

Seminar on the recast Blue Card Directive

Friday 28 November 2025

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Directive 2021/1883/EU on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of highly qualified employment was adopted on 20 October 2021 to replace the earlier Directive 2009/50/EC. It provides for an updated version of the EU Blue Card scheme, which sets out work and residence conditions for non-EU workers in highly qualified roles, as well as providing for the rights of Blue Card-holders and their family members. The seminar will bring together a range of institutional, academic and Member State perspectives on areas such as the recast negotiation process, national implementation and the continuing challenges of recruiting and retaining highly qualified workers.

Morning programme

Registration and coffee: 09.30 - 09.45

Part 1: 09.45 - 11.15

Institutional perspectives

Chair: Sandrino Smeets (Radboud University)

Céline Chateau (DROI Committee): Perspective of the European Parliament

Besart Kabashi (Legal & Policy Officer at the EU Commission): Perspective of the Commission

Paulina Bury (Documentalist and Archivist at the Council of the EU): Perspective of the Council

Coffee break: 11.15 - 11.30

Part 2: 11.30 - 13.00

Academic and practitioner perspectives: what are the main legal issues in the recast?

Chair: Sandra Mantu (Radboud University)

Tesseltje de Lange (Radboud University): Overview of the scope, procedural aspects, and intra-EU mobility under the directive

Jasmijn Slootjes (MPI Europe): How to attract skills? Links between the directive, the Pact and the Talent Partnerships

Jo Antoons and Elisabeth Kamm (Fragomen): Practitioner's perspective on the directive



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Afternoon programme

Lunch: 13.00 - 14.00

Part 3: 14.00 - 17.00 (coffee break at 15.15 - 15.45)

National perspectives on implementation

Chair: Sandra Mantu (Radboud University)

Micheline van Riemsdijk (Uppsala University): National implementation and key challenges in Sweden

Pedro de Sena (Migration Expert): National implementation and key challenges in Portugal

Samuel Ballin (Radboud University): National implementation and migrants' perspectives in Germany

Almina Bešić (University of Linz) and Dženeta Karabegović (University of Salzburg): National implementation and key challenges in Austria

Věra Honusková and Sára Barčáková (Charles University Prague): National implementation and key challenges in Czechia

Rienk van Dijk (Deloitte): National implementation and key challenges in the Netherlands

Closing drinks: 17.00 - 17.30

Registration

Please register by sending an email to cmr-congres@ru.nl by 18 November 2025.

Participation is free of charge, but spaces are limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.



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