



## CONFERENCE

Thursday 21 May 2015

# Forced Returns. Mixed Migration Flows and Human Rights

## PROGRAMME

### 09.00 Welcome - registration of participants

### 09.30 Opening

Ms Zoe Konstantopoulou  
The Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament

| **The migration and refugee issues: the Parliaments at the forefront of defending human rights, humanitarian and international law**

Ms Calliope Spanou  
The Greek Ombudsman

| **The Greek Ombudsman's competence in monitoring returns. Objectives and perspectives**

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos  
Director, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe

| **Mixed migration flows and forced returns: the Council of Europe view of a human rights challenge**

Ms Marta Hirsch-Ziembinska  
Head of Complaints and Inquiries Unit at the European Ombudsman

| **Frontex joint return flights. The European Ombudsman's perspective**

### 10.15 SESSION I - Management of mixed migration flows

Coordination: Ms Chrysi Hatzi  
Senior investigator, coordinator of monitoring returns  
at the Greek Ombudsman

#### Presentations

Ms Kalliope Stefanaki  
Head of Protection Unit, UNHCR Greece

| **Mixed migration flows and challenges to the refugee protection**

Mr Vassilis Papadopoulos  
General Secretary of Population and Social Cohesion Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction, Greece

| **The management of mixed migration flows as a matter of migration policy**

Ms Efi Latsoudi  
Network of organizations and citizens in Lesbos "Village - All together we can"

| **Intervening at local level- the example of the island of Lesbos**

#### **Discussion**

12.00 Coffee break



### 12.30 **SESSION II - Human rights and removal operations**

Coordination: Mr Vassilis Karydis  
Deputy Ombudsman for Human Rights, Greece

#### **Presentations**

Mr Ewald Riks  
Deputy Head of the Security and Justice Inspectorate,  
Ministry of Security and Justice, The Netherlands

| **Monitoring forced returns –the Security and Justice Inspectorate’s supervision**

Mr Klavs Kinnerup Hede  
Coordinator of return monitoring at the Ombudsman of Denmark

| **Return monitoring and safeguarding human rights**

Mr Komninos Drakos  
Police Lieutenant Colonel, Head of the European Return Fund Department,  
European & Development Programs Division, Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction

| **The European Return Fund as an instrument for EC supported actions**

Mr Menelaos Kostaris  
Police Brigadier General, Director of illegal immigration control Division,  
Greek Police Headquarters

| **The Greek Police role in administrative detention and removal procedures**

Mr George Moschos  
Deputy Ombudsman for Children Rights, Greece

| **Minors administrative detention. Findings and recommendations by the Greek Ombudsman**

Ms Euthalia Pappa  
Head of the Ecumenical Refugee Program  
Integration Center for Migrant Workers - Ecumenical Refugee Program

| **Protection or removal? The two faces of a one-sided migration policy**

Mr Spyros Koulocheris  
Lawyer, Head of Legal Research, Greek Council for Refugees

| **The element of free will in the voluntary returns**

#### **Discussion**

### 14.30 - 14.40 **Conclusions**

Mr Vassilis Karydis  
Deputy Ombudsman for Human Rights, Greece

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Translation from English to Greek and from Greek to English will be provided

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