

## Solidarity with Refugees and Migrants in Europe: *Succumbing to obstacles or upholding humanity?*

Launch of the Expert Council on NGO Law's new study  
on NGOs supporting migrants and refugees in Europe and  
an evidence session with NGOs on recommendations for the future

**Friday, 21 June 2024**

Strasbourg  
Palais de l'Europe  
Room 8 - 14.00 -17.00  
Hybrid format

- 14:00-14:05 ***Opening of the meeting***  
**Daniel Guéry** (MIAMSI), Vice-President of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference on INGOs
- 14:05-14:30 ***Preliminary remarks***
- **David Best**, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees
  - [Tatiana Termacic, Head of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Secretariat, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Council of Europe \(français\)](#)
  - **Christine Monty** (OENDDF), President of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference on INGOs
- 14:30-15:00 ***New study of the Expert Council on NGO Law***  
**Introduction and presentation of the main conclusions**  
**Carla Ferstman** and several members of her research team:  
[Vanessa Topp](#), [Leonie Ngom](#) and **Itzia Miravete Veraza**
- Questions and answers*
- 15:00 Break

15:00-16:30 **Evidence session and recommendations**

Moderated by **Andrea Menapace**, Executive Director of the Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights (CILD) and Member of the Expert Council on NGO Law

**András Léderer**, Head of Advocacy, Hungarian Helsinki Committee

**Elli Kriona**, Managing Attorney, HIAS Greece (online)

**Marie Michel**, Advocacy Manager, SOS Humanity

[Eleni Sirri, Coordinator on criminalisation, Border Violence Monitoring Network \(online\)](#)

**Silvia Carta**, Advocacy Officer, PICUM (online)

[Nick van der Steenhoven, Boat Refugee Fondation](#)

16 :30

**Conclusion**