

## INVITATION Migration and Asylum - Towards a joint European response?

### **Topic II - The Internal Dimension - Finding a balance between responsibility and solidarity**

**14. June 2023**

1.30 pm  
to 3.00 pm

**Online  
Policy Dialogue**

**(ZOOM)**

The number of illegal border crossings into the EU has risen again and new highs are expected by the summer. Member States are responding to this challenge with different strategies according to their political, economic and socio-political situation as well as their respective concerns and pressures. Despite the recognition that the Dublin system is no longer fit for its purpose, the country of first-entry is still responsible for asylum-claims in most of the cases, while new proposals such as the Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism will not necessarily alleviate this pressure. In September 2022, Members of the European Parliament and several Permanent Representatives signed an agreement with the aim of concluding the reform of EU migration and asylum rules by February 2024. But as the end of the current legislation approaches, there is a risk that discussions on solidarity will be dismissed and that ad-hoc, voluntary and unpredictable steps will be taken again.

Why are Member States reluctant to implement the agreed Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism and is there an alternative? Can any form of support replace the actual redistribution of migrants across the EU? While recognising that the Dublin system has failed in its application, how can coordination between Member States can be made more efficient and where could European agencies replace national approaches to ensure common standards?

### **Programme**

1.30 pm  
to 1.35 pm

Welcome:

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

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

1.35 pm  
to 1.50 pm

Introductory statements (5 minutes each):

**Nicole de MOOR**, Secretary of State for Asylum and Migration, Belgium

**Tomas TOBÉ, MEP**, Chair of the Committee on Development; Rapporteur in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

**Maurizio CANFORA**, Principal Director for European Integration, Directorate General for Europe and International Trade Policy, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Alexandra CUPSAN-CATALIN**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Commissioner Ylva Johansson (tbc)

1.50 pm  
to 2.55 pm

Policy dialogue session:

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

3.00 pm

End of Conference

*Conference language is English. – This policy dialogue is held under Chatham house rule.*

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