

**End Female Genital Mutilation (FGM):  
Developing a Common European Asylum Strategy**

**Wednesday 24th February  
EU House, Nicosia**

**15:00 - 15:20 Welcoming Remarks**

Dina Akkelidou, President of the House Committee on  
Equal Opportunities for Men and Women

Tasos Georgiou, Head of the European Parliament Office in Cyprus

**15:20 - 15:40 END FGM European Campaign: Launching the Strategy**

Dr Christine Loudes, Director, END FGM European Campaign,  
Amnesty International Ireland

**15:40 - 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 - 17:00 Panel Discussion: Granting Asylum on Grounds of FGM**

- Cristina Planas, Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Cyprus
- Elena Neocleous, Asylum Service, Ministry of Interior
- Leyla Hussein, Strong Voice and Advisor, END FGM European Campaign

*Chair: Christina Kaili*

**Discussion**

**17:00 - 17:30 Public screening of the short documentaries**

*'The Day I will Never Forget'*

*'Stop FGM Now'*

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