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International Conference on

MIGRATIONS AT SEA:

INTERNATIONAL LAW PERSPECTIVES

AND REGIONAL APPROACHES

PROGRAMME

OHRID, 6 OCTOBER 2015

Venue: Metropol Lake Resort - Ohrid, Address : ul. Konjsko B.B., Ohrid (Macedonia)

Local Organizer: Faculty of Law, University Goce Delcev - Stip

Scientific Coordinators: Dr. Ana Nikodinovska Krstevska (University Goce Delcev - Stip) and
Dr. Borka Tusevska (University Goce Delcev – Stip)

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 *Welcome address*

Ana Nikodinovska Krstevska, University Goce Delcev – Stip
Borka Tusevska, University Goce Delcev – Stip

Opening words

HE Gjorgje Ivanov, President of the Republic of Macedonia (invited, not confirmed)

HE Ambassador Aivo Orav, Head of the Delegation of the European Union (invited, not confirmed)

Blažo Boev, Rector of the University Goce Delcev – Stip (invited, not confirmed)

Presentation of the Action

Gemma Andreone, Institute for International Legal Studies (CNR Italy), Chair of the Cost Action MARSAFENET

9.30 – 10.30 **SESSION I: MIGRATIONS AT SEA: LEGAL CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES**

Chair: Gemma Andreone, Institute for International Legal Studies – Rome (Italy)

Illegal migration: Legal challenges and perspectives in International Law

Elda Belja, International Maritime Law Institute (IMO) (Malta)

EUNAVFOR MED: legal aspects of military action against migrants smugglers in the Mediterranean

Jorrit Rijpma, University of Leiden (Netherlands)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **SESSION II: BORDER SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL AT SEA**

Chair: Erik Franckx, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Failing to Rescue People at Sea and the Responsibility of the Flag State under International law

Eftymios Papastavridis, Democritus University of Thrace/Academy of Athens (Greece)

Frontex coordinated joint maritime operations

Vytautas Lukas, FRONTEX EU Agency (Poland)

The Fight against Smuggling and Trafficking of Human Beings by Sea between Victims Protection and Control of Unwanted Immigrants

Francesca De Vittor, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)

12.30 – 13.30 **SESSION III: PROTECTION OF MIGRANTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Migrants, Refugees and Human rights

Vladimir Ortakovski, University 'S. Kliment Ohridski' – Bitola (Macedonia)

Access to asylum procedures in the context of interception and rescue at sea

Kristof Gombeer, Ph.D. candidate, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Joint Operations in the Mediterranean and access to international protection in the EU

Violeta Moreno – Lax, Queen Mary, University of London (United Kingdom)

13.30– 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.30 **SESSION IV: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR PREVENTION OF MIGRATIONS AT SEA**

Chair: Fernando Loureiro Bastos, University of Lisbon (Portugal)

Migration and its security aspects on the Western Balkans

Trpe Stojanovski, University 'S. Kliment Ohridski' – Bitola (Macedonia)

Aleksandar Stojanovski, Ph.D. candidate, University 'S. Kliment Ohridski' – Bitola (Macedonia)

Migration crisis: Macedonia at the crossroads

Ana Nikodinovska Krstevska, Borka Tusevska, Olga Koshevaliska, University Goce Delcev – Stip (Macedonia)

The humanitarian aspect of the refugee crisis

Mersiha Smailović, NGO 'Legis' (Macedonia)

Mapping (government and private) Rescue Options in the Southern Central Mediterranean"

Giorgia Bevilacqua, Institute for International Legal Studies – Rome (Italy)

Maria Chiara Noto, University of Bedfordshire (United Kingdom)

16.30 – 17.00 **DEBATE AND CLOSING SESSION**

General conclusion: Giuseppe Cataldi, Chair of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Migrants' Rights in the Mediterranean "University of Naples 'l'Orientale'"(Italy)