

# Untying the EU Resettlement Framework

*Addressing the needs of forced migrants in the 21st century*  
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# Outline

- ECRE?
- EU Resettlement Framework (URF)
- ECRE position



- European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) an alliance founded in 1974
- Comprises 98 organisations in 39 European countries
- Mission: promote the establishment of fair and humane European asylum policies and practices in accordance with international human rights law

# ECRE Members



# Activities

- **1. Legal Support and Litigation**
  - EDAL
  - ELENA
- **2. Legal & Policy Research**
  - CEAS
  - AIDA
- **3. Advocacy**
  - External affairs, children, integration
- **4. Communications**
  - Weekly bulletin, social media. [www. ECRE.org](http://www.ECRE.org)
- **5. UNHCR Strategic Partnership**
  - Strategic litigation
  - Legal, political and advocacy cooperation

- [www.asylumineurope.org](http://www.asylumineurope.org)
- **Country reports**
- **Comparator**
- **Comparative Reports**
- **ECRE missions**
- **Legal briefings**
- **News**





A publicly accessible online database containing key asylum and refugee case law from 17 European Union Member States as well as jurisprudence from the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

Austria	Belgium	Czech Republic
Finland	France	Germany
Greece	Hungary	Italy
Ireland	The Netherlands	Poland
Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain
Sweden	UK	

## Objective

Contributing to the quality and consistency of decision-making within asylum law across the EU by allowing practitioners, decision and policy-makers to learn from and use precedents from other European member states.

<http://www.asylumlawdatabase.eu/en>



- Forum of legal practitioners

- Strategic litigation

*Latest intervention before the ECtHR: [Sh.D. v Greece with AIRE Centre and ICJ](#). (Sh.D. concerned the unlawful detention of unaccompanied minors in Greece)*

- Research

*Latest publication: Family Reunification Note.*

- Elena Weekly Legal Update

# Resettlement

- *'the selection and transfer of refugees from a state in which they have sought protection to a third country that admits them – as refugees – with a permanent residence status'*

# European Agenda on Migration

- **Short-term solutions**

*saving lives at sea, targeting smugglers, relocation, resettlement, third country cooperation, hotspot, emergency funding*

- **Mid-term solutions**

*reduce incentives for migration, secure external borders, a strong common asylum policy, legal migration*

- **Long-term solutions**

*CEAS, European border management, new model of legal migration*

# EU Resettlement Framework

- 13 July 2016
- Greater impact by coordinating national efforts and acting as a whole
- EU would also provide a monetary incentive for MS

# EU Resettlement Framework

- Ordinary procedure
- Expedited procedure

# Joint Comments Paper



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## UNTYING THE EU RESETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK

**ECRE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON BREAKING THE LINK WITH  
MIGRATION CONTROL AND PRESERVING THE HUMANITARIAN FOCUS  
OF RESETTLEMENT**



# Objectives

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- Strategic use of resettlement
- Increase?

# Comments

- Exclusion clauses
- Status of resettled persons
- Integration of HAP

# The End