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PRESENTATION

The aim of this programme is to provide its participants with an in-depth understanding of the legal rules on immigration and asylum adopted by the European Union. The programme will be of interest to all persons who wish to acquire a special knowledge in immigration and asylum law, for instance civil servants, advocates or persons working for NGOs, and in particular researchers, PhD and other students, who frequently confront the complex legal dimension of immigration and asylum in their work or studies. It is organised by the “Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe” known as the “Odysseus Network”, founded in 1999 with the support of the Odysseus Programme of the European Commission and coordinated by the Institute for European Studies of Université Libre de Bruxelles. The course provides the opportunity to live in a unique European environment and to take part in an intellectually stimulating experience among 15 to 20 participants specialising in the area of immigration and asylum with different backgrounds from all over Europe. Professional networking within and outside this group will be encouraged by the organisers. The creation of the programme has been officially welcomed by the European Commission at its creation in 2006

TEACHING ORIENTATION

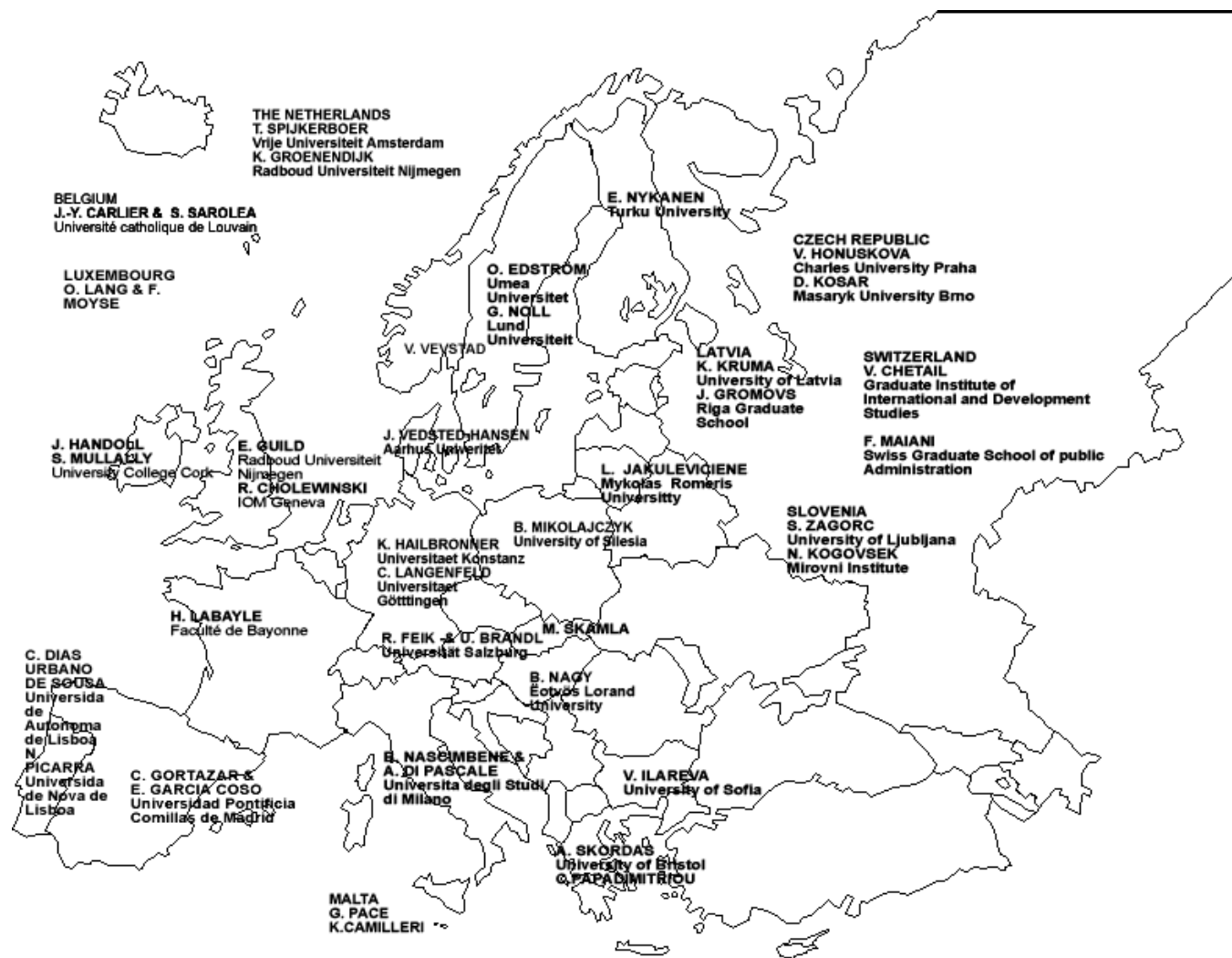
The programme is of a legal nature and courses will therefore be rather technical in orientation, but the programme has been designed to include some introductory legal courses in the first module to allow non-lawyers to follow it successfully. The classes offer theoretical but also practical elements. Personal work will be expected from participants. The classes will be conducted by academics among the best specialists of European and national immigration or asylum law coming from EU Member States as well as from the EU institutions. The latest developments of the European policy are integrated into the teaching, thanks to the participation of high-ranking officials from the European Commission, Council and Parliament as lecturers. Each participant will receive an extensive and up-to-date documentation pack.

PROGRAMME

COURSES	CALENDAR AND EUROPEAN CREDITS
1st INTRODUCTORY MODULE (1st term from September till December)	
1. Institutional framework and sources of European Immigration and Asylum Policy	4 weeks (6 ECTS)
2. Human rights implications for immigration and asylum	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
3. International immigration and refugee law	3 weeks (5 ECTS)
4. Free movement of European citizens	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
5. General introduction to EU Immigration and Asylum Policy and its recent developments	1 week of introduction (+ two weeks during the 2 nd and 3 rd module by EU practitioners) (2 ECTS)
2nd SPECIALISED MODULE: IMMIGRATION (2nd term from January till March)	
6. Visa policy and External border controls	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
7. Admission of third-country nationals	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
8. Status and integration of third-country nationals	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
9. Fight against illegal immigration and Return of third-country nationals	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
+ 1 week of conferences by EU practitioners (continuation of course 5)	
3rd SPECIALISED MODULE: ASYLUM (3rd term from March till April)	
10. Definition of persons who can be protected	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
11. Status of protected persons	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
12. Procedures for access to the status	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
+ 1 week of conferences by EU practitioners (continuation of course 5)	

TEACHING STAFF

The programme is organised under the supervision of Professor Philippe De Bruycker from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) & the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence.



SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

This programme, which starts on 7 September 2012 and ends on 12 July 2013, is organised in 3 terms (see above). Courses amount in principle to a total of 12 hours spread over a two week period with 4 sessions of 3 hours. They will take place in the Institute for European Studies located on the University campus in the heart of Brussels. The schedule of courses (6 to 9pm on Fridays and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays) enables participants work or even to travel every week by train or plane. Hotel accommodation near the campus for the overnight stay in Brussels can be booked by our secretariat at a reduced rate. Participants who decide to live in Brussels for one year will be assisted in finding accommodation.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Participants may, if they wish so, prepare a short legal paper in English of a maximum of 10 pages that can be presented as first exam question for the exam on immigration OR asylum module. This paper must be analytical rather than descriptive. The subject that participants select, with the agreement of the coordination team, will deal with European or comparative law. Participants will therefore benefit from a personal tutor chosen among the members of the Odysseus Network and get access upon request to the private Odysseus Library. The possibility to spend a 4th term in a specialized research centre of the universities cooperating in the Odysseus Network will be offered to participants with a view to preparing their legal paper. Participants will in principle need to fund their travel and accommodation expenses for that period, but will be integrated in a research team and benefit from office space and the supervision of one member of the Network. Interested persons will also be able to obtain advice on undertaking a PhD.

ASSESSMENT

Separate written and oral examinations will be organised before the Christmas holiday period for each of the courses of the first module; two separate oral and/or written examinations (a global one on asylum and a global one on immigration) will be held for the two specialised modules before a jury composed of members of the Network during the Odysseus “Summer School on Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy of the EU” which takes place every year in Brussels during the first half of the month of July. Participants may present a legal paper as first question for the global exam on immigration OR asylum (see above regarding “Research opportunities”)

LANGUAGE

Applicants must be fluent in English to follow the courses, take the examinations and present the legal opinion.

CERTIFICATE

Participants who have followed the programme assiduously throughout the academic year and successfully passed all the examinations will receive a Certificate specifying the followed courses.

EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMME

Students will have the opportunity to evaluate in writing the quality of the programme as well as the organisation of the certificate. The organisers commit themselves to take into account these evaluations and in particular to pass the results of the evaluations to the lecturers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a University Bachelor’s degree or an equivalent degree of studies in Law, Political Science, European Studies or International Relations. Graduates of other disciplines (for example Sociology or Economics) will be considered depending on the content of the courses followed in order to meet the prerequisites required for the certificate. Applicants can also rely upon relevant professional experience (for example as a civil servant, NGO employee, etc.) which can be considered as equivalent to a Bachelor’s degree.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

The closing date for applications has been set for 15th August 2012, but later applications may be considered. Applicants are kindly requested to apply by using the registration form available on our website.

The applicants will pay 500 euros to hand in their file as an advance fee. The total registration fees are 2500 euros for students (max 25 years old for this category of fee), 3500 euros for PhD students or researchers remunerated by a salary or a grant and trainees, and 5000 euros for professionals. Persons choosing only one specialized module (immigration or asylum) will respectively pay 2000 euros, 3000 euros or 4000 euros. The fees cover all classes, coffee breaks, documentation, university facilities with the exception of travel, accommodation and food expenses. The Network does not provide financial support, but can assist accepted applicants by providing them with proof of acceptance or send reference letters to the institutions from which they request financial support. Participants are asked to pay the fee by bank transfer to account number 001-2122389-08 of BNP Paribas Fortis Bank, Boondael Branch, 3 square du Vieux Tilleul, 1050 Brussels, Belgium, BIC code: GEBABEBB, IBAN: BE63001212238908, and refer to “Certificate 2012/13” with their name. At least half of the fee must be paid on 1st September 2012 and the rest by 1st December 2012. Applicants must keep in mind that the programme will only be organised if a group of around 15 persons register; otherwise, it will be cancelled for financial reasons. This will be the only case in which the organisers will reimburse fees.