

Applications for international protection based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity (SOGI) or religion in the light of international refugee and European human rights law

Training

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Program

- 9:00** **Welcome and Introduction**
Anja Klug, Head of the UNHCR Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein, and
Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of SOGI Unit, Council of Europe
- 9:15** **Introduction to religious freedom and Swiss asylum practice**
Anne Kühler, Post-Doctoral Senior Assistant, Zürich University
- 10:00** **Introduction to sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and Swiss asylum practice**
Lucia della Torre, lawyer, Swiss Refugee Council
- 10:45** **Coffee break**
- 11:00** **Applicable international and European human rights standards in relation to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics**
Luna Lara Liboni, SOGI Unit, Council of Europe
- 11:20** **The applicable international and European human rights standards in relation to religion**
Daniel Rietiker, Senior Lawyer, ECtHR; Lecturer in international law, Lausanne University
- 11:50** **Procedural aspects of asylum applications based on SOGI or religious freedom**
Neil Grüngras, expert, Council of Europe
- 13:20** **Lessons learnt and recommendations**
Dominique Wetli, Managing Director, RBS Bern
- 14:00** **End of program**



Date and venue

The training is to take place on 25 November 2020. Due to the developing Covid-19 situation, it will be offered online only.

Registration and translation

Those interested in participating in the training session are kindly asked to register **no later than 6 November 2020** by sending an email to Margarite Zoetewij (zoetewi@unhcr.org). The training will be held in English. The availability of simultaneous translation in German and French depends on the number of participants that explicitly request translation in the registration mail.