



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

The refugee crisis and the future of the internal and external dimensions of EU migration and asylum policies

21 June 2017

13:00 – 16:30

FEPS Office

Rue Montoyer 40, Brussels

In its fourth year, the Global Turkey in Europe (GTE) programme focused on the refugee crisis and its impact on EU-Turkey relations, as well as on the EU's migration and asylum policies. A series of five workshops covered various dimensions of this multi-faceted issue, while the main focus had remained on the external and internal dimensions of the EU's migration and asylum policies. On the external dimension, two events focused on questions on the EU's cooperation on migration management with third countries: The discussion in Istanbul questioned whether Turkey qualifies as a 'safe third country' for asylum-seekers, while the workshop in Catania explored the possibility of the replication of the EU-Turkey deal in other contexts of transit in North Africa. On the internal dimension, two workshops dealt with the issue of the distribution of asylum responsibilities within the EU: The event in Athens focused on the implications of the EU-Turkey deal for the asylum capacities of frontline Member States, while the event in Budapest tackled the issue of the lack of intra-EU responsibility-sharing mechanisms by focusing on the Visegrad countries' resistance to the relocation schemes. At the conjunction of the external and the internal dimensions, the last workshop in Berlin focused on the issue of longer-term integration of refugees in the light of the experiences of the two leading refugee-hosting countries – Germany and Turkey.

The concluding GTE workshop, to be held in Brussels, will bring the threads together, reflect back on the two years since the peak of the refugee crisis, and look into the future. Based on a panel and open discussion format, the meeting will offer the opportunity to assess the current state and future of both the internal and external dimensions of the EU's migration and asylum policies, as well as that of EU-Turkey relations in this specific issue area.

13:00 – 14:00 Light lunch

14:00 – 14:20 Welcome and introduction

Massimo D'Alema, President, FEPS

Nathalie Tocci, Director, IAI

Panel discussion

Chair: Hedwig Giusto, FEPS

14:20 – 15:20 Speakers

Peter Seeberg, Associate Professor, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies,
University of Southern Denmark

Asli S. Okyay, Senior Fellow, IAI

Çiğdem Tongal, Mercator-IPC Fellowship Coordinator

Kader Sevinc, EU representative in Brussels of the Turkish Republican People's
Party (CHP)

Kati Piri, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group

Miltiadis Kyrkos, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group

Javier Niño Pérez, Head of the Turkey Division, European External Action Service

15:20 – 16:20 Open Debate

16:20 – 16:30 Concluding remarks

Daniel Grütjen, Head of Istanbul Office, Mercator