

## Conversion in the asylum procedure – new developments and old challenges

Online event 18-20 January 2022

A CCME event in cooperation with CEC, COMECE, EEA

AGENDA AS OF 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

10.00 Welcome by organisers and opening prayer

- Opening keynote: conversion in the asylum procedure - an area of conflict between church and state – theological – missiological reflections Prof D Nagy PThU
- Some new trends in Discussions on conversion in the asylum procedure – Dr Lena Rose University of Oxford (tbc)
- Discussion

12.00 Break

15.00 Conversion in the asylum procedure: what is it all about?

- Understanding conversion in different perspectives and disciplines Prof Dr Henning Theißen, Leuphana University Lüneburg
- Testimonies
- Discussion

17.00 End

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

10.00 Developments in asylum authorities and judiciary

- Improving asylum decision on complex cases – European Asylum Support Office
- Credibility assessment from a judges' perspective – Prof Harald Döring, Vice Chair International Association of Refugee Law Judges Europe chapter
- Credibility assessment in a ECJ perspective Peter George Xuereb Judge at Court of Justice of the European Union, formerly Judge in the General Court
- Reaction from Ruth Nordström, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers (tbc)

12.30 Break

15.00 Best practice of churches - a panel

17.00 End

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

10.00 The role of foreign/"native" language parishes and churches in conversion  
Reports from parishes/churches catering for example to Iranians or Afghans - both in Europe and country of origin

12.00 Break

15.00 CHURCHES INTERNAL: how to manage expectations and address setbacks among converts and churches?

- what can we promise as a church, what for the world outside the church?
- how do we keep up motivation and engagement for converts despite setbacks?
- the tension between personal commitment and professional distance

Closing remarks and prayer

17.00 End

The language of the meeting is English.

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