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LAMPEDUSA SHORT VISITS

After a well-attended seminar on immigration and asylum law which took place on 25th September in Agrigento (Sicily), a delegation of 30 lawyers from Italy, Spain, Greece, France, Poland, Ireland and Cyprus travelled to Lampedusa to attend the TRALIM 3 Short visits (26-29 September 2023). These timely events took place just 10 days after the small Italian island experienced an influx of migrants, with 7,000 people arriving in just two days.

Short visits under the TRALIM 3 project are 3-day events where the organising country presents its own immigration and asylum system, through visits to hotspots and reception centres, meetings in ministries with government officials and presentations by key players in the immigration field.



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The Lampedusa short visits included presentations by the Italian Ministry of Defence, the Agrigento Bar Association, the Italian Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, the Italian State Police, the UNHCR and the Red Cross. Also, the delegation of EU lawyers visited the “Molo Favalaro”, arrival point for migrants in Lampedusa, the Italian Coast Guard Centre in Lampedusa and the Lampedusa Hotspot.

In 2024, short visits are scheduled to take place in Greece, Spain, France, Poland and Cyprus.



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Visit to the Lampedusa Hotspot on 28th September 2023
< *Visit at the Italian Coast Guard Centre in Lampedusa*
“Molo Favalaro”, the point of arrival for migrants in Lampedusa
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A NEW RECORD BROKEN

2023 has been a very busy year for ELF. Since September 2022, when we were able to re-start our in-person training after two years of online training because of the pandemic, ELF has now recovered its cruise speed and has registered a record number of events and of lawyers trained.



Indeed, ELF recorded its largest number ever of training events and of lawyers trained in 2023. The total number of events was 33, of which 4 were webinars and 1 a study visit of 3 days of lawyers from different Member States to the EU institutions in Brussels. In total, more than 3.000 lawyers were trained in 2023 through ELF organised training events. We register our gratitude to all the lawyers who trusted us and our partners, who themselves have contributed enormously to make this achievement possible.

USEFUL RESOURCES FROM OUR ONLINE TRAINING

In consequence of the large number of training events held in 2023, a significant amount of training material has emerged from the in-person training and webinars. This material is relevant not only for the lawyers who took part in the training events but also for those who, not having participated, now find at their disposal very useful content for their daily practice. All the material from training events is made publicly available by ELF on its website.

For our webinars, we have created a special menu on our website, so that lawyers can have access to the video recordings and to the presentations by the speakers. For the training events, the information is available under **training material**, where the material is categorised by area of law.

In addition, we have produced new publication this year, particularly the **manual on best practices for lawyers in the field of immigration and asylum** which covers 7 EU jurisdictions.



More than 3.000 lawyers will be trained in 2023 through ELF events, breaking our own record of 2022. And the best is yet to come!

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