



# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION DIRECTIVE IN EU MEMBER STATES

*Radboud University Nijmegen*  
CPO-room A.00.09  
Nijmegen, the Netherlands

**21 June 2007**

In 2003 the European Council adopted a Directive on the right to family reunification for third country nationals in the EU. By October 2005 Member States should have transposed the Directive in their national legislation. What is the status of implementation of the Directive after the first year? What are the effects of the Directive in the Member States: did it make national laws more liberal or more restrictive? These are questions that will be dealt with during this seminar.

The aim of the seminar is to stimulate discussion on the transposition and implementation of the Directive in the EU Member States. The Family Reunification Directive is the first major directive on legal migration adopted by the Council under Article 63 EC Treaty. Thus the experience with this Directive might be relevant for the implementation of other directives on legal migration.

During the seminar, the report '*Taking Stock of the family reunification Directive in EU Member States: the first year of implementation*' on the implementation of the Directive in 25 EU Member States will be presented. This book describes and analyses the status of implementation of the Directive at the end of 2006. Participants in the seminar will receive a copy of the book. Participation in the seminar is free of charge. You are kindly requested to register by returning the completed registration form before 15 May.

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

09:30-10:00 Registration and Welcome

Chair: **Elsbeth Guild** (Professor European Migration Law Radboud University Nijmegen, partner Kingsley Napley solicitors, London)

10:00-10:20 **Nebahat Albayrak** (Secretary of State Justice Department, former MP for the Dutch Socialist Party, *to be confirmed*)  
*Opening*

10:20-10:40 A judge of one of the European Courts  
*The Family Reunification Directive and the first ECJ Judgment on this Directive*

10:40-11:00 **Kees Groenendijk** (Professor Sociology of Law, head Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University Nijmegen)  
*Conclusions of the comparative research project on the implementation of the Family Reunification Directive in the EU*

11:00-11:15 Discussion

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-11:50 **Gisbert Brinkmann** (Lawyer, Bonn)  
*The transposition of the Directive in Germany*

11:50-12:10 **Tineke Strik** (PhD researcher Centre for Migration Law, Member of the Dutch Senate)  
*The position of Member States during the negotiations and their results after implementation of the Directive*

12:10-12:30 Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch

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11:35-11:55 **Jordi Garcia-Martinez** (European Commission)  
*The implementation of the Directive from the Commission's perspective*

14:30-14:50 **Kristine Kruma** (Lecturer Public International Law, Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia)  
*Transposition of the Directive in Latvia*

14:50-15:10 Discussion

15:10-16:05 Coffee Break

16:05-16:25 **Maitena Poelemans and Yves Pascouau** (Faculty of Bayonne, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour)  
*Transposition of the Directive in France*

16:25-16:45 **Doris Peschke** (CCME)  
*The Directive from an NGO perspective*

16:45-17:05 NN  
*A national judge on how to handle the Directive*

17:05-17:30 Discussion

17:30-19:00 Reception and buffet dinner



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