



Mercator Dialogue on
Asylum and Migration

Launch of MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe

Sharing Responsibility for Refugees and Expanding Legal Immigration

Date and time: Wednesday, 7 June 2017, 13:15 - 14:30

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

Mass migration, forced displacement, and ongoing conflicts will remain dominant issues for several years to come. At the same time, national governments are confronted with short-term democratic cycles and an increasingly toxic public debate about asylum and immigration policies. As a result, policymakers and citizens throughout the EU are uncertain about the best way forward for policies on asylum, immigration, and immigrant integration. MEDAM researchers will present the first Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe, setting out challenges and priorities as the EU and its member states shift from emergency response mode to discussing a more durable asylum and migration regime. Among others, the report addresses the following questions: How can responsibility for refugees be shared more effectively at the global and the EU-level? How to curb irregular immigration into the EU while ensuring protection to the individuals who flee from persecution and violence? What drives decisions to emigrate? What determines labor market integration of immigrants in the destination countries? What shapes public opinion and the individual attitudes of a local population toward migrants and immigration?

Agenda:

12:30 – 13:15 Registration and sandwich lunch

13:15 – 14:00 Presentation of the report

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14:00 – 14:30 Q&A

This event is organised by CEPS.

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About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research and consultation project that addresses pressing issues in asylum and migration and aims to provide evidence-based solutions from a primarily economic perspective. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels. More information can be found at <http://www.medam-migration.eu/>.

Latest publications produced under MEDAM

M. Barslund, M. Busse, K. Lenaerts, L. Ludolph and V. Renman, "[Labour Market Integration of Refugees: A comparative survey of Bosnians in five EU countries](#)", CEPS Special Report No. 155, CEPS, Brussels, December 2016

M. Barslund, A. Di Bartolomeo and L. Ludolph, "[Gender Inequality and Integration of Non-EU Migrants in the EU](#)", CEPS Policy Insights No 2017/06, CEPS, Brussels, February 2017

M. Lücke and C. Schneiderheinze, "[More Financial Burden-Sharing for Developing Countries that Host Refugees](#)", G20 Insights Policy Brief, G20 Insights, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, 28 March 2017

Upcoming MEDAM events at CEPS

June 8 (9:00-17:30) MEDAM/EMNES Workshop *Economic integration of refugees in the countries of first asylum. Mission: possible?*

July 5 (17:00-18:30) MEDAM Seminar *Journeys on hold: how policy influences the migration decisions of Eritreans in Ethiopia* with Dr. Jessica Hagen-Zanker (Overseas Development Institute, London)

