

THE ODYSSEUS ACADEMIC NETWORK

THE ACADEMIC NETWORK FOR LEGAL STUDIES ON IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN EUROPE
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ALTERNATIVES TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: THE TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Organized in the framework of the Made Real project (<http://www.ulb.ac.be/assoc/odysseus/MADEREALuk.html>), this conference provides a comprehensive understanding of the EU legal framework on alternatives to detention (ATDs) for asylum seekers and migrants and presents a broad range of practices in selected Member States. The results of the research conducted in the framework of the project will be presented by the coordination team and project partners, together with interventions from practitioners, judges, academics from several EU Member States as well as representatives from EU institutions and international organisations.

The first panel will analyse the notion of ATD in order to get a better understanding of it in the EU context. The second panel will examine if and how ATDs become part of the administrative decision making process and of judicial control. The final panel will present the opportunities and challenges raised by the practical implementation of ATDs to detention in several Member States.

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- 8.30 – 9.00 Reception of participants
9.00 – 9.15 Welcome address
9.15 – 9.30 Presentation of the Made Real Project and conference

Session 1 - Introducing the notion of alternatives to detention in EU law and policy

- 9.30 – 10.00 Introductory report
10.00 – 10h45 Panel:
- Alternatives to detention in criminal law: A different perspective?
- Why promote ATD in the EU: the view of the UNHCR
- Challenges of Member States in implementing ATDs: input by the EU Commission

10h45 – 11h15 Coffee break

- 11.15 – 11.45 Question and answer session

Session 2 - Administrative decision-making, judicial control and alternatives to detention

- 11.45 – 12.15 Introductory report
12.15 – 13.00 Panel:
- Detention as a last resort: The Swedish model
- The role of the judiciary in implementing alternatives to detention in Lithuania
- Judicial control of detention and alternatives to detention in Austria
- Alternatives to detention and the assessment of the risk of absconding
13.00 – 13.30 Question and answer session

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

Session 3 - Implementing alternatives to detention in practice

- 14.30 – 15.00 Introductory report
15.00 – 15.45 Panel:
- The case of family housing units in Belgium
- The case of bail in the UK
- The case of designated residence in France: Recent evolution and challenges
- What makes alternatives to detention work? Focus on the case management model
15.45 – 16.15 Question and answer session

16.15 – 16.30 Conclusions

16.30 Coffee