



Training of Lawyers in European Law relating to Asylum and Immigration (TRALIM)

Background

Since the beginning of the European "refugee crisis" in 2015, a rising number of refugees and immigrants have made their journey to the European Union to seek asylum in European Member States. Due to the distressing situation in which these people arrive in the EU and their increasing demand for legal support, European lawyers have a key role to play in ensuring legal security and protection of their fundamental rights. It is therefore of crucial importance that European lawyers are adequately trained in the legal instruments and procedural safeguards available in EU primary law, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Convention of Human Rights.

Objectives

TRALIM is an EU co-funded project which aims at training a minimum of 130 lawyers from 5 different countries (Spain, Italy, Greece, Ireland and Poland) in European law relating to asylum and immigration. Training will take place through the organisation of 4 seminars in four different countries from October 2016 to April 2017. The seminars are intended for qualified lawyers who may be confronted with legal questions relating to asylum and immigration and for those interested in providing legal support in hotspots and refugee camps. The seminars will also offer networking opportunities for further cooperation and action of lawyers from different countries in the pressing issues of asylum and immigration.

Seminars

The 4 seminars will take place in Madrid (October 2016), Athens (December 2016), Dublin (February 2017) and Rome (April 2017). Each seminar will last for one and a half days and will be held in English. The seminars will focus on the two separate European legal orders regulating asylum and immigration: a) the European Union legal order based on the relevant regulations and directives, the provisions of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union, and b) the Council of Europe legal order based on the application of the European Convention of Human Rights and the case law developed by the European Court of Human Rights.

Partners

The project is led by the European Lawyers Foundation, an organisation based in the Hague (Netherlands) which aims at implementing added-value projects in the field of e-Justice, training, human rights and the rule of law. The project team is also composed of 5 participating bars with particular interest in asylum and immigration issues, namely the Spanish National Bar, the Athens Bar Association, the Italian National Bar (CNF), the Law Society of Ireland and the National Council of Polish Legal Advisors (KIRP).



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