

IARMJ — EUROPEAN CHAPTER

“Judging Asylum and Immigration in a New Era: Between Policy and the Rule of Law”

7 – 9 October 2026

Council of State, 1 Place du Palais Royal, 75001 Paris
National Asylum Court (CNDA), 11 place du Général de Gaulle, 93100 Montreuil,

The conference will be conducted in English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all plenary sessions.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026 — Council of State, Paris

18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception & Opening Words Marc Guillaume — Vice-President, Council of State (France) Thomas Andrieu — President, National Asylum Court – CNDA (France)
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THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026 — National Asylum Court (CNDA), Montreuil

08:15 – 09:00	Arrival & Registration of Participants
Session 1 — Opening Session	
09:00 – 10:00	Catherine Koutsopoulou — President, IARMJ-Europe; Judge, UN Dispute Tribunal (UNDT); President, Administrative Court of First Instance, Greece Thomas Andrieu — President, National Asylum Court – CNDA, France Nina Gregori — Executive Director, European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)
Keynote Speeches	
10:00 – 11:00	Marc Guillaume — Vice-President, Council of State, France Magnus Brunner — Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration Barham Ahmed Salih — UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) — tbc
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break & Group Photo
Session 2 — Interpreting Asylum and Migration Today: Key Challenges in Recent CJEU and ECtHR Case Law	
11:30 – 12:45	Chair: Corinna Wissels , Judge, European Court of Human Rights Jan Passer — Judge & President of the 10th Chamber, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) Boštjan Zalar — Judge, High Court Ljubljana, Slovenia Chaido Evangeliou — Judge, Council of State, Greece
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break

Session 3 — The New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Border Procedures and Access to Protection	
13:45 – 15:00	Chair: Peter Nedwed, Presiding Judge, Supreme Administrative Court, Austria Thomas Besson — Vice President, CNDA, France Kalliopi Maragkou — President, Administrative Court of First Instance, Greece Elena Masetti Zannini — Judge, Court of First Instance, Italy
Session 4 — The New Pact: Screening, AI, Biometrics and Automated Borders — Judicial Safeguards	
15:00 – 16:15	Chair: Vinesh Mandalia, Principal Resident Judge, Upper Tribunal (IAC), UK François Lemoine — Judge, CNDA, France Marcel Gunster — Judge, District Court The Hague, Netherlands Tamás Molnár — Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee Break
General Assembly — IARMJ-Europe: Election of Officers	
16:45 – 17:30	Chair: Catherine Koutsopoulou, President, IARMJ-Europe; Judge, UN Dispute Tribunal (UNDT); President, Administrative Court of First Instance, Greece Report of the President · Report of the Treasurer · Presentation of Candidates · Election of Officers · AOB
19:30	Conference Dinner

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026 — Council of State, Paris	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival & Registration of Participants
Session 5 — Principle of Subsidiarity under the ECHR in Light of Article 52(3) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights	
09:00 – 10:15	Chair: Jakub Camrda, Judge, Supreme Administrative Court, Czech Republic Marko Bošnjak — Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) Davor Derenčinović — Judge, European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) Holger Böhmnn — Judge, Federal Administrative Court, Germany
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
Session 6 — Asylum Procedures and Return to Third Countries / Safe Third Countries: Legal Certainty or Policy Fiction? (Roundtable)	
10:45 – 12:15	Chair: Hilkka Becker, Chairperson, International Protection Appeals Tribunal (IPAT), Ireland Delphine Burriez — Judge, CNDA / Professor, University of Paris, France Ebrahim Afsah — Professor, University of Copenhagen, Denmark Daniel Thym — Professor, University of Konstanz, Germany Hugo Storey — Judge (ret.), Upper Tribunal, UK

Session 7 — Revocation and Termination of International Protection and Residence Rights: European Judicial Standards	
12:15 – 13:30	Chair: Antonis R. Liatsos, President, Supreme Constitutional Court, Cyprus (tbc) Ioannis Ktistakis — Section President, European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) Giulia Marelli — Judge, Federal Administrative Court, Switzerland Christian Boulanger — Judge, CNDA, France
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
Special Address — The Role of the Judge in Ukraine	
14:30 – 15:00	Chair: Katelijne Declerck, Judge (ret.), Honorary President of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges, Europe Chapter, past Global President IARMJ Ella Kataeva — Judge, Odessa District Court, Ukraine
Breakout Sessions	
15:00 – 16:15	Moderator (Plenary): Anna Bengtsson, Legal Expert, Swedish Migration Agency A — Migration and Family Reunification / Family Asylum Applications Vladan Marjanović — Judge, CNDA, France B — Subsequent Applications (Art. 55, Regulation (EU) 2024/1348) Johan Berg — Board Leader, Immigration Appeals Board, Norway C — Palestinian Cases Catherine Joly — Judge, CNDA, France Melanie Plimmer — Deputy Chamber President, Upper Tribunal, UK
Closing	
16:15 – 16:45	Closing Remarks Michalis Pikramenos — President, Council of State, Greece
16:45	Optional Visit to the Council of State