



**Programme 7th EASO Consultative Forum Plenary Meeting
17th November 2017, Brussels**

*Crowne Plaza, Rue Gineste 3,
1210 Brussels, Belgium*

08:30-9:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:00 – 09:20	<p>Opening Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening address by EASO’s Executive Director, Mr. José Carreira • Keynote address by European Commission Deputy Director General for Migration and Home Affairs, Mr. Simon Mordue
	<i>Part I: Supporting Frontline Member States – EASO’s operational activities</i>
09:20-10:50	<p>Plenary Session: How well has the EU and EASO in particular assisted Frontline Member States?</p> <p>This session will consist of presentations provided by EU institutions, national authorities and civil society organisations, followed by questions and answers from the floor. To encourage audience engagement, use will be made of an IT tool called ‘Slido’ to maximise the effectiveness of the Q&A session.</p> <p>Presentations and commentaries by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission: Head of Asylum Unit, Mr. Henrik Nielsen • EASO: Head of Department Asylum Support and Head of Department Operations a.i., Patricia Van de Peer • Greek Asylum Service: Director, Maria Stavropoulou • Metadras: President, Lora Pappa • Save the Children: Head of the Brussels Office, Ester Asin • UNHCR: Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, Europe Bureau for Brussels, Sophie Magennis • IOM: Director of the IOM Regional Office for the EEA, EU, and NATO, Eugenio Ambrosi <p>Moderators: Jorrit Rijpma, Associate Professor, Europa Institute, Leiden University & Ian Andersen, External Communications Adviser, DG Interpretation, European Commission</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <p><i>After two challenging years, is the CEAS now in better shape? How has the EU collectively and EASO in particular assisted frontline Member States? To what extent has EASO’s role been of added-value in assisting frontline Member States? Has support provided been sufficient, or, is more action required? This panel will take stock of the events of the past years, evaluating what impact the mixed flows have had on frontline Member States and critically assessing to what</i></p>



	<i>extent EASO has successfully supported frontline Member States in coping with the influx, identifying lessons learned, remaining challenges and solutions.</i>
10:50-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	<p>Three parallel sessions: The Role of Civil Society under the CEAS – Synergies and Cooperation with EASO</p> <p>This session will include three parallel workshops, clustered around the following themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination and cooperation between EASO and civil society at the hotspots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory statements by: Cooperativa Badia Nuova Grande, Metadarsi, EASO Cultural Mediator, EASO 2. Follow-up to relocation: civil society’s role in ensuring successful integration of relocated individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory statements by: IOM, the Refugee Support Platform, testimony of relocated individual, EASO 3. EASO’s engagement with civil society with regard to information, data analysis, training, and asylum processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Statements by: Austrian Red Cross, ECRE, Odysseus Network, EASO <p>The workshops will take place in an informal setting to facilitate interactive dialogue. EASO and civil society representatives will provide introductory statements. Subsequently, the floor will be opened and participants can bring any topic of interest for discussion. Overall, all three workshops aim to explore synergies between EASO and civil society, identifying possibilities for strengthened action.</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <p><i>Where do EASO’s activities link with those of civil society? How has EASO cooperated with civil society across different areas and activities? Is there scope for strengthened cooperation? How can we improve cooperation at the hotspots? How do we better cooperate to improve personal experiences of relocated individuals and improve their perspectives for integration? How can we further improve cooperation with regard to information, data analysis, training and asylum processes?</i></p>
12:15-13:30	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Walking Gallery</p> <p>Participants can have a closer look at EASO cooperation with civil society across different activities. Stands will be available for different EASO activities (e.g. operational activities, external dimension, COI, Annual Report on the Situation of Asylum, training, asylum processes, vulnerable groups, Consultative Forum, etc.) Participants can walk around to talk to EASO representatives of all disciplines to find out more about their work and cooperation with civil society.</p>

	Part II: The EUAA and cooperation with civil society – an improved CF under the EUAA?
13:30-14:00	<p>Plenary session: What will the EUAA bring?</p> <p>This session will include presentations by the Estonian Presidency, the Commission and the European Parliament, followed by questions and answers from the floor.</p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estonian Presidency: Counsellor for Home Affairs, Ms. Sigrid Soomlais • European Commission DG Migration and Home Affairs: Policy Officer, Asylum, Ms. Charmaine Hili <p>Moderator: Jean Pierre Schembri, EASO, Head of Communications and Stakeholders Unit, a.i.</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <p><i>What changes does the EUAA bring to EASO's mission, mandate and activities?</i></p> <p><i>What are the changes proposed to the Consultative Forum under the EUAA?</i></p>
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Working Groups: How can cooperation between EASO and Civil Society be strengthened under the EUAA? What role, objectives, structure, methods and activities for the CF under the EUAA?</p> <p>On the basis of a Concept Paper, participants can provide their input during small working groups on the revised format and structure of the Consultative Forum under the EUAA.</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <p><i>What are the objectives and desired outcomes of the CF under the EUAA? What composition for the Forum under the EUAA? What type and frequency of CF activities and which activities do we want to see implemented next year?</i></p>
16:00-17:00	<p>Roundtable discussion on a revised format and structure for the Consultative Forum under the EUAA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteurs reporting back on the results of the Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anikó Bakonyi, Hungarian Helsinki Committee - Adriana Tidona, Aire Centre • EASO: Head of Communications and Stakeholders Unit, a.i., Jean-Pierre Schembri • Representative of the EASO Management Board: Dirk Van den Bulck, Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons, Belgium • ECRE : Senior Policy Officer, Aspasia Papadopoulou <p>Moderator: Ian Andersen, External Communications Adviser, DG Interpretation, European Commission</p>
17:00	Closing remarks by EASO Executive Director, Mr José Carreira
17:05	Cocktail Reception