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Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Stiftung Mercator cordially invite you to a workshop on

EU-TURKEY COOPERATION ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT: GOING BEYOND AD HOC SHORT-TERMISM

**KIPRIOTIS VILLAGE RESORT, ROOM AEGLE A
PSALIDI, 85300, KOS, GREECE**

6 MAY 2019, 09:15 – 17:00

The EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016 was envisaged as a one-off solution and a quick fix to an acute “crisis”, with an implicit expiry date of 2+2 years. However, mixed migration flows that concern both sides are structural in nature, and set to continue in the foreseeable future. Similarly, the issue of refugees’ socio-economic inclusion, which requires long-term perspectives, remains the main challenge in Turkey. Further, being one of the frontline constituents of a largely dysfunctional European asylum governance regime, Greece continues, and will continue, to face challenges regarding reception of migrants and asylum processing, which quick-fix approaches fall short to address. Yet, even if the number-driven crisis mode in the Eastern Mediterranean Route has relatively faded out, a focus on emergency-driven, temporary, and partial solutions still dominates migration management cooperation.

Today, we are at a point when intra-EU political deadlock continues to exert pressure on frontline member states and tilt Europe towards further externalisation, accompanied with transactionalist approaches. As for the EU-Turkey cooperation, the expiry date of the Statement and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey is fast approaching. Thus, it is high time to put sustainability at the heart of the debate. This also allows us to tackle through a coherent framework the interrelated challenges of: (i) EU-Turkey joint governance of mixed migration flows, (ii) going beyond the emergency reception mode in Greece, and (iii) enabling refugees’ self-sufficiency and cohesion with more resilient local communities in Turkey. Approaching these issues through a sustainability lens, the fourth GTE workshop aims to foster debate among a diverse set of stakeholders on how to go beyond the currently predominant ad hoc short-termism and unpredictability of EU-Turkey migration management cooperation.

PROGRAMME

09:15 Study visit

Participants will meet at the Kipriotis Village Reception in order to leave for the study visit (a bus transfer has been arranged at 9:30)

10:00 Reception and Identification Center

Please follow the instructions of the staff during your visit for the proper function of the RIC.

Welcome and Introduction

NONA MIKHELIDZE Head of the Eastern Europe and Eurasia Programme, IAI

NIMER MAISSAM Mercator-IPC Fellow, Sabanci University

11:00 Asylum Unit

Presentation of the Office's work by

KOSTAS SIETTOS Case Worker of the Greek Asylum Service

12:15 Transfer to the Hotel

13:00 Light lunch at the Hotel Restaurant "Atrium"

14:00 Workshop moderated by

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Paper giver

ASLI OKYAY Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali

17:00 End of workshop

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