

Program: The Returns Directive: Central Themes, Problem Issues and Implementation, Seminar 14 February 2011, Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University Nijmegen, Law Faculty, Thomas van Aquinostraat 8, CPO room, The Netherlands

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome and Coffee

10.00 - 11.00 Central Themes

Chair: Elspeth Guild (Centre for Migration Law, Nijmegen)

10.00 – 10.25 Diego Acosta (University of Sheffield): The European Union Returns Directive: an Overview

10.20 – 10.45 Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert (Dutch Second Chamber): The negotiations on the Returns Directive: problematic issues, outcomes and challenges

10.45 – 11.00 Questions and Discussion

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee and Tea

11.15 – 12.30 Problem Issues

11.15 – 11.40 Anneliese Baldaccini (Amnesty International Brussels): The EU Directive on Return: Principles and Protests

11.40 – 12.15 Pieter Boeles (FORUM): Combining SIS and the Returns Directive under EU Law: the way ahead?

12.15 – 12.30 Comments by Michele Cavinato (UNHCR)

12.30– 12.45 Questions and Discussion

12.45 – 13.40 Lunch

13.40 – 15.10 The implementation of the Directive in Member States I

Chair: Kees Groenendijk (Centre for Migration Law, Nijmegen)

13.40 – 14.00 Alexandra Wilton Wahren (Ministry of Justice): Sweden

14.00 – 14.20 Tamás Molnár (IRM): Hungary

14.20 – 14.40 Chiara Favilli (University of Florence): Italy

14.40 – 15.10 Questions and discussion

15.10 – 15.20 Coffee and Tea

15.20 – 17.30 The implementation of the Directive in Member States II

15.20 – 15.40 Elitsa Mincheva (Collège d'Europe, Bruges): Bulgaria

15.40 – 16.00 Pieter Boeles (FORUM): The Netherlands

16.00 – 16.20 Marei Pelzer (Pro Asyl): Germany

16.20 – 16.35 Comments by Niraj Nathwani (Fundamental Rights Agency)

16.35 – 17.15 Questions and discussion

17.15 – 18.00 Reception and drinks

18.00 – 20.00 Buffet dinner