

ELENA, the European Legal Network on Asylum, is a forum for legal practitioners who aim to promote the highest human rights standards for the treatment of refugees, asylum seekers and other persons in need of international protection in their daily counselling and advocacy work. The ELENA network is coordinated by the ECRE Secretariat and extends across most European states and involves some 2,000 lawyers and legal counsellors.

ELENA's objectives are pursued by:

- Providing and reinforcing contact between practising lawyers and legal counsellors in different European countries who work on asylum cases;
- Facilitating the exchange of information and experience between these lawyers and legal counsellors;
- Studying the implementation of national and international law relating to refugees;
- Organising seminars on specific topics relating to refugee law and making results available to practising lawyers;
- Promoting the development of national networks of lawyers specialising in asylum law.

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CESSATION AND EXCLUSION CLAUSES, NATIONAL SECURITY AND NON-REFOULEMENT

22 – 24 February 2008,
Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens,
Greece

REGISTER NOW!

It is expected that this course will be over-subscribed and places are limited. Closing date for registrations is **14 January 2008**. Applications will be dealt with in order of receipt. All interested are advised to register early to avoid disappointment.

ECRE is pleased to announce the forthcoming ELENA course on Cessation and Exclusion Clauses, National Security and Non-Refoulement

The course will examine the exclusion and cessation clauses in the EC Qualification Directive in light of International Refugee and Human Rights law as well as recent developments in relation to the principle of *non-refoulement*. It will also address the impact of security measures on asylum policy and challenges to the protection of the rights of refugees and asylum seekers.

The programme will include lectures by experts in international refugee and asylum law. The course will be conducted in English.

The course is aimed at legal practitioners from across Europe who are involved in cases concerning refugees and asylum seekers.

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**PROGRAMME FOR THE ELENA COURSE:
Cessation and Exclusion Clauses, National Security and Non-
Refoulement**

Friday 22 February 2008

- 11:00 – 14:00 Registration
13:00 – 14:00 Welcome coffee and canapés
14:00 – 14:15 Welcome and Introduction to ELENA & ECRE – **Magdalena Kmak, Legal Officer/ELENA Co-ordinator, ECRE**
14:15 – 15:15 Introduction to international framework and the EC Qualification Directive - **Elsbeth Guild**
15:15 – 16:00 Cessation of the protection status in the EC Qualification Directive in light of International Refugee and Human Rights law – **Ioannis Papageorgiou**
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
16:30 – 18:30 Cessation of the protection status in the EC Qualification Directive in light of International Refugee and Human Rights law continued – **Ioannis Papageorgiou**
19:30 Guided tour to a historical part of the city (optional)

Saturday 23 February 2008

- 09:00 – 11:00 Article 1F of the Geneva Convention, Introduction to rationale, scope and interpretation – **Geoff Gilbert**
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00 Article 1F of the Geneva Convention, Introduction to rationale, scope and interpretation continued – **Raza Husain**
13:00 – 14:15 Lunch
14:15 – 16:00 Exclusion from protection in the EC Qualification Directive in light of International Refugee and Human Rights law – **Maria-Teresa Gil Bazo**
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00 Exclusion from protection and the right to *non-refoulement* - recent developments – **Nuala Mole**
20:00 Social evening

Sunday 24 February 2008

- 09:30 – 11:00 Impact of security-related measures on the protection of asylum-seekers in the European Union – **Anneliese Baldaccini**
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00 Panel Discussion: Challenges to the legal status of asylum-seekers and refugees in relation to security measures – Introduced and chaired by **Elsbeth Guild**
13:00 Close and departure