

## Conference

## Monitoring returns -strengthening fundamental rights

26.11.2018, venue: Amphitheatre, National Hellenic Research Foundation, 48 Vassileos Konstantinou str, Athens.

**09.30-10.00** Registration.

## **Opening address**

- Mr Antonios Syrigos, Representative of the President of the Hellenic Parliament, MP, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Administration, Public Order and Justice.
- Mr Dimitrios Avramopoulos, the EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship.

10.20-12.30 1<sup>st</sup> Session: External monitoring and the challenge of effective return/readmission procedures.

Chair: Mr Andreas I.Pottakis, Greek Ombudsman.

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**10.40** Mr Achilleas Scandalis, Hellenic Police Major General, Head of Aliens and Border Protection Branch.

11.00 Mr Philippe Leclerc, Representative, UNHCR Greece.

11.20 Ms Magdalena Silska, Adviser to the Fundamental Rights Officer, FRONTEX.

11.40 Mr Adriano Silvestri, FRA, Head of Sector Asylum, Migration and Borders.

12.00-12.30 **Discussion** 

12.30-13.30 Break-Light lunch

13.30-15.20 2<sup>η</sup>Session: Monitoring experiences: Proportionality in the means of restraint. Protection of vulnerable persons.

Chair: Mr George Nikolopoulos, Deputy Ombudsman for Human Rights, Greece.

**13.30-15.00** Round Table Panel:

**Mr Klavs Kinnerup Hede,** Director of International Relations, the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman's Office.

**Ms Päivi Keskitalo**, Senior Officer-Monitor of Forced Returns, the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman's Office, Finland.

Ms Maria Voutsinou, Senior Investigator, the Greek Ombudsman's Office.

Mr Christos Tzikas, Police Lieutenant, General Police Directorate of Attica, Training department, Hellenic Police.

Mr Dimos Papadopoulos, Police Lieutenant, Aliens Directorate of Attica, Hellenic Police.

Mr Vasilis Papadopoulos, Head of the legal service, Greek Council for Refugees.

Dr Apostolos Veizis, Director of Medical Operational Support Unit, Médecins Sans Frontières.

15.00-15.20 Discussion

**15.20 – 15.30** Conference conclusions: Ms Chrysi Hatzi, senior investigator, coordinator of the monitoring returns team, the Greek Ombudsman's Office.



