

New Pathways for Labour Migration: What role for Skills Partnerships in EU migration policy?

Date and time: 2 April 2019, 13:15-15:15

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

Irregular migration across the Mediterranean is still high on Europe's political agenda. Admittedly, there are fewer people attempting to cross, but the current situation may not last.

This half-day conference explores concrete policies in the field of **labour migration** to reduce incentives for irregular migration, in the medium to long term, and in strengthening cooperation with countries of origin. Specifically, the discussion will focus on **skills partnerships** between destination and countries of origin and whether they could be an effective tool for the future of EU migration policy vis-à-vis African countries. An international panel will bring experience and knowledge about these two important migratory corridors: the Mexico-US border and the Mediterranean Sea. What can be learned from each other's experience? Would skill partnerships be effective in managing migration and spurring development? What role could European institutions have in the process?

Anyone working on international migration, development and cooperation is encouraged to join our panellists in this debate and to contribute to the discussion during the Q&A session.

A sandwich lunch will be served from 12:30 onwards. Participation in this event is free of charge.

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/>

Agenda:

12:30 Registration and light lunch

13:15 – 13:25 Welcome – **Mikkel Barslund**, Research Fellow and Head of Ageing Societies Programme, CEPS

13:25 – 13:40 Presentation – **Mattia Di Salvo**, Researcher, CEPS

13:40 – 14:00 Presentation – **Michael Clemens**, Co-Director of Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy, Center for Global Development

14:00 – 14:45 Panel – What role for Skills Partnership in EU migration policy?

Moderator:

Mikkel Barslund, Research Fellow and Head of Ageing Societies Programme

Panellists:

Michael Clemens, Co-Director of Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy, Center for Global Development

Alexandra Sá Carvalho, Legal and Policy Officer Legal Migration and Integration (DG HOME), European Commission

Marta Foresti, Director of Human Mobility Initiative, ODI

Tilman Nagel, Head of Section Education, TVET & Labour Markets, GIZ

Raffaella Greco Tonegutti, Migration and Development expert, Belgian Development Agency

14:45 – 15:15 Q&A discussion