







17.-21. October 2022 Warsaw

Gromada Hotel

Refugee Protection in Europe 2021/22: Breakthrough or **Breakdown?**

Ochrona uchodźców w Europie 2021/22: przełom czy ślepy zaułek?

16th European **Conference on Asylum** 16 Europejska konferencja azylowa

PROGRAMM

Day 1 · Monday, 17th October 2022

1:00 pm Arrival and Conference Registration, Welcome Lunch at Gromada Hotel

3:00 pm **Conference Opening**

Bishop Andrzei Malicki,

President of the Polish Ecumenical Council, Methodist Church

3:15 pm Words of Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Torsten Moritz, General Secretary CCME

Agnieszka Godfrejów-Tarnogórska, Evangelical-Augsburg Church in Poland

Katharina Voss, Diakonie Deutschland

3:30 pm Values and Reality in European Asylum Migration Policy 2022 from a

Polish perspective

Prof. Dr. Maciej Duszczyk,

Centre of Migration Research at the University of Warsaw

4:30 pm Coffee Break

5:00 pm Introduction: Past and Present Refugee Reception in Poland from different

perspectives

1. Formal and legal situation of refugees in Poland

N.N., Department of International Affairs and Migration at Ministry of the

Interior and Administration

Magdalena Wojno, Union of Polish Metropolises, a foundation associating 12 large Polish cities

2. From a NGO Perspective

Agnieszka Kosowicz, Polish Migration Forum

Marta Górczyńska, Helsinki Committee Poland

3. Perspective of churches

Dr. Tomasz Sieniow, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Council of the Polish Episcopate for Migration, Tourism and Pilgrimage

Rev. Dr. Grzegorz Giemza, Polish Ecumenical Council

7:00 pm Dinner

Day 2 · Tuesday, 18th October 2022

7:00 am Closed and open Borders in Europe? Visit of the Belarussian and

Ukrainian border

Exact format and location of visit will depend on the operational circumstances on the day of the visit.

20:00 pm Commemoration service for those who lost their lives at the borders at

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Warsaw

in cooperation with the Warsaw branch of the Polish Ecumenical Council

Day 3 · Wednesday, 19th October 2022

9:30 am Debrief from visits at the borders

10:30 am The Temporary Protection Directive and receptions of Ukrainians in theory

and practice

Viktoryia Vaitovich, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

11:00 am Welcoming Refugees from Ukraine: Sharing Latest Developments in my

country concerning reception and inclusion

12:30 pm Lunchbreak

2:30 pm Current Operational Situation and Challenges:

Meeting NGOs and actors on the ground in Poland in break-out sessions

1. Legal Asylum Work (only in EN)

Aleksandra Chrzanowska, Board Member/ Foreigners Division Association for Legal Intervention

Ewa Ostaszewska-Żuk, Lawyer, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

2. Inclusion of Refugees

Ewa Piepiora, Warsaw Family Support Centre, integration programme Paulina Berczynska, Warsaw Family Support Centre Essayas Techane, Ethiopian-Polish Association "SELAM" Sylwia Jankowska, Jesuit Refugee Center

3. Humanitarian Aid (only in EN)

Magdalena Zuberek-Wasińska, Ocalenie

Agnieszka Serwadczak, Salam Lab

Katarzyna Makarowicz, Salam Lab

Julius Kibet, Program Coordinator, Lutheran World Federation

Andrzej Kosno, Project Coordinator Cash & Protection Centers Lutheran World Federation

4. Church based Refugee Services

Dr. Iwona Baraniec, Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland

Rev. Leszek Wakuła, Baptist Charity Action (BACh)

Rev. Dr. Doroteusz Sawicki, Eleos Orthodox organization

3:30 Coffeebreak in the break-out rooms

4:00 pm Change the room - second round

5:30 pm Panel: Current Operational Situation and Challenges in refugee reception in Poland

Izabela Zabielska, Warszawskie Centrum Pomocy Rodzinie (Warsaw Family Assistance Center)

Dr. Hanna Machińska (vice-)Ombudsman, Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights in Poland

Agnieszka Kosowicz, Polish Migration Forum

Magda Qandil, borderline-europe

Lorena Isla Rodriguez, Senior Protection Officer UNHCR Poland

N.N., Polish Ecumenical Council

chair: Yasmine Rishmawi, Executive Secretary of CCME

7:00 pm Dinner Buffett with all panelists

Day 4 · Thursday, 20th October 2022

10:00 am Refugee Protection under pressure: state of emergency as a permanent state of affair?

Dr. Andreas Grünewald, Brot für die Welt

10:30 am CEAS Reform - Recent EU initiatives on "instrumentalization"

Catherine Hewitt & Yasmine Rishmawi, CCME

11:00 am Current Operational Situation and Challenges in refugee reception and groups of concern in other EU-countries

Alexandros Chrysomallos, Equal Rights Beyond Borders, Greek Islands and external borders

Georgiadou Despoina/ Panteleimon Papasynefakis, SYNYPARXIS- Ecumenical

Refugee Programme, Greek mainland tbc Goos Mindermann, CCME, Netherlands

Sabine Schwirner, Kirchen helfen Kirchen, Germany

Claver Davy Igiraneza, Empowering Response Burundi, Belgium

1:00 pm Lunch Break

3:00 pm Meeting with representatives of FRONTEX headquarters

3:00 pm Meeting Luana Scarcella SOUTH team senior fundamental rights monitor at the

office of the FRONTEX Fundamental Rights Officer

4:30 pm Meeting with Dr. Lars Gerde, Deputy Director for Operations (tbc)

7:00 pm Dinner at restaurant

Day 5 · Friday, 21th October 2022

10:00 Plenary Discussion: Outcome of the conference

Future of Asylum in Poland and Europe

How the year 2022 changed us as society, as churches and on the political

level? Where do we want to go?

Impulse: Ryszard Bobrowicz, Lund University

farewell blessing

11:30 pm End of conference

During the Conference English and Polish interpretation is available, unless indicated. Konferencja tłumaczona na język polski za wyjątkiem zaznaczonych paneli.