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## ACCESS RIGHTS FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES IN CYPRUS From action on the ground to policy change

16 November 2018 – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Venue: Cleopatra Hotel - Nicosia

13.30 – 14:00: Registration of participants

14.00–14.15: Introduction

- Welcome speech, [Radostina Pavlova – Centre for Legal Aid / EuroMed Rights EC Member](#)
- Introductory speech, [Anthoula Papadopoulou, Chair of KISA](#)

14.15– 16.00: **SESSION 1 - Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean: Challenges & opportunities in the area of migration & asylum**

*Moderation: Nicoletta Charalambidou – KISA’s Steering Committee and Human Rights lawyer*

- Migration & asylum policies in Cyprus: addressing challenges and policy prospects from the point of view of the Cypriot Government  
[Michael Beys, Civil Registry and Migration Department, Ministry of Interior](#)
- Protection challenges in Cyprus in a context of regional crisis: the UNHCR perspectives  
[Katja Saha, Representative of the UNHCR in Cyprus](#)
- Integration and mobility: the necessary pillars of the EU “Migration” Agenda  
[Sara Prestianni, ARCI - EuroMed Rights Executive Committee Member](#)
- Migration & asylum policies in Cyprus and the EU: challenges and policy prospects to address them from the point of view of the Cypriot opposition.  
[Eleni Mavrou, Chair of the Standing Committee on Internal Affairs, House of Representatives](#)
- Questions and answers

## 16.30 – 18.00: SESSION 2 – Voices from the field: reality on the ground

Moderation: Marie Martin, EuroMed Rights

- Sharing experience on integration challenges, [Speech by representatives of migrant and refugee communities](#)
- Reflecting on important cross-cutting issues in the field of mobility and migration:
  - Defending refugee and migrants' rights: asylum procedures and protection, access to legal aid and effective judicial remedies, [Corina Drousiotou, Senior Legal Advisor and Coordinator - Cyprus Refugee Council](#)
  - Addressing destitution, providing humanitarian assistance and support services to migrants and refugees, [Elizabeth V. Kassinis, Executive Manager, Caritas](#)
  - Promoting the socioeconomic rights of migrants and refugees, and the fight against racism and populism in Cyprus, [KISA](#)
- Question and answers

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