

## UNHCR-NGOs Regional Dialogue - 24 November 2020

### Presentation

This dialogue/ exchange builds on the recent thematic exchanges organised on Greece (22 September 2020), Hungary (26 August 2020) and on the previous regional dialogue with the UNHCR Regional Bureau Director for Europe (6 July 2020).

#### **1. Presentation/ discussion on the key results of the Global NGO consultations (ICVA/ UNHCR – 20mns)**

The [2020 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations](#) took place virtually on 29-30 September 2020. With a cross-cutting focus on *Responding to Pandemics*, the Consultations touched upon protection and community engagement, resilience and inclusion, and climate action. The final recommendations of the two-day event are now available [online](#).

ICVA and UNHCR – as co-organisers of this event, will share their reading of these consultations, including on key issues raised by NGOs and priority recommendations of particular relevance to the European region. It will be followed by key feedback/ exchange with NGO participants.

#### **2. Presentation/ discussion on the Armenia/Azerbaijan and Nagorno Karabakh situation (UNHCR / specific NGOs – 40mns)**

On 27 September 2020, heavy clashes were reported along the line of contact (LoC) in and around the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, marking the first full-fledged escalation in the region since 2016. Civilian casualties have been reported on both sides of the LoC and beyond, while many houses and public infrastructures in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone, such as schools, roads and communication networks, were also damaged. The trilateral statement signed on 9 November put an end to the hostilities, yet the situation of tens of thousands displaced persons remains of concern.

In this session, UNHCR will present its role and ongoing response to this crisis. Interested NGOs active in the area will also be invited to present their ongoing/planned activities, followed by a discussion on the possible evolution of needs/ response on the ground (notably on the issue of returns).

#### **3. Open discussion (25mns)**

### Participants

Participants will include:

- Members of the **UNHCR** Regional Bureau for Europe (Protection, Communications and External engagement), Representation for EU Affairs and Regional Representation for Central Europe;
- Representatives of **ECRE and ICVA**;
- Representatives of **NGOs** with expertise and ongoing work in the Europe region, interested in the themes of this *ad hoc* dialogue meeting.

## Tentative agenda

	<b>Session</b>	<b>Sub-sessions</b>	<b>Resource person</b>
5mns	<b>Opening</b>		UNHCR (Angela Li Rosi/Nicolas Brass)
15mns	<b>Key results of the Global NGO consultations (ICVA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of key issues raised by NGO participants (with a focus on topics of relevance to Europe)</li> <li>- Presentation of recommendations (with a focus on topics of relevance to Europe)</li> <li>- Feedbacks from participants</li> </ul>	ICVA (Jerome Elie) Moderation: UNHCR
45mns	<b>Situation Armenia/Azerbaijan and Nagorno Karabakh situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by UNHCR</li> <li>- Discussion</li> </ul>	UNHCR (Angela Li Rosi and Filippo Rossi) Moderation: ECRE/UNHCR
30mns	<b>Discussion and Q/A</b>		Moderation: ICVA
10mns	<b>Way forward and closing</b>		UNHCR, ICVA and ECRE

## Date and Venue

**Date:** 24th November, 11.00-12.45

**Venue:** Online – WebEx platform

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