



Migrants' right to information: from key findings to evidence-based recommendations for policy makers

Date: 17 October 2017, 11h00-13h00

Location: European Parliament, Room A1G369, Brussels, Belgium

Background: The serious human rights concerns raised by the current management of migration flows in Europe for “Migrants”¹, are a priority for ENNHRI, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions and its members.

Moreover, many European NHRIs have identified Migrants' access to information on their rights, as one of the main concerns when reporting on their visits of migrant detention and reception centres.

Under the Project '*From Migrant Detention Centres to the European Parliament: Advocating for Change across Europe through highlighting the Human Rights Situation on the Ground*' NHRIs from Armenia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Slovenia and Ukraine gathered data on the Migrants' right to information based on a survey carried out from April to July 2017 through monitoring visits of the reception and detention centres.

The key findings of the Project and evidence-based recommendations will be presented to policy makers at the event which serves as a platform for key stakeholders and European NHRIs to discuss how to work together to address and improve the situation of Migrants' rights to information on the ground.

Objectives

- **Share and discuss the information gathered in reception and detention centres by the National Human Rights Institutions on the Migrants' right to information**
- **Present key findings and evidence-based recommendations on Migrants' access to information to the policy makers**
- **Discuss concrete solutions to improve Migrants' right to information**

The event is co-hosted by LIBE Committee MEPs Tanja Fajon, Ana Gomes and Jean Lambert. Additionally, MEP Judith Sargentini will speak at the event.

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¹ The name 'Migrants' encompasses: asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and persons in need of international protection.



Draft Agenda

11:00	Welcome address National Human Rights Institutions and Migrants' rights in Europe	Lora Vidović ENNHRI Chair, Ombudswoman of Croatia
11.10	Migrants access to information on their rights NHRIs Recommendations to bridge theory and practice	Adriana Van Dooijeweert ENNHRI Asylum and Migration Working Group Chair President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights
11:20	Recent developments in migration in Europe	Tanja Fajon Vice-Chair Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament Rapporteur on the Reform of Qualification Directive LIBE Committee Member
	TBC	Judith Sargentini Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance Vice-Chair of Special Committee on Terrorism LIBE Committee Member
11.35	Questions and Remarks from the Floor	
12.40	Migrants' right to information and its impact on relocation process	Ana Gomes Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament LIBE Committee Member
12.45	Concluding Remarks The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and UN Global Compact on Migration	Beate Rudolf GANHRI Chair Chair of the German Institute for Human Rights