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Dutch Council
for Refugees

MATRA PROJECT: SAFEGUARDING REFUGEE PROTECTION IN BULGARIA

ACCESS TO TERRITORY AND REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION PROCEDURE

26 - 27 February 2009
Svilengrad

AGENDA (Draft)

25 February 2009

13.30 - Departure (Vassil Levski Stadium)
18.30 - Registration and dinner

26 February 2009

Moderator: Iliana Savova, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

9.00 - 9.15 Opening and introduction of participants

9.15 - 9.30 Objectives of the workshop - *Kina Sabeva, the Bulgarian Council for Refugees*

9.30 - 10.00 The national system for refugee protection in Bulgaria
Marinela Radeva, the Association for Integration of Refugees and Migrants

10.00- 10.30 Cooperation between the Dutch Council for Refugees and the state institutions for providing access to territory and procedure - *Trees Wijn, the Dutch Council for Refugees*

10.30 -11.00 Coffee break

11.00 -12.00 Analysis: Access to territory and procedure of asylum seekers in Bulgaria- *Mariana Andreeva, legal advisor, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee*

12.00 -13.00 Lunch break

13.00 -14.00 Position of the state institutions:

- Border Police General Directorate - *representative of the Regional Border Section- Elhovo*
- Regional Prosecutor's Office-Svilengrad - *Margarit Kamburov, Regional Prosecutor*
- Migration Directorate - *representative of the Migration Directorate*

- State Agency for Refugees - *Rumen Syarov, Director of Procedure and Decisions Directorate*

- 14.00 -14.30 Concrete activities undertaken by NGOs for providing access to territory and procedure:
- Bulgarian Helsinki Committee - *Dimitar Slavov, legal consultant (BHC)*
- Bulgarian Red Cross - *Mariana Stoyanova, Head of Refugee-Migrant Service (BRC)*
- 14.30 -14.45 Position of UNHCR - *Petya Karayaneva, legal advisor, UNHCR*
- 14.45-15.00 Coffee break
- 15.00 -15.15 Discussions: problems and solutions - *moderator*
- 15.15 -15.30 Discussions on recommendations for facilitating the access to territory and procedure - *facilitator - Iliana Savova (BHC)*
- 15.30-16.30 Comments on the recommendations - *Trees Wijn, the Dutch Council for Refugees*
- 16.30 -17.00 Summary - *moderator*

27 February 2009

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- 9.00 -9.15 Summary of previous day
- 9.15 -10.30 Analysis: Access to territory and procedure depending on translation capacity
Vera Zaharieva, Head of International Relations and ERF (SAR)
Vladimir Kuzmanov, Head of Dublin II and Eurodac (SAR)
- 10.30 -11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 -11.30 Position of state institutions and NGOs:
- Border Police General Directorate - *representative of Border Police Department-Svilengrad*
- Supreme Administrative Court - *judge of SAC*
- NGOs - *Mariana Andreeva, legal advisor BHC*
- 11.30 -12.00 "Translation" in the context of refugee procedure - *Petya Karayaneva, legal advisor UNHCR*
- 12.00 -13.00 Lunch break
- 13.00 -13.30 Discussions: problems and solutions - *moderator*

- 13.30 -14.00 Discussions on recommendations for provision of translation - *facilitator:Iliana Savova (BHC)*
- 14.00-14.30 Comments on the recommendations - *Trees Veen-Maatman, Dutch Rrefugee Council*
- 14.30 -14.45 Coffee break
- 14.45 -15.15 Summary - *moderator*
- 15.15 -15.30 Conclusions - *Kina Sabeva, Chairperson of the Bulgarian Council for Refugees*
- 16.00 Departure to Sofia