

ACADEMIC NETWORK FOR LEGAL STUDIES ON IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN EUROPE

A NETWORK FOUNDED WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE ODYSSEUS PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,



CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION ABOUT THE COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU DIRECTIVE ON RECEPTION CONDITIONS OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Odysseus Network has been selected through a call for tender by the European Commission to undertake, with the support of the UNHCR, the study on the implementation of the directive 2003/9 of 27 January 2003 laying down minimum standards for the reception conditions of asylum seekers. The study to be done in 2006 will be comparative and cover the 23 Member States bound by the directive. It will focus on legal aspects in order to find out if Member States respected their obligation of transposing correctly the directive into national law and will include as much as possible the practical aspects. We will therefore collaborate with the Enaro Network and in particular Fedasil (the Federal Agency in charge of reception conditions in Belgium). A report for each Member State will be prepared by the Members of the Odysseus Network for June 2006 and a European synthesis for September. An open final conference will be organised at the end of September and the results in principle published in a book. Apart from the contacts with the Member States' administration in charge of the organisation of reception conditions, a questionnaire will be sent in April to some reception centres and NGOs in each country in order to collect information on the practice. Interested organisations and persons will have in April-May about one month to complete it and send it back. The questionnaire will be in English, but answers can be drafted in the language of your Member States if you do not speak English. The national reports and the European synthesis only available in English or French will be made public for final comments.

If you are interested by this study and would like to be informed about its progress and results, you are kindly invited to send to the email address below a message with the indication "study reception conditions" in the object and including your name, function, organisation and personal details. Please mention in particular if you are ready to complete the questionnaire on the practical aspects. You can also submit directly a statement about the implementation of the directive as well as proposals to improve it. If the submitter agrees, we will post the relevant contributions on our website. Thanks also for mentioning or sending any relevant documents or articles and books related to the subject which have been published in your country.

WE HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF NGOS, RECEPTION CENTRES AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS. THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE NETWORKING BETWEEN PERSONS AND ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED BY RECEPTION CONDITIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS IN EUROPE. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP!

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