

**Expert Meeting on Statelessness
in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum**

Budapest, Hotel Gellért, Szent Gellért tér 1

12-13 December 2013

Agenda

- Please note that simultaneous interpretation English and Russian will be provided. -

12 December		
18:00	Arrival of delegations	
18:30	Meeting in the hotel lobby <i>Short walk and tram ride to the venue of the dinner</i>	
19:00	Dinner in Gerbeaud Restaurant and Café, Vörösmarty tér 1	
13 December		
Welcome and Opening		
08:30 – 09:00	Introductory Statements	<p>Ms Borbala Szigeti, DG Home Affairs, European Commission</p> <p>Ms. Olesea Cotoman Bureau for Migration and Asylum, Moldova</p> <p>Mr Tamás Molnár, Head of Unit, Ministry of Interior, Hungary</p>
Session I – Global Overview and Theoretical Basis Moderator: Ms. Nato Gagnidze, Director, Innovation and Reform Centre, Tbilisi		
09:00 – 09:45	Statelessness in the global and European context; state of play	Ms. Inge Sturkenboom UNHCR Europe
09:45 – 10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:15-11:00	The emergence of statelessness as a protection issue and statelessness in the EU framework for international protection	Mr. Gábor Gyulai Hungarian Helsinki Committee
11:00 – 11:45	Statelessness in 2014 and beyond: international momentum, opportunities and challenges	Ms. Laura van Waas dr. Senior Researcher and Manager of the Statelessness Programme, Tilburg Law School
11:45 – 12:15	Discussion	
12:15 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>	

Session II – National Practices		
Moderator: Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee		
13:45- 14:15	National practices: presentation of Hungary - Legal background and policy development - Practical aspects and statistics	Mr. Tamás Molnár Head of Unit, Ministry of Interior, Hungary Ms. Zsófia Huszka , Office of Immigration and Nationality, Hungary
14:15 – 14:30	Protection of stateless persons and reduction of statelessness in the Republic of Moldova: policy development and ways forward	Ms. Isabelle Mihoubi-Astor EU High Level Adviser to the Bureau for Migration and Asylum in the Republic of Moldova
14:30 – 14:45	National practices: presentation of Moldova	Ms. Olesea Cotoman Bureau for Migration and Asylum, Moldova
14:45 – 15:00	National practices: presentation of Georgia	Ms. Ia Biganishvili Project Manager, Public Service Development Agency, Georgia
15:00 – 15:15	National practices: presentation of Sweden on the issue of citizenship	Mr. Erik Rehó International Specialist Swedish Migration Board
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion	
Closure of the Expert meeting		
15:45 – 16:00	Closure of the meeting	Ms. Borbala Szigeti , DG Home Affairs, European Commission Ms. Olesea Cotoman Bureau for Migration and Asylum, Moldova Mr Tamás Molnár , Head of Unit, Ministry of Interior, Hungary