



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Ministry of Interior



**2nd National Conference of the  
Hellenic Contact Point of the  
European Migration Network**

# **IMMIGRATION FLOWS AND RECEPTION CENTERS**

**December 20, 2013  
Hotel Titania, Athens**

**European Migration Network**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**09.00-09:30**

**Registrations**

**09.30-09:45**

**Opening address**

**Leonidas Grigorakos**

*Alternate Minister of Interior*

**09.45-10.55**

**Session 1**

**Reception Centers: Researches of the European Migration Network (EMN)**

**Chair:**

**Angelos Syrigos**, *Secretary General of Population and Social Cohesion, Ministry of Interior, Greece*

**1.1. Priorities of the Greek Presidency of the European Union (January–June 2014)**

**Vicky Glavi**, *Director General of Migration Policy and Social Integration, Ministry of Interior, Greece.*

**1.2. Reception Centers: Overview of the European Migration Network studies and challenges for future research**

**Margaret James**, *Principal/EMN Service Provider ICF GHK-COWI (Project Manager).*

**1.3. 2nd Focused Study of the European Migration Network (EMN) of Greece: Organization of reception centers for asylum seekers in different Member States of the European Union**

**Panagiota Theodosi**, *MSc in International European Studies, Greek National School of Public Administration Graduate, Rapporteur of Immigration Policy Unit, Ministry of Interior, Greece, Hellenic EMN NCP Coordinator.*

**1.4. The reception system of international protection seekers in Cyprus**

**Andreas Georgiadis**, *Administrative Officer/Eligibility Officer in the Asylum Service, Ministry of Interior, Cyprus.*

**1.5. The Italian reception system for asylum seekers: organization and competent authorities**

**Antonio Ricci**, *IDOS/EMN Italy.*

**10.55-11.10**

**Short break**

**11.10-12.10**

**Session 2**

**Immigration Flows, Management and Reception Centers of Foreigners in Greece**

**Chair:**

**Daniel Esdras**, *Head of Office, International Organization for Migration –Office in Greece*

**2.1. Management of mixed migration flows: An ongoing operational challenge for the First Reception Service**

**Panagiotis Nikas**, *Director of the First Reception Service of the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Greece.*

**2.2. Mixed migratory flows and detention issues: The view of the Greek Ombudsman**

**Vassilis Karydis**, *Professor, University of Peloponnese, Deputy of The Greek Ombudsman, Greece.*

**2.3. The experience of Doctors of the World in the First Reception Centers/Detention Centers of immigrants**

**Nancy Retinioti**, *Social Worker, Head of the Department of Social Services of the Doctors of the World, Greece.*

**2.4. Centers of Temporary Accommodation for Asylum Seekers and Unaccompanied Minors of the Hellenic Red Cross**

**Menelaos Kanakis**, *Psychologist – Social Worker, Social Welfare Division, Hellenic Red Cross, Greece.*

**12.10-12.40**

**Coffee/tea break**

**12.40-13.40**

**Session 3**

**Reception, Accommodation and Housing of Asylum Seekers and Unaccompanied Minors**

**Chair:**

**Vicky Glavi**, *Director General of Migration Policy and Social Integration, Ministry of Interior, Greece*

**3.1. Accommodation of Asylum Seekers and Unaccompanied Minors – Looking at the numbers, ignoring the people**

**Christos Dimopoulos**, *Coordinator, Accommodation Requests for Asylum Seekers and Unaccompanied Minors Management Service, National Center for Social Solidarity, Greece.*

**3.2. Protecting Unaccompanied Minor Refugees: The birth of the Reception Center for Unaccompanied Minors ‘Villa Azadi’ at Lesbos**

**Toulina-Panagiota Demeli**, *Doctor of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean Associate Information Officer, NAI (New Arrivals Intervention) Project – Lesbos, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Greece.*

**3.3. The participation of Arsis in the reception of unaccompanied minors and families of asylum seekers**

**Ekaterini Poutou**, *Social Worker, Founding Member of ARSIS, Greece.*

**3.4. The “reception” for migrants and asylum seekers in Greece before the European Court of Human Rights**

**Konstantinos Kazanas**, *Lawyer LLM, Legal Department of Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR), Greece.*

**13.40-14.40**

**Light lunch**

**14.40-15.40**

**Session 4**

**Detention, protection and issues of work and community of refugees**

**Chair:**

**Maria Stavropoulou**, *Director of the Asylum Service, Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Greece.*

**4.1. Detention in Greece and protection of refugees**

**Kalliopi Stefanaki**, *Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Greece.*

**4.2. Aspects of administrative detention: Legislation and practice**

**Alexandros Konstantinou**, *Lawyer, Member of the Legal Service of the Greek Council for Refugees (GSR), Greece.*

**4.3. Projects of Doctors Without Borders in detention centers**

**Marietta Provopoulou**, *Projects Officer in Greece, Doctors Without Borders, Greece.*

**4.4. Palestinians in Greece of crisis: Issues of work and community organization**

**Theodoros Fouskas**, *Sociologist, PhD, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece.*

**15.40-16.10**

**Closing address**

**Angelos Syrigos**

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The [European Network of Immigration](#) was established in 2003, initially as preparatory action of European Committee having aim the benefit so much in the European Committee so much and in the Members – States, objective, reliable and informed data on the immigration and the asylum.

With the Decision 2008/381/EC, the [European Network of Immigration](#) acquires legal base and Greece participates in this network actively. The reason of creation of European Network of Immigration is the cover of needs of information of Community institutional bodies and institutional bodies and Authorities of member states, with regard to the immigration and the asylum, so that is supported the mapping out of policy of European Union in this sectors.

The [Hellenic National Contact Point of EMN](#), as it is provided for by its competences, has established a National Migration Network composed of a wide-range of organizations and other entities active in the area of migration and asylum. The members of the National Network participate effectively in the activities of the Hellenic National Contact Point, they are informed about the actions of the EMN as well as about data concerning migration and asylum in national and EU level.



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