

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

Jesuit Refugee Service - European Regional Office

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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 a report on detention and vulnerability, entitled "Becoming Vulnerable In Detention".

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 holistic tool to assess the level of vulnerability in individuals who may be subject to immigration detention.

Please submit your RSVP by 4th June to Philip Amaral, <u>europe.advocacy@jrs.net</u>

(Students may receive a Certificate of Attendance upon request)

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