



# ASILE

Global Asylum  
Governance and  
the European  
Union's Role

## WORKSHOP - LINKED EVENT TO THE UN GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

### *ASSESSING EU EXTERNAL COOPERATION ON ASYLUM IN LIGHT OF THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES: LESSONS LEARNED AND PROMISING PRACTICES*

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023 (12:30PM – 15H00PM, CET)  
Forum Geneve, Rue de Lausanne 11-19 – BRUSIO Room  
Hybrid Meeting

### BACKGROUND

This Workshop examines the scope and implementation of European Union's cooperation instruments on asylum governance with selected third countries, and their compatibility with the UN Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

The following overarching questions will be explored:

1. What are the key EU policy priorities and issues for the EU to take into account in the cooperation with third countries on expanding the protective environment and access to international protection? What is the EU's contribution on international solidarity and forced displacement in the scope of the GRF? And how can the GRF pledge mechanism support accountability and accelerate responsibility sharing?
2. What specific dilemmas arise when examining EU's financial, technical and operational support in strengthening national asylum systems? What roles do conditionality on expulsions, and issue-linkage with other EU policies, play in EU external asylum governance at times of ensuring effective, coherent and human rights compliant policies?
3. What are the lessons learned and promising practices from EU migration and asylum cooperation agreements and arrangements in light of the UN Global Compact of Refugees?



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4. Which policy recommendations could be considered with the view to advance the objectives of the EU's role in implementing the GCR? What is and could be the role of national and regional parliaments in ensuring democratic accountability of GCR commitments and their implementation?

The Workshop aims at presenting the results of the four-year EU-funded Horizon 2020 Project **ASILE** which has as one of its major objectives facilitating the implementation and workability of the UN GCR. For more information about the project see: [www.asileproject.eu](http://www.asileproject.eu).

The Workshop is co-organised between **CEPS**, the **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)** and the **Global Refugee Network (GRN)**. It is divided in four thematic panels, where key speakers will be presenting. The event will also allow time for open discussion with the public at the end of the interventions.

It will be open to the public, hosted in a **hybrid format** (online participation is possible) and it aims at bringing together **academics, experts, key policy makers and stakeholders, representatives from relevant CSOs, International Organizations and refugee voices**.



# AGENDA

Tuesday, 12 December 2023

## 12h30 - 15h00: Assessing EU External Cooperation on Asylum and Migration in Light of the UN Global Compact on Refugees

### *Welcome and Chair:*

**Sergio CARRERA** (CEPS and ASILE Project Coordinator), **Cecilia VEJBY ANDERSEN** (Danish Refugee Council, DRC) and **Shaza ALRIHAWI** (Global Refugee-led Network, GRN)

### *Panels:*

*Asylum for containment: presentation of research findings and recommendations*

**Thomas SPIJKERBOER** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands) - *Online*

**Gamze OVACIK** (Baskent University, Ankara, Turkey)

**Meltem İNELI CİĞER** (Suleyman Demirel University)

*The EU's contribution to the GRF from the perspective of EU's migration and asylum partnerships with third countries*

**Tineke STRIK** (Member of the European Parliament)

**Veronika BURGET** (UNHCR)

**Zakira HEKMAT**, (Afghan Refugees Solidarity Association & member of the GRN MENA chapter Steering Committee)

*Addressing protection implications of external cooperation on asylum and migration: Civil Society perspectives*

**Syed HASNAIN** (UNIRE - Italian National Union of Refugees and Exiles and Member of the Network for Refugee Voices and the European Coalition of Migrants and Refugees)

**Daniela REALE** (Global lead on children on the move, Save the Children International)

**Chloe MARSHALL-DENTON** (Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Belgium) - *Online*

### *Open Discussion*

### *Closing remarks and way forward*

**Cecilia VEJBY ANDERSEN** (Danish Refugee Council, DRC)



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