



European Migration Network (EMN)

LU EMN NCP Conference 'Tackling Statelessness: Exchange of Experiences and Good Practices'

Agenda

15 April 2016, 08.30 – 17.15

University of Luxembourg
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08.30 – 09.15	Registration
09.15 – 10.00	<p>Welcome speeches</p> <p>Corinne Cahen, Minister of Family Affairs and Integration, Luxembourg</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Christine Schiltz, Vice-dean of the Faculty of language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education</p> <p>Véronique de Ryckere, Head of Protection Unit for Belgium and Luxembourg UNHCR Regional Representation for Western Europe</p>
10.00 – 12.00	<p>Panel 1: Statelessness in the EU</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The role of EU Law/actors in preventing statelessness ➤ Comparative overview of approaches to statelessness determination including good state practices ➤ Gaps and challenges with regard to preventing childhood statelessness including among refugee/migrant children ➤ Different national approaches on Statelessness <p>Chair: Pascal Schumacher (Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soraya Post, MEP, S&D, committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Subcommittee on Human Rights – confirmed ➤ Magnus Ovilius, European Commission, European Migration Network ➤ Chris Nash, Director of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS) ➤ Marta Zvaune, Head of Legal Division of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, Latvia ➤ Helina Maasing, Analyst of the EE EMN NCP – Tallinn University
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break

<p>13.30 - 15.00</p>	<p>Panel 2: Statelessness from an International perspective</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Causes of statelessness (discriminating against ethnic minorities, State succession, irregular migration, deficiencies in birth and marriage registration etc.) ➤ Current campaigns and causes of the High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR) ➤ Contribution of Human Rights Law to prevent Statelessness <p>Chair: Prof. Gerard-René de Groot (Maastricht University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Laura Van Waas, Co-founder and Director of the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion ➤ Inge Sturkenboom, Protection officer in the Bureau for Europe of UNHCR ➤ Alice Sironi, Migration Law Specialist - IOM Geneva
<p>15.00 - 15.30</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee break</p>
<p>15.30 - 16.45</p>	<p>Panel 3: Statelessness in Luxembourg</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evolution of Statelessness in Luxembourg ➤ The role of the Luxembourgish presidency ➤ Case law of the Administrative Court on Statelessness <p>Chair: Victor Weitzel (Special Counselor to Foreign Ministry, Europaforum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Denis Scuto, Associate professor at University of Luxembourg, freelance journalist ➤ Pascal Schumacher, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU ➤ Arnaud Ranzenberger, partner in the law firm LEXTRUST
<p>16.45 - 17.15</p>	<p>Conclusions: Policy recommendations for the EU: where do we go from here? – Prof. Gerard-René de Groot (Maastricht University)</p>