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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FIELD OF EU MIGRATION. FORECASTING, GOVERNANCE & POLICY

12 September 2023

Rue du Trône 62 - Brussels

8:45 **Arrival and registration**

9:00 **Welcome**

SOLON MIAS (Project Officer - European Research Executive Agency - European Commission)

CRISTINA BLASI, (Lecturer, Department of Public Law and Legal History Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB) - ITFLOWS Scientific Coordinator)

9:05 **Introduction**

GIULIO MANCINI (Policy Officer - European Commission - DG HOME)

9:15 **Policy Briefs summary and general recommendations**

MENGIA TSCHALAER (Researcher and Legal and social anthropologist at Brunel University London)

9:30 **Panel 1: Aligning EU policies to the drivers of migration in origin and transit countries**

Related Policy Brief (PB#1)



Chair: LUCA BARANA (Research Fellow at Istituto Affari Internazionali, Coordinator of the T20 Italy Task Force on Migration)

Discussants:

- JUAN FERNANDO LÓPEZ AGUILAR (Member of the European Parliament - Chair of the LIBE Committee)

- TERESA UDAONDO GASCÓN (Deputy Director General of Immigration at the Spanish Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration)

- BERND PARUSEL (Senior Researcher in Political Science at the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies)
- HUGO W. RICKBERG (Representative Swedish Migration Agency at DELMI - The Migration Studies Delegation)

10:30 *Coffee Break (15 min)*

10:45 **Panel 2: Root causes and factors contributing to possible tensions within the native population in their attitudes towards immigrants/refugees across European countries**

Related Policy Brief (PB#2)



Chair: LENKA DRAZANOVA, (Research Fellow to the Observatory of Public Attitudes to Migration (OPAM) project - European University Institute)

Discussants:

- PRIMOŽ JAMŠEK (Head of field, Government Office for the Support & Integration of Migrants - Slovenia)
- RAZAN ISMAIL (Policy Expert on Gender Equality & Migration, Founder at Kudwa and member of New Women Connectors NGOs - Spain)
- FIONA SEIGER (Project Officer at the Joint Research Center, E5 Unit Demography and Migration)
- GONZALO ESCUDERO GARCÍA (Technical adviser - National Security Unit, Spanish Presidency Cabinet)

11:45 **Panel 3: Effective policies and relocation options for the socio-economic integration of immigrants to the EU**

Related Policy Briefs (PB#3 -- PB#4)



Chair: TOBIAS HEIDLAND (Professor of Economics at Kiel University and heads the Research Center "International Development" - Kiel Institute for the World Economy)

Discussants:

- CHRISTIE SPITERI (Manager at the Human Rights Directorate - Government of Malta)
- MARTIN WAGNER (Senior Policy Advisor on Asylum at ICMPD)

- SABINA SIROKOVSKA (Policy Coordinator at the European Commission - DG HOME)
- PRIMOŽ JAMŠEK (Government Office for the Support & Integration of Migrants - Slovenia)
- IRENE FERNÁNDEZ PLEGUEZUELOS (Reception Technician at the Migration and Social Rights office, Vallès Occidental County, Spain)

12:45 Lunch Break (60 min)

13:45 Panel 4: Capabilities of predictive tools, good practices and asylum policy commitments according to human rights

Related Policy Brief (PB#5)



Chair: MENGIA TSCHALAER (Researcher and Legal and social anthropologist at Brunel University London)

Discussants:

- DEREK GROEN (Lecturer in Simulation and Modelling at Brunel University London, PhD in Computational Astrophysics)
- HAITHEM AFLI (Lecturer in AI | NLP/ML | SFI Funded Investigator at ADAPT Centre in Dublin, development of next-generation digital technologies - Munster Technological University)
- GEORGIOS STAVROPOULOS (Research associate with the Information Technologies Institute (ITI) at the Centre for Research and Technology-Hellas (CERTH). Chief Technology Officer at Parhelia Analytics Ltd.)
- NIKOS GKEVREKIS (Electrical and Computer Engineer and Backend Developer at the Centre for Research and Technology-Hellas)
- ANNA ROSINSKA (Project Officer at the Joint Research Center – European Commission)
- ALEXANDER KJAERUM (Global Advisor - Senior Analyst at the Danish Refugee Council)
- ADOLFO SOMMARRIBAS (Senior Legal Migration Expert at Université du Luxembourg and member of the European Migration Network - Luxembourg)

14:45 Final Discussion & Conclusions by the ITFLOWS Policy Working Group

- ALEXANDER GERGANOV (Director of Sociological Program at Centre for the study of Democracy)
- ALEXANDER KJAERUM (Global Advisor - Senior Analyst at the Danish Refugee Council)
- GONZALO ESCUDERO GARCÍA (Technical adviser - National Security Unit, Spanish Presidency Cabinet)

15:30 Closing Remarks

CRISTINA BLASI (Lecturer, Department of Public Law and Legal History Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB)- ITFLOWS Scientific Coordinator)

***Important note: This event will be recorded for internal purposes.**