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

**The refugee debate in Central and Eastern Europe: Can the EU-Turkey
deal survive without intra EU convergence on relocation and
resettlement?**

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 three highly stimulating events in Istanbul, Athens and Catania, Budapest will host the fourth of a series of workshops on the refugee crisis under the Global Turkey in Europe programme. In Budapest, the GTE project will discuss the implications of existing intra-European divisions on relocation and more broadly on EU asylum and migration policies for the plausibility of devising and implementing a European response to the refugee crisis. It will focus in particular on the consequences of these divisions on the effective implementation of the EU-Turkey deal.

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Workshop

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VÁCI UTCA 20, 1052 BUDAPEST
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