

Identification of Vulnerable Persons with Special Needs

Seminar in Vouliagmeni, Attica on 20th and 21st of November 2013

Wednesday 20th of November

09.00-09.30 **Welcome coffee and registration**

09.30-09.40 **Opening greetings and remarks:**

H.E. Mr. Sjur Larsen, Ambassador of Norway

09.40-10.40 **European Developments with Emphasis on Reception Conditions for Vulnerable Asylum Seekers**

Ms. Vigdis Vevstad, Researcher and Independent Consultant

- Questions/discussion

10.40-11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00-12.00 **Greek practice:** Institutionalization, Legislation and Implementation

Mr. Panagiotis Nikas, Director of First Reception Service

Ms. Kalliopi Chaziri, Medical Intervention

Mr. Christos Dimopoulos, National Centre for Social Solidarity, EKKA

- Questions/discussion

12.00-12.45 **Identification and follow up of asylum seekers with special needs in Norway**

Ms. Marit Sjaastad, Special Adviser, Department for Regions,

Reception and Return, UDI

Mr. Vegard Nore, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Directorate of Health

- Questions/discussion

12.45-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.00 **Identification and follow-up of asylum seekers with special needs in the Reception System in Belgium**

Mr. Geert Knockaert, Program manager, Directorate of Operations, Fedasil - The Belgian Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers.

- Questions/discussion

15.00-15.45 **Comments and Discussions**

Comments from IOM and UNHCR

Thursday 21st of November

09.15-09.45 **Welcome coffee**

09.45-10.00 **Comments to day one and introduction to the second day**

Ms. Marit Sjaastad, Special Adviser, Department of Regions, Reception and Return, UDI

10.00-11.00 **Identification of victims of torture, how to follow up the Istanbul Protocol**

Introduction by Ms. Erna Blondal, Ministry of Interior, Iceland

Presentation by Kenneth Brant Hansen, Head of Program Unit, Greek Council for Refugees

- Questions/discussion

11.00-11.20 **Coffee Break**

11.20-12.30 **The importance of Communication and Interdisciplinary Cooperation and the challenge of communicating information between sectors**

Facilitator Mr. Ioannis Tavridis, Senior Adviser,
Department of Regions, Reception and Return, UDI

Introductions by

Mr. Vegard Nore, Directorate of Health, Norway
Ms. Lamprini Zoi, Ministry of Labor, Greece
Mr. Geert Knockaert, Fedasil, Belgium

- Questions/Discussion

12.30-13.45 **Lunch**

13.45-14.45 **Minors in the Norwegian Asylum Procedure**

Introduction by Ms. Bente Aavik Skarprud, Head of Special Unit for Children, UDI and Ms. Anne Sofie Døskeland, Senior Adviser, Asylum Department, UDI

- Questions/Discussion

14.45-15.15 **Closing remarks**

The seminar will be chaired by Ms. Anita Fjeldsæter, Senior Adviser, Department for Analysis and Development, UDI