



## Detention of Vulnerable Asylum Seekers and Irregular Migrants in the European Union

*Jesuit Refugee Service - European Regional Office*

### PUBLIC CONFERENCE

8<sup>th</sup> June 2010, 09:00 - 12:30

Hotel Silken Berlaymont Brussels  
11-19 Boulevard Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels

JRS-Europe cordially invites all interested persons and organisations to a public conference for the dissemination of the final report of the DEVAS project.

Coordinated by JRS-Europe in partnership with NGOs in 23 EU Member States, the DEVAS project seeks to assess the causes and consequences of vulnerability within the environment of closed administrative detention.

685 one-on-one interviews with detained asylum seekers and irregular migrants have been collected from throughout Europe. Using their own voices, detainees describe the deteriorative impacts of detention upon their personal condition. From this research, JRS-Europe and its partners have developed a tool to assess vulnerability in detention, for the purpose of reducing harm to individuals and to limit the use of detention altogether.

***Please submit your RSVP by 26<sup>th</sup> May to Philip Amaral,  
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