

# Solidarity and Borders—Limitation of Solidarity?

Access to International Protection in the European Union

INVITATION



## International Conference

within the framework of the Caritas Campaign 2014  
"Far away is closer than you think"

7<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 3:30pm  
- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 5:30pm

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## Access to International Protection in the European Union

Every year numerous people try to find protection in the European Union. The world public usually only perceives them when large numbers come to death as happened off the coast of Lampedusa in October 2013. This one and other catastrophes at the external border of the European Union make clear how desperate these people are since they are even willing to put their lives at stake in order to reach the European Union. At the same time such scenarios are expressions of the current refugee policy of the European Union. All member states of the European Union now have the responsibility to find solutions in order to prevent such humanitarian tragedies in future.

### Objective of the Conference

What kind of ethical legitimation should form the basis of the refugee policy of the European Union in future? How can further deaths be prevented at the external border of the European Union? What kind of possibilities the European Union can grant protection seekers so that they actually are able to submit their applications for international protection? How is it possible to realize EU-wide high protection standards? In the face of regularly reoccurring humanitarian crises at the external border of the European Union such and similar questions we would like to discuss with you.

The international Caritas conference offers a cross border opportunity to exchange possible solutions for an improved access to international protection. The experience of the international Caritas network will contribute to develop perspectives and to give impetus for the Europe-wide political discourse in a manner that is suitable in practice.

Precondition for a successful outcome such as a common European refugee protection is that the states of the European Union show their solidarity among themselves and simultaneously declare their solidarity with the protection seekers. While doing so it is significant that at the same time outer borders are also manifestations of the inner limitations of a society. The conference therefore puts the outer borders of states as well as the inner limitations of societies and individuals who constitute states into the focus of interest.

*„Too often we are blinded  
by our comfortable lives, and refuse  
to perceive those dying at our doorstep.“*

*Pope Francis, 2013*

We hope that we have aroused your interest in participating in the conference and ask you to pass on this announcement to further potentially interested persons. Thank you very much for your support!



### Caritas Campaign 2014

This year's campaign of the German Caritas Association, with the heading „Far away is closer than you think“, turns the attention on a world community in solidarity and its world-wide interconnections. From an international solidarity point of view, the contribution to a human globalization develops its significance especially in the context of international refugee movements.

### Why attend

- Discuss questions
- Exchange possible solutions
- Develop perspectives
- Give impetus

### Who should attend

Representatives of the expert public:

- Science
- Politics
- Law
- Non-governmental Organisations
- International Organisations
- Charitable Organisations
- Churches etc.

All information on the event and registration can also be found on our internet website at the following link:  
[www.caritas.de/Access-EU](http://www.caritas.de/Access-EU)

# Schedule

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Moderation: Andrea Dernbach, Tagesspiegel

### Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

02.30 pm	<b>Arrival and registration</b>
03.30 pm	<b>Welcome and inaugural address</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Georg Cremer, General Secretary, German Caritas Association</i>
04.00 pm	<b>Borders of Europe from the inside: the Italian example</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Evidence</b> <i>Giusi Nicolini, Mayor of Lampedusa and Linosa</i></li> <li>■ <b>Overview</b> <i>Oliviero Forti, Caritas Italiana, Chairman of the working group Access to international protection at Caritas Europa</i></li> </ul>
05.00 pm	<b>Break</b>
05.30 pm	<b>Borders of Europe–External impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Evidence</b> <i>Maria Segurado Lozano, Legal Support Group, Caritas Spain</i></li> <li>■ <b>Overview</b> <i>Martina Liebsch, International Policy Director, Caritas Internationalis, Rome</i></li> </ul>
06.00 pm	<b>Limitation of solidarity?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Boundaries of society: State borders and limitation of peoples' minds</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Markus Babo, Catholic Foundation Academy Munich</i></li> <li>■ <b>Solidarity–An European principle of law?</b> <i>Dr. Anna Mrozek, University of Leipzig</i></li> </ul> <p>exchange</p>
08.00 pm	<b>Dinner, snacks</b> Informal exchange

### Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

09.00 am	<b>Introduction of the day</b> <i>Katrin Gerdsmeyer, Director Berlin office, German Caritas Association</i>
09.15 am	<b>Solution approach: Legal pathways to immigration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Labour migration</b> <i>Michael Rosenbach, Senior Government Official, German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees</i></li> </ul>

- **Mobility partnership**  
*Dr. Steffen Angenendt, Foundation for Science and Politics*

Comment: Dr. Norbert Cyrus, University of Bremen

- **Embassy asylum, Humanitarian Visa,  
Humanitarian corridors**

*Martin Nyffenegger, Department Admission and  
Residence, Swiss Federal Office for Migration*

- **Resettlement and Humanitarian admission**

*Norbert Trosien, UNHCR, Germany*

Comment: Nele Allenberg, Protestant church  
in Germany

11.15 am **Break**

11.45 am **Solution approach:  
Combating organised crime**

- **Border protection and surveillance  
of the Mediterranean Sea**

*Klaus Rösler, Director of Operations Division,  
Frontex, Warsaw*

- **Combating trafficking**

*German Ministry of Interior,  
Affairs of the Federal Police Office*

Comment: Stefan Kessler, European Office,  
Jesuit Refugee Service

01.15 pm **Lunch**

02.15 pm **Solution approach:  
Distribution–Fair burden-sharing**

- **Relocation, Free movement, Free choice**

*Selmin Çalışkan, General Secretary,  
Amnesty International, Germany*

- **Burden-sharing, Quota-model**

*Prof. Dr. Petra Bendel, University Erlangen-Nurnberg*

Comment: Karolina Babicka, Caritas Europa, Brussels

03.45 pm **Break**

04:15 pm **Solution approach:  
Improvement to the situation on the ground**

- **Development aid**

*Dr. Oliver Müller, Head of Unit,  
Caritas International, Germany*

05.00 pm **Summary, Outlook**

*Dr. Holger Kolb, Council of German Foundations  
on Integration and Migration*

05.30 pm **Farewell and end of conference**

*Roberto Alborino, Head of Department, Department  
Migration and Integration, German Caritas Association*

07.00 pm **Evening event of the German Caritas Association,  
the Caritas Association of the archbishopric  
Berlin, the Italian Cultural Institute in Berlin and  
the Heinrich Böll Foundation**

- **Lampedusa, October, 3<sup>th</sup> 2013**

*Staged reading with music by Antonio Umberto Riccò  
and music from Francesco Impastato*

*A project of the working group "Our heart beats on  
Lampedusa", Hannover*

Following to the reading an open discussion with  
guests will be held



# Registration and Organisational

Registration at the latest by  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014



Please register with our online application form

Please click here for registration!

After your registration you will receive a confirmation e-mail. With our confirmation your registration is binding. The number of participants is limited to 200 persons.

## Conference fee / costs

- Conference ticket: 160.00 euros

The conference fee includes the costs of the meals during the event. For volunteers we offer on demand a reduced fee. The costs of accommodation as well as other costs are borne by the participants themselves.

## Invoice

For the conference fee you will receive an invoice. In case of cancellation of your registration the fee is non-refundable.

## Hotels / Accommodation

A selection of nearby hotels can be found at the following link:  
[www.hotel.de](http://www.hotel.de)

## Driving Directions

A detailed overview for arrival including a location description and transport connections can you find under the following link:  
[description-arrival.pdf](#)

## Conference languages

German and English  
(simultaneous translation)

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