Stateless but not Rightless: Improving the Protection of Stateless Persons in Europe
8 April 2014
Room 3, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

09:45 – 10:10  Registration

10:10 – 10:30  Welcoming Remarks
Gert Westerveen, Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, UNHCR
Chris Nash, Coordinator of the European Network on Statelessness

10:30 – 11:00  Keynote Address (followed by Q&A) by Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

11:00 – 11:20  Coffee break

11:20 – 13:30  Panel Discussion: Developing standards and practice on statelessness determination and protection in Europe – Introduced and moderated by Chris Nash, Coordinator of the European Network on Statelessness
Screening of a short video showing testimony from a stateless person
Gábor Gyulai, Refugee Programme Coordinator, Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Chair of the ENS Steering Committee
Inge Sturkenboom, Protection Officer, Policy and Legal Support Unit, UNHCR
Tamás Molnár, Head of the Unit for Migration, Asylum and Border Management, Department of EU Cooperation, Ministry of Interior (Hungary)
Stephen Ryan, Deputy Head of Unit - Asylum and Relations with EASO, European Commission (tbc)
Boriss Cilevičs, Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (tbc)
13:30 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:30 Screening of the excerpts from the *Terminal* and/or other video footage followed by panel discussion on how to raise public awareness about the plight of stateless persons, Video Room, Palais de l'Europe, (tbc)

Introduced and moderated by Laura van Waas, Senior Researcher and Manager of a new the Statelessness Programme at Tilburg University, Ivanka Kostic, Director of Praxis Serbia

15:30 – 17:00 Panel Discussion: Furthering the protection of stateless persons through courts and quasi-judicial bodies: the potential of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights – Introduced and moderated by the UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg

Maxim Ferschtman, Open Society Justice Initiative and European Network on Statelessness

*Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (tbc)*

Mr. Fredrik Sundberg, *Deputy to the Head of the CoE’s Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*

Mr. Henrik Kristensen, *Deputy Executive Secretary, European Committee of Social Rights*

Mr. Andrea Saccucci, *Professor of International law and Immigration law and practicing lawyer, Rome*

17:00 – 17:20 Coffee break

17:20 – 18:00 Discussion with the panelists and the audience

18:00 – 18:30 Addressing statelessness globally – challenges and opportunities Mark Manly, *Head of the Statelessness Unit, UNHCR*