

Strasbourg, 03 July 2017

The Civic Roundtable 2017

**Forced migration and asylum:
Dynamics and policy responses in Europe and its neighbourhood**

Monday 10 July to Tuesday 11 July 2017, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe, Room 14

PROGRAMME

Monday 10 July 2017	
09:00	<i>Arrival of participants and registration</i>
09:30	<p>Opening of the meeting by Matjaž GRUDEN, Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe</p> <p>Introductory remarks by Tomáš BOČEK, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees</p> <p>Introduction round</p>
10:30	<p>Theme 1: The dynamics of forced migration and asylum</p> <p>Keynote speech by Kilian KLEINSCHMIDT, Founder and Chairman of <i>Switxboard</i> Global Networking and Humanitarian Expertise, former UNCHR Head of Za'atari Refugee Camp</p>
11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45	Discussion
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>

14:00 – 17:30	<p>Theme 2: Focused policy responses (Coffee break mid-afternoon)</p> <p>Introduction to working groups by Despina SYRRI, Director of the Greek School of Political Studies (Thessaloniki) and Michael REMMERT, Deputy to the Director of Policy Planning and Coordinator of the Network of the Schools of Political Studies, Council of Europe</p> <p>Group Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responses to growing populist rhetoric and action against migrants and refugees in Europe - The role of local authorities and civil society in the reception and integration of refugees at local level - Unaccompanied and separated asylum-seeking and refugee children and family reunification - Setting-up a CoE ‘Academy for Democratic Leadership’ for persons with a refugee background
20:00	<i>Dinner</i> (Au Pont Saint Martin, 15 rue des Moulins, Strasbourg)

Tuesday 11 July 2017	
09:30	<p>Theme 3: Towards a coherent international policy response to forced migration and asylum</p> <p>Keynote speech by Guilia Laganà, Senior Policy Analyst, EU Migration and Asylum Policies, Open Society European Policy Institute</p> <p>Discussion</p>
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30	<p>Feedback from working groups Panelists: Group rapporteurs</p>
12:15	Final discussion and tentative conclusions
13:00 – 13:15	Concluding remarks by Matjaž GRUDEN