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3rd International Conference on Migrant Smuggling

followed by a separate session for the
4th meeting of the Council of Europe Network of Prosecutors
on Migrant Smuggling

AGENDA

Strasbourg, 21-22 October 2025

Agora, Room G03

*The Conference is being organised under the auspices of the
Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), in collaboration with the
Division on Migration and Refugees*

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DAY 1 – Tuesday 21 October 2025	
09:00	Opening session Hanne Juncher, Director, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe Fritz Zeder, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe <i>Moderator: Hanne Juncher</i>
09:30	Session I – Update and practical challenges in the implementation of international and national instruments International perspectives: 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) <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> Delphine Leneutre, Legal Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg (UNHCR)
10:00	Coffee break and family photo
10:30	Session I – Update and practical challenges in the implementation of international and national instruments International perspectives: Krzysztof Nowaczek, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General Migration & Home Affairs, Migration Management Response and Counter-Smuggling, European Commission <i>Update of the EU Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling and Commission's new legislative proposal</i> National perspectives, experiences of applying international instruments in the field of migrant smuggling – contributions by Council of Europe member States: Slawomira Dewitz, German Federal Ministry of Interior and for Community, Division B2

	Calogero Ferrara, Italian member in the Council of Europe Network on SoM / European Delegated Prosecutor at EPPO for Italy Contributions by civil society: Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime Noemí Alarcón, Chair of Migration Committee, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) <i>Moderator: Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Council of Europe</i> Q&A
13:00	Lunch break
14:30	Session II - Reflection on elements of the new Council of Europe Recommendation on deterring and combatting the smuggling of migrants Andreas Schloenhardt, Professor, University of Vienna and of Queensland, Council of Europe consultant / Calogero Ferrara, European Delegated Prosecutor at EPPO, Council of Europe consultant
14:45	Session III - The role of European and international networks and agencies in countering migrant smuggling Ljiljana Plazzeriano, Operational Coordination Team, European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC), EUROPOL Adriano Silvestri, Head of Migration and Asylum Sector, Justice, Digital and Migration unit, European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Ofelia Hough, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants Unit, Vulnerable Communities Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL <i>Moderator: Eva Pastrana</i> Q&A
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Session IV - National experiences of applying international instruments in the field of migrant smuggling – contributions by third countries Ghizlane Loghmari, Ministry of Justice, Kingdom of Morocco

	Dr. Islam Mohamed Radwan Elhadidy, Chief Prosecutor, Technical Office of the Prosecutor General's Office, Egypt Lara Mnayyar, Investigative judge, Lebanon <i>Moderator: Denise Mazzolani, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis</i> Q&A
17:15	Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, Head of Migration and Refugees Division, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
17:30	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, 22 October 2025	
09:30	Introduction / Moderation: <i>Eva Pastrana, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the CDPC, Council of Europe</i> Calogero Ferrara, European Delegated Prosecutor at EPPO, Council of Europe consultant Representatives of the European Network on Migrant Smuggling Tour de table - presentation of new participants and updates of the situation on Smuggling of Migrants in their respective countries
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Presentation and discussion of country models to counter Migrant Smuggling Representatives of the European Network on Migrant Smuggling Q&A
12:30	Conclusions and way forward