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EXPLORING AVENUES FOR PROTECTED ENTRY TO EUROPE

Brussels, 19 September 2011

Hotel Renaissance, Brussels

08.45 – 09.15 Registration

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome (*high level speaker*)
Obstacles of access to protection in Europe

Facilitator Christopher Hein, CIR Director

09.30 – 09.50 **The legal framework for access to protection at international and European level,** *Prof. Guy Goodwin-Gill, University of Oxford (tbc)*

09.50 – 11.00 **PANEL SESSION : Exploring the notion and potential of protected entry mechanisms to Europe**
(Moderator: Aspasia Papadopoulou, ECRE)
Gregor Noll, University of Lund (tbc)
European Commission, DG HOME, Asylum Unit
UNHCR

11.00 – 11.20 COFFEE BREAK

11.20 – 11.40 **Protected entry procedures and resettlement**
UNHCR

11.40 – 13:00 **PANEL SESSION: National mechanisms of access to protection from outside Europe: results of the project research**
(Moderator: *Maria de Donato, CIR Project Coordinator*)
Case study Switzerland: Susanne Christine Bolz
Case study Austria: Anny Knapp
Case study Spain: Hana Cheikh Ali

13:00 – 13.15 Morning session conclusions
Jean Lamberts, MEP



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13.15 – 14.15 LUNCH

14.15 – 15.45 **Working Groups on complementary forms of access to protection**

GROUP 1 – Practical aspects: PEP mechanisms, types of visas, embassy capacities etc
(*Rapporteur: Violeta Moreno-Lax, College of Europe*)

GROUP 2 – Legal aspects: fundamental rights and procedural guarantees, relations to the current EU asylum framework
(*Rapporteur: Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, DIIS*)

15.45 – 16.15 COFFEE BREAK

16.15 – 16.45 **Reporting back in plenary: A way forward**
(*Rapporteurs - Christopher Hein*)

16.45 – 17.00 **Concluding remark**
(*Council of Europe*)



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