

9.00 – 9.15: Welcoming coffee

- 9.15- 9.30: Welcoming by the **European Migration Network (EMN)** and by **Mr. Dirk Van den Bulck** (Commissioner general for refugees and stateless persons)

Historical background and overview:

- 9.30 - 10.00: The refugee policy in Belgium throughout the years: **Dr. Frank Caestecker** (UGent)

The examination of an asylum application : A national competence under international supervision

- 10.00 - 10.30: Introduction: **Prof. Marc Bossuyt** (President of the Constitutional Court and former commissioner general for refugees and stateless persons)

10.30 – 10.45: Coffee break

- 10.45 - 11.15: The caselaw of the European Court of Human Rights in asylum cases: **Prof. Dirk Vanheule** (UA)
- 11.15 - 11.45: The caselaw of the European Court of Justice : **Jacques Jaumotte** (Council of state)
- 11.45 - 12.45: Panel discussion and debate with the audience : The growing impact of European Courts on the asylum status determination process : A positive evolution?

Panel members: **Prof. Marc Bossuyt – Jacques Jaumotte – Prof. Dirk Vanheule**
Moderator : **Prof. Geert Debersaques** (first president of the Aliens Litigation Council)

12.45 - 13.45: Lunch

Beneficiaries of protection in Belgium ?

- 13.45 - 14.15: The Geneva Refugee Definition : after 60 years, still the main tool for assessing protection needs ? **Prof. Jean-Yves Carlier** (UCL)
- 14.15 - 14.45: Other protection statuses in Belgium : an overview and reflection towards other European countries **Marleen Maes** (KULeuven)

14.45 – 15.00: Coffee break

- 15.00 - 15.30: Protection gaps and challenges in Belgium and beyond: **Paolo Artini** (Deputy Regional Representative UNHCR)
- 15.30 -16.30: Panel discussion and debate with the audience : Who needs to be ensured of protection and what are the challenges ?

Panel members: **Isabelle Doyen (Director ADDE) - Véronique De Ryckere (UNHCR) - François Bienfait (Deputy Commissioner CGRS)**
Moderator: **Jozef De Witte (Director of the Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism)**

Conclusions of the day

- 16.30 - 17.00: **Dirk Van den Bulck** (Commissioner general for refugees and stateless persons)

Reception