

Launch of the 2018 MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe

# Flexible Solidarity: A Comprehensive Strategy for Asylum and Immigration in the EU

**Date and time:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018, 13:15 - 14:30

**Venue:** CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

EU policy-makers continue to face multiple challenges in the areas of asylum and immigration. These include reorganising the EU asylum system, improving cooperation with African countries in managing migration, supporting developing countries that host large numbers of refugees and ensuring successful integration of immigrants residing in the EU while preserving social cohesion. These challenges are inter-connected and require a comprehensive approach with the support by all EU member states. At the same time, however, member states are affected by immigration in substantially different ways, and the political preferences of policy-makers and voters also vary widely. These differences require thoughtful and practical proposals to overcome the impasse in the EU's asylum and immigration policies.

The 2018 MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe builds on in-depth economic analysis of how policy interventions may be further developed to protect refugees, respect the human rights of migrants, reduce irregular immigration to the EU, and foster economic and social integration of immigrants residing in the EU. This report proposes a comprehensive strategy for EU asylum and immigration policies that is both politically feasible and effective, based on the concept of flexible solidarity between EU member states.

## Agenda:

12:30 – 13:15 Registration and sandwich lunch

13:15 – 14:00 Presentation of the report

*Matthias Lücke / Academic Co-Director, Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)*

*David Benček / Research Fellow, Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)*

*Laura Corrado / Head of Legal Migration and Integration Unit, DG for Migration and Home Affairs (European Commission)*

14:00 – 14:30 Q&A

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This event is organised by CEPS.

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## About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research project aimed at producing informed economic perspectives on migration. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act in this field, 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/>

## Selected publications produced under MEDAM

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Lücke, M. "[EU Asylum Policy: Overcoming the Quota Impasse](#)", Commentary. IfW, Kiel, January 2018

Lanati, M. and R. Thiele. "[The Impact of Foreign Aid on Migration Revisited](#)", MWP Working Paper No.2017/05, European University Institute, Florence. 2017

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MEDAM, "Sharing responsibility for refugees and expanding legal immigration", [MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies 2017](#), Kiel: Ifw, June 2017

Lücke, M. 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, March 2017

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