

Comité Migration sur les droits des personnes migrantes

Migration Committee on the Rights of Migrants

Accès des migrants, réfugiés et demandeurs d'asile aux droits fondamentaux. Access to fundamental rights for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Webinar on push-backs

Contemporary Perspectives and Challenges in the CoE Member States

25 October 2022 - 13.00 / 15.30

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Agenda

13.00-13.10: Opening by Daniel Guéry - Chairperson, CoE CINGO Migration Committee

Opening Remarks

M. Christian Mommers - Advisor, CoE Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

13.10-14.00: Session 1: Contemporary legal, political, and humanitarian discussions on push-backs

<u>Aim of the Session:</u> The audience will significantly understand the push-backs' legal, political, and humanitarian aspects. The legal part will not be technical but more about explaining the rationale behind the ECtHR case law. In contrast, the political and humanitarian parts will summarize ongoing discussions in the EU and CoE member states with an intersectional lens focusing on how push-backs affect the lives of vulnerable people and communities.

Moderator: Geneviève Laloy - Vice-président - CoE CINGO Permanent Commission

Legal discussions around push-backs

Ms Dia Anagnostou - Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

Political aspects in the CoE countries and push-backs

Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Member of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons CoE PACE

The humanitarian cost of the push-backs

Renata Glavinka de Caritas Bosnie-Herzégovine

14.00-14.05: Break

14.05-15.05: Session 2: Examples from the Field

<u>Aim of the Session:</u> The session aims to inform the audience about examples from the selected countries – Greece, Poland, France, and the Central Mediterranean Sea to encourage the audience to question the policies and practices in these countries.

Moderator: Sinem Hun – Member, CoE CINGO Migration Committee

Greece - Turkey Border

Ms Marianna Tzeferakou, Legal Team Coordinator at RSA

Poland - Belarusian Border

Katarzyna Gripa and Marta Gorczynska from Grupa Granicia

UK - France Border

Dr. Emilie McDonnell - UK Advocacy and Communications Coordinator at Human Rights Watch

Central Mediterranean Sea

Ms Judith Sunderland - Associate Director, Human Rights Watch

15.05-15.35: Q&A and Closing Remarks

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