

INVITATION

Expert-Dialogues on the Future of EU Migration and Asylum Policy

Session I - From Agreement to Action: Delivering the EU Migration and Asylum Pact

**24. September
2026**

12.45 pm
to 2.15 pm

**Online
Policy Dialogue
(ZOOM)**

The adoption of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum marked a major step towards a more common European approach to migration and asylum. Yet agreeing on a new framework is only the beginning. As the Pact moves towards implementation, the key challenge is to translate its provisions into effective, sustainable and genuinely European responses on the ground. Recent developments have once again highlighted the urgency of this task. The mass arrival of migrants in Ceuta at the end of July 2026, put considerable pressure on local authorities and exposed the vulnerabilities of Europe's external borders. The crisis also revealed persistent divisions among EU Member States. While calls were made for a coordinated European response, several governments responded with national measures, including renewed internal border controls, raising fresh questions about solidarity, the functioning of Schengen and the EU's capacity to act collectively in times of crisis.

This first session of our online Expert Series will focus on the capacity of Member States to fulfil the Pact's new obligations in a coordinated and timely manner, while revisiting persistent structural challenges. Particular attention will be paid to the continued reliance on the first-entry principle and its implications for secondary movements and the distribution of responsibility among Member States. Against this backdrop, the session will also explore whether the Pact can deliver a more balanced and resilient European migration and asylum system in practice, or whether existing asymmetries risk being reproduced under the new framework.

Programme

12.45 pm
to 12.50 pm

Welcome:

Christian FORSTNER, Director Brussels Office, Hanns Seidel Foundation

Dr. Loredana TEODORESCU, Head of EU and International Affairs, Luigi Sturzo Institute

12.50 pm
to 1.05 pm

Introductory statements (5 minutes each):

Beate GMINDER, Director-General, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

N.N., European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

Maurizio CANFORA, Deputy Director General for Europe and Central Director for European Integration at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

1.05 pm
to 2.15 pm

Policy dialogue session:

Chair: **Dr. Loredana TEODORESCU**, Head of EU and International Affairs, Luigi Sturzo Institute

2.15 pm

End of Conference

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