



Stiftung Mercator, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC),
in collaboration with Mercator European Dialogue (MED)
cordially invite you to the workshop on

THE EU-TURKEY DEAL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ASYLUM CAPACITIES OF EU BORDER COUNTRIES

The protracted armed conflict in Syria has created 4.3 million registered refugees. More than 2.3 million of them are hosted in Turkey. The massive influx of refugees and irregular migrants attempting to reach EU countries has become a common challenge requiring cooperation between the EU and Turkey. On March 18, the EU-Turkey Agreement introduced a series of 'action points'. The deal has immediately sparked heated discussions, concerning its alleged violations of the 1951 Refugee Convention. Moreover, it was largely criticized for the heavy burden it poses on Greece for processing migrants and asylum seekers' requests.

After a first event in Istanbul on July 22, Athens will host the second of a series of workshops on the refugee crisis under the Global Turkey in Europe program. Participants will discuss key aspects of the EU Turkey deal and its implications for the asylum capacity of EU border countries, with a special focus on Greece.

Friday, 4 November 2016
09:30-12:30

at
Aegli Zappiou
(Zappion Garden, 10557 Athens)

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