

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

The Odysseus Network has been selected through a call for tender by the European Commission to undertake, in closed partnership with the UNHCR and with the support of Fedasil coordinating the Network Enaro, 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. This study to be finished in October 2006 will cover the 23 Member States bound by the directive. It will focus on legal aspects in order to find out how Member States transposed the directive into national law, but also cover as much as possible practical aspects of reception conditions. A report for each Member State will be prepared by the rapporteurs of the Odysseus Network (see the list in annex to the message you received or on our website) for the end of June and a European synthesis for September. **An open final conference will be organised on Tuesday 26 September in Brussels** and the results in principle published in a book. Apart from the contacts which will be directly established by the national rapporteurs in each country in order to collect information on the practice, all interested NGO, reception centre or person can ask to receive the practical questionnaire and send it back to us once completed before the end of July. Relevant contributions will be reflected in the national reports and posted on our website if the submitter agrees. The questionnaire is in English, but answers can be drafted in the language of your Member State of origin. The national reports and the European synthesis only available in English or French will be made public for comments on our website respectively at the end of June and in September.

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. Thanks also for mentioning or sending any relevant literature related to the subject which has been published in your country.

WE HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE.

**THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE NETWORKING BETWEEN
NGOS, RECEPTION CENTRES AND ALL INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS AND
PERSONS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2006 FOR THE FINAL CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS!**

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