

Refugee Protection and International Migration in the Western Balkans: Suggestions for a Comprehensive Regional Approach,

Roundtable Agenda

Tuesday, 10 December 2013

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.20 Welcome and introduction

Vincent Cochetel, Director, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
*Renate Held, Regional Director, Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe,
Eastern Europe and Central Asia, IOM*

**9.20 – 10.20 Setting the scene: Refugee protection and international migration in the
Western Balkans**

Presentations by Heads of delegations

10.20 – 10.45 Coffee Break

Working Session I: Protection-sensitive entry systems

This working session will focus on challenges related to establishment of entry systems that take into account the protection needs of persons on the move, while at the same time safeguarding the legitimate interests of States to control unauthorized access to their territories.

10.45 – 11.05 Introductory presentation

- *Ms. Svetlana Vlahovikj Dimanovska, Ministry of Interior, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- *Luca Curci, UNHCR*

11.05 - 12.30 Working groups

Participants will be divided into three groups. Each of the groups will discuss the specific challenges the countries in the Western Balkans are facing, identify promising practices and formulate proposals on how the existing gaps could be addressed. Each working group will nominate a chair who will report back to the plenary.

12.30 -13.00 Reporting back to the plenary and discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

Working Session II: Identifying and providing assistance to refugees, persons with specific needs and vulnerable migrants

This working session will focus on the different needs and vulnerabilities of the individuals involved in mixed movements, how these could be identified and addressed in accordance with applicable international human rights standards.

14.00– 15.00 Introductory presentations

- **Addressing the basic needs of all arrivals** *Katarina Lughofer, IOM*
- **Profiling and referral – the Albanian model** *Representative of the Government of Albania*
- **Profiling and referral – practical examples** *Anne-Birgitte Krum-Hansen, UNHCR*

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.00 Working Groups

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17.00 – 17.30 Reporting back to the plenary and discussion

17.30 End of Day 1

Day 2

Working session II continued

9.00 - 9.15 Summary of day 1 and introduction to day 2 *Gianluca Rocco, IOM*

9.15 – 10.45 Introductory presentations continued

- **Identifying asylum-seekers and recognizing refugees** *Slobodan Rascanin, UNHCR*
- **Addressing specific needs of vulnerable categories of migrants – practical approaches** *Katarina Lughofer, IOM*
- **Combatting trafficking in persons** *Euridice Marquez, IOM*
- **Children on the move** *Dietrun Gunther, UNHCR*

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 Working Groups

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12.30 – 13.00 Reporting back to the plenary and discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Working session III: Providing assisted voluntary return and reintegration for non-refugees

14.00 – 14.30 Introductory Presentation

- *Sonja Bozinovska, IOM*
- *Representative of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

14.30 – 15.30 Plenary Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Concluding remarks *Lidija Markovic, IOM and Anja Klug, UNHCR*

16.00 **End of the workshop**