

Round table

Access to social and economic rights and integration related services for refugees* and stateless persons in North Macedonia

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Programme

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* For the purpose of this round table the term refugee includes asylum-seekers, refugees, refugees recognized under UNHCR's mandate, persons in a refugee-like situation and humanitarian status holders.



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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and welcome coffee |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Enver Husejin, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy, North Macedonia</i> - <i>Lejla Dervisagic, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje, North Macedonia</i> - <i>Monica Sandri, Representative, UNHCR Representation in North Macedonia</i> |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Valentin Rakip, personal story on statelessness</i> |
| 09:40 – 12:00 | <p>Session 1: Prevention and reduction of statelessness in Council of Europe member states</p> <p><i><u>Moderator:</u> Tanja Kikerekova, Head of Sector for international legal co-operation, Ministry of Justice, North Macedonia, Representative of North Macedonia to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of international and Council of Europe legal framework, including the work of the Council of Europe <i>Professor Dimitry Kochenov, Academic Expert on Nationality Law</i> <i>Philippe Krantz, Legal Officer, Division for Legal Co-operation, Council of Europe</i> - Progress made and challenges encountered in North Macedonia <i>Mabera Kamberi, Head of Department for Coordination and Technical Assistance to the Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, North Macedonia</i> - Good practice examples from selected Council of Europe member States – including on facilitated naturalization for persons granted international protection and stateless persons <i>María del Mar López Álvarez, Deputy Director General of Nationality and Civil Status, Ministry of Justice (Spain)</i> <i>Iulian Popov, Head of Asylum and Integration Directorate, Bureau for Migration (Moldova)</i> <i>Valeriia Cherednichenko, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe</i> - Plenary discussion |
| 12:00 – 12:20 | Coffee Break |

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| 12:20 – 13:20 | <p>Session 2: Judgments by the European Court of Human Rights and their implementation</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jutta Seidel, Senior Legal Associate, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selected case-law of the European Court of Human Rights pertaining to the economic and social rights of stateless persons and refugees <i>Mykolas Černiauskas, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - Implementing ECtHR judgments relating to economic and social rights of stateless persons and refugees <i>Musa Khasanov, Senior Lawyer, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe</i> - Plenary discussion |
| 13:20-13:30 | Group photo |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 – 15:10 | <p>Session 3: The European Social Charter as a tool for the protection of social and economic rights</p> <p><i>Moderator: Darko Docinski, Deputy Head of the Labour Department and Representative of North Macedonia in the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, North Macedonia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the European Social Charter (revised), its scope and its procedures - The case law of the European Committee of Social Rights of particular relevance for refugees and stateless persons <i>Henrik Kristensen, Deputy Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe</i> - <i>Plenary discussion</i> |
| 15:10 – 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:30-16:50 | <p>Session 3: The European Social Charter as a tool for the protection of social and economic rights (continued)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Darko Docinski, Deputy Head of the Labour Department and Representative of North Macedonia in the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, North Macedonia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Macedonia and the Charter: the social rights situation of refugees and compliance with Charter obligations <i>Dejan Ivkovski, Head of the Unit for Migration, Integration of Refugees and Foreigners and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, North Macedonia</i> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National practice in relation to effective access to socio-economic rights for asylum-seekers, refugees and stateless persons in North Macedonia <i>Zoran Drangovski, Program Manager, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA)</i> - Plenary discussion |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | <p>Conclusions and Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Lejla Dervisagic, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje, North Macedonia</i> - <i>Cristina Bunea, Protection Officer, UNHCR Representation for North Macedonia</i> |
| 19:30- 21:30 | Dinner |