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A Fundamental Right: Asylum - theory & reality -

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, 13:00h – 15:00h
Belvedere B Room, Hotel Sofitel Victoria



Side Event organized by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), co-hosted by the Delegation of the European Union to the International Organizations in Vienna & the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Belgium to the OSCE

Asylum seekers – refugees – migrants – victims of trafficking – unaccompanied and separated children – who is behind these definitions?

Minimum standards for fair asylum procedures include the duty to issue decisions in writing, to inform applicants about the asylum decision and on how to appeal, to provide legal assistance and effective remedies. States are providing information to asylum seekers – but is this information always understood and are the applicants becoming fully aware of their rights and obligations?

Access to information, effective remedies, duration of procedures and legal assistance are the areas that will be approached by the panelists from various dimensions:

- FRA key findings on the status of the right to asylum in the EU
- Screening of the documentary 'Little Alien' as a snapshot of the reality
- UNHCR's study on asylum procedures

Moderator

- Ms. Geneviève Renaux, Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Belgium to the OSCE

Panelists

- Nina Kusturica, Director, *Little Alien*
- Aydan Iyğüngör, Human Rights Education Coordinator, *European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)*
- Francesca Friz-Prguda, Head of the UNHCR Liaison Office to the OSCE and Vienna-based UN Agencies, *UNHCR*
- Jawid Najafi, Protagonist, *Little Alien*

Note: Refreshments & snacks will be provided during the event