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Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe

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**EXECUTIVE MASTER  
IN EUROPEAN LAW  
ON MIGRATION &  
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*An online programme*

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027**

**Deadline  
Extended for  
last seats!**

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Aug 2026!**



## ***Odysseus Newsletter***

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### **2026-2027 Master in EU Migration & Asylum Law**

The aim of the program is to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the legal rules on migration and asylum adopted by the EU. It is of interest to all persons who wish to acquire such specialised knowledge, for instance, EU or national civil servants, lawyers or judges, workers from international organisations and NGOs, researchers and PhD students who frequently confront the complex legal dimension of migration and asylum in their work.

The program is organised by the Odysseus Academic Network for Legal Studies on Migration and Asylum in Europe, one of the leading research and training organisations in EU migration and asylum law, founded in 1999 with the financial support of the European Commission. The program which is online offers the opportunity to learn and network in a unique EU bubble with professors coming from several Member States, as well as speakers from EU institutions. It offers an intellectually stimulating experience as part of a group of fifteen participants specialising in migration and asylum with diverse backgrounds and coming from all over Europe. The schedule of courses on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings is convenient for persons at work.

Upon completing the Master's program, our graduates can value the technical knowledge they have acquired in migration and asylum law on the labour market. They work for European institutions and agencies, international organisations, NGOs, migration law firms, and national ministers for home affairs. The Executive Master's has also enabled our graduates to reorient their careers towards migration and asylum.

**Applications are open until 15 August 2026 for the last seats! For more information please click [here!](#)**

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## **The 2026 Edition of the Odysseus Summer School on Migration and Asylum Law has successfully concluded!**



This year's edition of the Odysseus Summer School has successfully concluded.

The 2026 Summer School brought together 149 participants, representing 33 countries. The group is particularly diverse, with a strong presence of legal, academic and institutional profiles: PhD candidates, researchers, lawyers, policy officers, practitioners from European agencies, international organisations and NGOs.

The EUAA represents a notable group, with 23 participants joining us from the Agency.

We are happy to have brought together such a diverse group for the lessons taught by 36 different speakers from all across Europe and beyond, including one speaker from the University of Tasmania.

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## **RefUgees Odysseus Initiative**

Since 2016, in response to the evolving asylum situation in Europe, the Odysseus Academic Network has stood beside student refugees through its “Scholarships for Refugees” initiative.

The idea is simple and deliberate: to open the doors of high-level training in EU immigration and asylum law to the very people whose lives that law shapes most directly.

The scholarship allows persons recognised as refugees, or as beneficiaries of subsidiary or temporary protection, to take part in the Odysseus Summer School — to engage with European academics, resume studies often interrupted by forced departure, and turn lived experience into legal and professional expertise.

To date, thirty-five refugees from countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Eritrea, Ukraine and Sudan have attended the Summer School thanks to this support.

The initiative is entirely self-financed. It exists only because of the generosity of donors and the steady support of our partners, a crowdfunding community, institutional supporters, the Université Libre de Bruxelles and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The 2026 beneficiaries have shared their words, their journeys, and their reasons for joining us in Brussels, and now we would like to give the floor to them.

**REFUGEE VOICES 2026**

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## **Upcoming Odysseus initiatives on the new Return Regulation: A blog series & European Conference**

Take note: the next Odysseus conference will take place beginning 2027 on the subject of return at the occasion of the adoption of the Return Regulation

Prior to the conference you will have the opportunity to read as from October 2026 a series of twenty blogposts on different topics within the field of return

related to the new Return Regulation.

Stay tuned by [subscribing to the Odysseus Blog newsletter!](#)

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## Read Our Latest Publications in the Odysseus Blog

### **Exit Denied — How EU Externalisation Undermines the Right to Leave**

*By Dr Emilie  
McDonnell*

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### **The first run of the new Solidarity Mechanism: “more for more” or “back to square one”?**

*By Prof. Francesco  
Maiani*

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### **Myths & Realities about Return Hubs under the Return Regulation**

*By Dr. Daniel Thym,  
Universität Konstanz*

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## **EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy** Droit et Politique de l'Immigration et de l'Asile de l'UE

## **Do not miss any news from our blog: subscribe now!**

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