

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-  
Refolement**

**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**

- 09:30 – 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 – **Geoff Gilbert**
- 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** and including a contribution by **Raza Husain**
- 13:00 Close and departure

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS**

First name: Mr/Ms.....

Last name:.....

Job Title:.....

Law Firm/Organisation:.....

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**Registration Fee**

The fee for participation for lawyers and NGO staff is £450 sterling and £550 sterling for government officials. This is a residential course and the fee will cover seminar costs, accommodation, meals as per the programme and documentation.

On receipt of the registration form, we will send you confirmation, programme information and details on payment methods.

**After returning this form it is important that all monies are received by 21 January 2008 or places will be cancelled.**