

**CONSULTATIVE FORUM REGIONAL THEMATIC MEETING: “EASO OPERATIONS: LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVE”**

Crystal Hotel, Piazza Umberto I, 91100 Trapani

Draft Agenda

29 September 2017	
08:30-09:00	Registration of participants
09:00-09:05	Opening statements: Jean Pierre Schembri, Head of Communications and Stakeholders Unit, a.i.
09:05-09:15	EASO Support Activities (with special focus on Italy): Patricia Van de Peer, Head of Department of Asylum Support and Head of Department of Operations a.i. <i>Presentation by EASO on its operational activities in Italy explaining how EASO fits into the Italian system of asylum management e.g. an overview will be provided of EASO's quality and training work, COI, Dublin support, hotspot and relocation, as well as examples of EASO support activities in other EU MS (EL, CY, BG)</i>
09:15-10:10	Plenary Session: Implementation of EASO support activities in practice <i>Key stakeholders involved in the implementation of the hotspot approach and relocation will provide short presentations, focusing on the following questions: How and to what extent has the hotspot approach and relocation helped improve migration management in Italy? What has been the role and added-value of different actors involved in relocation and the hotspot approach? What have been the main challenges with regard to implementation? What possible improvements can be made?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Commission, DG HOME: Patrick Doelle• Director of Immigration Police Office (Questura of Trapani): Dirigente, Dr. Vito Mercadante• Frontex: Operational Officer, Jose Martins• EASO: Plan coordinator for EASO Operating Plan to Italy, Gabriel Stanescu• Cooperativa Badia Nuova Grande: Director, Maria Papa• FRA: Programme Manager, Massimo Toschi
10:10-11:10	Interactive Dialogue to collect input from civil society <i>During this interactive segment the audience can ask any questions to the panellists and engage with the panel and each other to discuss experiences related to the implementation of the hotspot approach and relocation. Participants will, in particular, be asked to engage in an appreciative dialogue to identify what has worked well with regard to the implementation of the hotspot approach and relocation.</i>
11:10-11:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:40-13:15	World Café on the Implementation of the Hotspot Approach and Relocation: Identification of challenges, possible Improvements and Future Actions

	<i>The purpose and working methods behind the World Café will be explained. Participants can fill in the agenda themselves and discuss any topic/issue of interest related to the hotspot approach and relocation. Challenges related to the practical implementation of the hotspot approach and relocation will be explored in detail, including solutions and possible follow-up actions.</i>
13:15-14:30	Lunch
14:30-14:40	Reporting and collective sense-making from the World Café
14:40-16:15	<p>Interactive debate: “The implementation of EASO support in Italy: recent activities and future perspective”</p> <p><i>The continuing migratory flows on the Central Mediterranean route is a structural challenge and remains an issue of urgent and serious concern. Participants will be invited to discuss in small groups what new initiatives and further efforts are needed to work towards more sustainable solutions including in view of the recent communication of the Commission on the delivery of the European Agenda for Migration. How can we better cooperate to implement these initiatives? What are the possible next steps for EASO support activities in Italy?</i></p> <p><i>Introductory statements by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission, DG HOME: Patrick Doelle • Director of Immigration Police Office (Questura of Trapani): Dirigente, Dr. Vito Mercadante • EASO: Plan coordinator for EASO Operating Plan to Italy, Gabriel Stanescu • UNHCR: Protection Associate, Barbara Gala
16:15	Wrap up and closing word
16:20	End of meeting