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**ROUND TABLE**  
**TOWARDS A COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM**  
**SYSTEM:**

**A study on some horizontal issues**

*Monday 26 April 2010, 15.00 - 18.30*

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with the participation of the

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and the

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### INTRODUCTION

The European Parliament is currently actively involved in the negotiations on the different asylum instruments. As clearly stated in the Stockholm Programme, the establishment of a common area of protection and solidarity, based on a common asylum procedure and a uniform status for those granted protection remains one of the prime objectives of the EU in the coming years.

The Common European Asylum System (CEAS) with common rules and a better and more coherent application of such rules should contribute to an increased mutual trust between Member States. Europe will need a flexible asylum policy which is responsive to the priorities and needs of Member States. People in need of protection must be ensured access to legally safe and efficient asylum procedures. The development of the CEAS should be based on a full and inclusive application of the Geneva Convention on the status of refugees and other relevant international treaties.

The European Parliament (by means of the Policy Department C, on citizens' rights and constitutional affairs) requested in 2008, a study to the Odysseus network (the Academic Network for legal studies on immigration and asylum in Europe) "Setting up of a Common European Asylum System - on the application of existing instruments and proposals for the new system". This study is expected to be finished at the end of May 2010. As different asylum instruments are at present discussed in parallel it would, at this stage, be essential to debate the horizontal issues.

**Monday 26 April**

**SESSION I  
15.00 – 15.45**

**15.00**

1. **OPENING**

Welcome and introduction by **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**,  
Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of  
the European Parliament

2. **INTRODUCTION BY THE ODYSSEUS NETWORK**

**Philippe DE BRUYCKER**

Professor at the Institute of European Studies and Law Faculty of the  
Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium  
Coordinator of the Odysseus Academic Network

3. **GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF EUROPEAN LAW AS GUIDELINES FOR  
THE DEFINITION OF PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES FOR ASYLUM  
SEEKERS**

**Jacques JAUMOTTE**

Judge at the Council of State, Belgium and/or

**Sylvie SAROLEA**

Professor at the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Belgium /  
Lawyer

4. **CAN MEMBER STATES TRUST EACH OTHER'S ASYLUM  
SYSTEM?**

**Francesco MAIANI**

Professor at the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration,  
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland

**15.45 DEBATE**

**SESSION II**  
**16.15 – 17.00**

**16.15**

5. WHY AND HOW DETAIN ASYLUM SEEKERS?

**Kay HAILBRONNER**

Professor at the University of Konstanz, Germany

6. IDENTIFYING VULNERABLE ASYLUM SEEKERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: WHOM AND WHY?

**Laurence DEBAUCHE**

Consultant for the Odysseus Academic Network

**16.30 DEBATE**

**SESSION III**  
**17.00 – 17.45**

**17.00**

7. WHICH RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ASYLUM SEEKERS WHEN THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES ACT OUTSIDE THEIR TERRITORY?

**Jean-Yves CARLIER**

Professor at the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Belgium

8. DO WE HAVE TO ALIGN SUBSIDIARY PROTECTION AND EXCEPTIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MEMBER STATES' PRACTICE AND TO FORESEE EQUAL RIGHTS WITH REFUGEES?

**Lyra JAKULEVICIENE**

Professor at the Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania

**17.15 DEBATE**

**SESSION IV**  
**17.45 – 18.30**

**17.45**

8. HOW TO MAKE THE COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM SYSTEM COHERENT: ACCEDE TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION, REINFORCE THE POWERS OF THE SUPPORT OFFICE (EASO) OR CREATE A EUROPEAN ASYLUM COURT?

**Henri LABAYLE**

Professor at the Faculty of Bayonne, Université de Pau et des Pays de L'Adour, France

**17.55 DEBATE**

**18.25 CLOSING**

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