments in the field of migrant smuggling – contributions by Council of Europe member States: France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom (TBC)</p> <p><i>Moderator: David Best, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>

13:00	Lunch break
14:30	<p>Session I - Existing international and national instruments (II): <i>Gaps and needs</i></p> <p>Andreas Schloenhardt, Professor, University of Vienna and of Queensland, Council of Europe consultant</p> <p>Calogero Ferrara, European Delegated Prosecutor at EPPO, Council of Europe consultant</p> <p>Patrick Elba, Deputy Director of Division of International Protection, UNHCR (TBC)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Hanne Juncher, Director, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
15:30	<p>Session II - Contributions by civil society:</p> <p>Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime</p> <p>Fezile Osum, Legal Coordinator, Border Violence Monitoring Network (BVMN)</p> <p>Noemí Alarcón, Chair of Migration Committee, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)</p> <p>Lilian Obiye, Africa Regional Manager, International Detention Coalition (IDC), Nairobi, Kenya</p> <p><i>Moderator: David Best, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	<p>Session III - National experiences of applying international instruments in the field of migrant smuggling – contributions by third countries</p> <p>Saud Saehy, Legal Affairs Department, League of Arab States (LAS), Cairo, Egypt</p> <p>Badie Jaziri, Policy Officer, Ministry of Justice, Tunisia</p> <p>Ali El Khatib, Magistrate, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon</p> <p>Abdurrahman Khamada, Minister Plenipotentiary, Director of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Libya</p>

	<p>Sanâa Kiadi, Senior Officer, African Migration Observatory – African Union, Morocco</p> <p>Mexico (representative tbc)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Pilar Morales, Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean, Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
17:30	Round-up of Day 1

DAY 2 – Wednesday 11 September 2024	
9:30	<p>Session IV - Reflection on elements of a possible new Council of Europe instrument on countering migrant smuggling</p> <p>Andreas Schloenhardt, Professor, University of Vienna and of Queensland, Council of Europe consultant</p> <p>Calogero Ferrara, European Delegated Prosecutor at EPPO, Council of Europe consultant</p> <p>Lord Simon Russell, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings, PACE Rapporteur on “A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling” Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p><i>Moderator: Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:45	Coffee Break
11:15	<p>Session V - The role of European and international networks and agencies in countering migrant smuggling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zacharias Symeou, National Member for Cyprus and Chair of its Focus Group on Migrant Smuggling, Eurojust Group of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling - Alina Arucsandei, Team Leader - Operational Coordination Team (O2-31), European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC), EUROPOL - Calogero Ferrara, Chair of the Network. Council of Europe Network of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adriano Silvestri, Head of Migration and Asylum Sector, Justice, Digital and Migration unit, European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) - Zerihun Hailu, Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants Program Management Office Vulnerable Communities Organized and Emerging Crimes, Interpol <p><i>Moderator: Hanne Juncher, Director, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:15	Closing remarks Gianluca Esposito, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

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Meeting of the Council of Europe Network of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling

Wednesday, 11 September 2024	
14:00	<p>Introduction / Moderation: <i>Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the CDPC, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Representatives of the European Network on Migrant Smuggling</p> <p>Tour de table - presentation of participants and their views on the feasibility of and need for a possible new CoE instrument on countering migrants smuggling</p>
15:30	Coffee break
16:00	<p>Presentation and discussion of country models to counter Migrant Smuggling</p> <p>Representatives of the European Network on Migrant Smuggling</p> <p>Q&A</p>
17:00	Conclusions and way forward (Speaker TBC)