



ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS

15 and 16 November 2012

Grand Hotel Excelsior
Valletta, Malta

The Centre for Migration Law of the Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands coordinates under the supervision of the European Commission a European Network on Free Movement within the European Union. One of the activities of this Network is the organization of a conference to achieve a wider and more comprehensive understanding of the right of free movement of workers. See for the activities of the Network: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=475&langId=en>

This year's conference will focus on the implementation of EU law on free movement of workers in light of the rising disparities in unemployment rates among Member States and the consequences these are having for EU workers exercising their rights. The conference will commence with reflections on the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the rights of EU mobile workers. We will also focus on issues around job seekers, a group who all too often find themselves assimilated to the position of the economically inactive thus reducing their possibilities to exercise their rights fully.

This conference has been organized in collaboration with the Maltese Association for European Law Studies AMSDE (Assocjazzjoni Maltija għall-Istudji tad-Dritt Ewropew).

Conference Programme

Thursday 15 November

Chair: *Kees Groenendijk*, Radboud University Nijmegen

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| 13.00 - 13.15 | Opening by Maltese official |
| 13.15 - 13.30 | Welcome by <i>Jackie Morin</i> , Head of Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion |
| 13.30 - 14.00 | Keynote speech on Impact of the EU Charter on Free Movement of Workers by <i>Jean-Yves Carlier</i> , University Louvain-La-Neuve |
| 14.00 - 14.30 | Presentation European report 2011-2012 on Free Movement of Workers by <i>Elsbeth Guild</i> , Radboud University Nijmegen |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | Discussion |



- 15.00 - 15.30 Coffee Break
- 15.30 - 17.00 Session on: Obstacles and Remedies (with particular reference to young workers)
- This session will focus on some obstacles for EU workers and possible legal remedies. There will be a particular reference to young workers
- Round table and short presentations (each 10 minutes):
- Laurent Aujean*, European Commission: Youth employment situation in the EU; some figures and trends
- Paul Minderhoud*, Radboud University Nijmegen: Presentation 2011 report obstacles for young workers
- Daniel Thym*, University of Konstanz: Studentenwerk Berlin only facilitates labour market access for German students
- Ulla Iben Jensen*, University of Aarhus: Obstacles for EU Workers on temporary contracts and part time contracts
- Caroline Rietbergen*, Dutch Trade Union: Legal Instruments to Improve situation workers in marginal positions: Dutch experience
- Nicos Trimikliniotis*, University of Nicosia: Obstacles for EU trainees in the hotel industry in Cyprus
- 18.00 Audiovisual show "The Malta Experience"
- 20.15 Dinner

Friday 16 November

Chair: *Paul Minderhoud*, Coordinator Network on Free Movement of Workers

- 9.00 - 10.30 The situation of jobseekers under EU law on Free Movement
Presentation by *Ferdinand Wollenschläger*, University of Augsburg
- Comments by *Jitka Hrudova*, European Commission: Residence rights of first time jobseekers and the right to retain a status of workers for persons who lost their job in the host MS involuntarily
- Comments by *Sarah St Vincent*, The AIRE Centre London: The UK perspective in light of the Collins judgment
- 10.30 - 10.45 Coffee Break



- 10.45 - 11.30 Session with reports from the 2012 specialized seminars of the Network
- Reports from Denmark/Sweden by *Örjan Edström*, University of Umea, Czech Republic/Slovakia by *Martin Škamla*, Lawyer, Slovakia, and Italy by *Alessandra Lang*, University of Milan
- 11.30 - 12.15 Breaches of Union Law by non-state entities?
 by *Jonathan Tomkin*, Barrister, Dublin
- Comments by Mr. Justice *Nicholas Blake*, President, Upper Tribunal, Immigration and Asylum Chamber, UK
- 12.15 - 12.30 Coffee break
- 12.30 - 13.10 Direct and indirect barriers to free movement of labour within the EU - The experience of a National Ombudsman by *Calliope Spanou*, Greek Ombudsman
- 13.10 - 13.20 Conclusions by *Kees Groenendijk*, Radboud University Nijmegen
- 13.20 Lunch