

GLOBAL TURKEY IN EUROPE

Stiftung Mercator, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and
Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)
cordially invite you to the seminar on

What happens after finding refuge? Integration of Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey: Challenges and prospects

The protracted armed conflict in Syria has created 4.8 million registered refugees in Syria's immediate region. More than 2.7 million of these are hosted in Turkey. The massive influx of refugees and irregular migrants attempting to reach EU countries from Turkey particularly in the summer of 2015 eventually led to the EU-Turkey migration deal. But while the EU-Turkey deal rested upon the understanding that resettled refugees from Turkey to the EU would be internally relocated within the Union, the notion of relocation has remained highly divisive, with the four Visegrad countries, and Hungary in particular, strongly resisting the idea. Without convergence on the internal dimensions of EU asylum and migration policy can the EU-Turkey deal survive?

After four highly stimulating events in Istanbul, Athens, Catania and Budapest, the fifth of a series of workshops on the refugee crisis under the Global Turkey in Europe programme, to be held in Berlin, will offer a timely opportunity to discuss the issue of the integration of refugees in the light of the experiences of two leading refugee-hosting countries – Germany and Turkey. Focusing both on the institutional-legal framework at the national level and looking at some specific examples at the city level, namely, Berlin and Istanbul, the participants will discuss and identify the continuing challenges, effective practices, and future prospects regarding the integration of Syrian refugees in particular, and refugee integration in general.

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9.00-11.30 Study tour

Visit to the Malteser Notunterkunft at ICC-International Congress Center

12.00-13.00 Light lunch

Provided by Jasmin Catering, a catering service based in Berlin, with the vision to empower middle-aged refugee women and create job opportunities that match their skills

13.00-17.00 Workshop

Mercator Centre - Neue Promenade 6, 10178 Berlin

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