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## INVITATION Migration and Asylum - Towards a Joint European Response

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7.00 pm  
to 8.30 pm

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The European Commission's "New Pact on Migration and Asylum," introduced in September 2020 under the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union, aimed to establish a long-term framework for regulating migration, recognising the connectedness of Member States' policies. In 2023, both the Swedish and the Spanish Presidency of the Council made significant efforts to advance the negotiation process, resulting in a "historic agreement" on key proposals shortly before the end of the year. However, the devil lies in the details, and there remain hurdles to surmount before Member States can ultimately implement the strategy.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation and the Istituto Luigi Sturzo have closely monitored these recent developments and compiled a publication of expert articles on the topic. This document addresses crucial questions such as the potentialities arising from the new elements in the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, the main challenges in implementing the Pact and ensuring the effectiveness of agreed measures. But foremost it deals with the question whether the Pact equips Member States and EU institutions with the best instruments to prevent future migration crises and manage migratory flows effectively.

We look forward to discussing these and other questions about the "New Pact on Migration and Asylum" with you and our experts.

### Programme

6.30 pm Admission and Registration

7.00 pm Welcome and Introduction:

**Michael HINTERDOBLER**, Director, Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU

**Markus FERBER**, MEP, Coordinator of the EPP Group in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament; Chairman of the Hanns Seidel Foundation

7.10 pm Statements and Discussion:

**Peter ROBBERECHT**, Head of Staff, Cabinet of the Belgian State Secretary for Migration and Asylum

**Natasha BERTAUD**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Vice-President Margaritis Schinas, European Commission

**Eleonora MILAZZO**, Research Fellow, EUI Migration Policy Centre / Robert Schuman Centre

**Hugo BRADY**, Senior Strategic Advisor, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Moderator:




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

8.30 pm End of the Conference and Reception

Conference language is English.

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