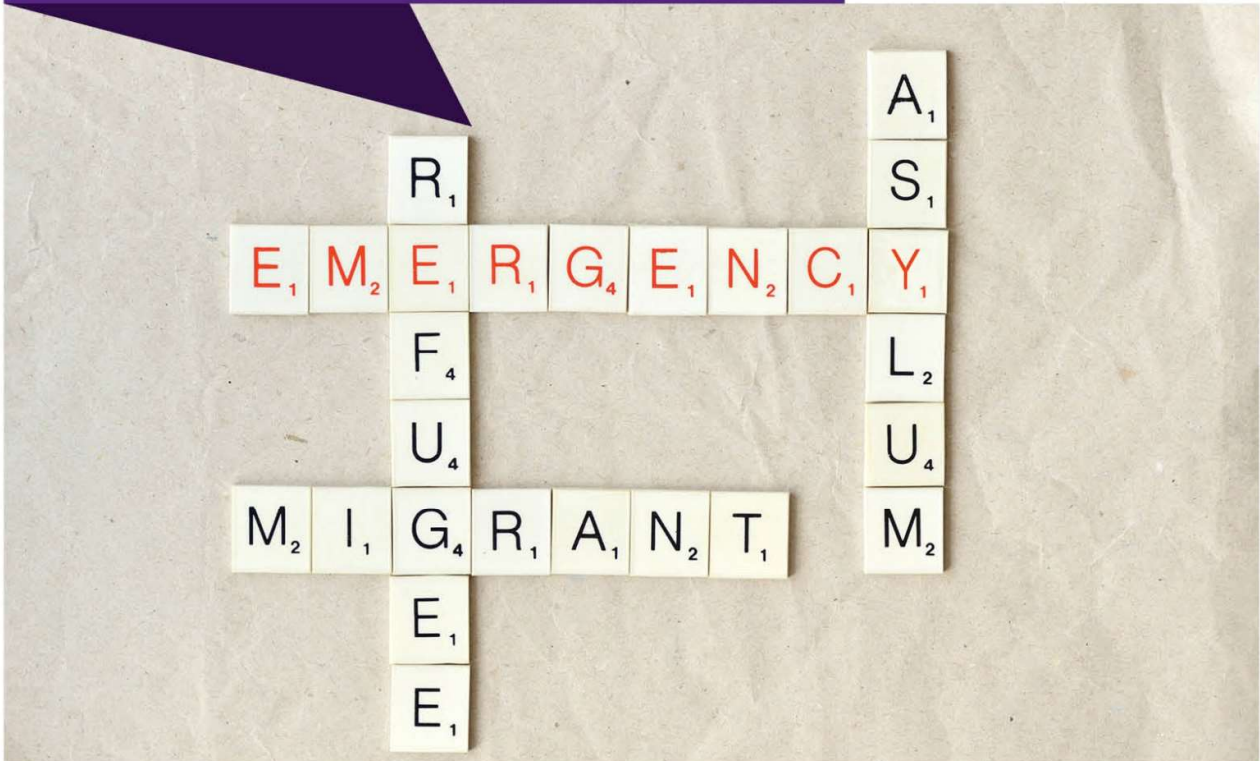


MIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN EUROPE

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OPENING

9:30 – 10:00

WELCOMING ADDRESSES

- **David Maria Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament
- **Igor Zorčič**, President of the National Assembly, Slovenia
- **Luís Capoulas Santos**, Chair of the EU Committee, on behalf of the President of the Assembly of the Republic, Portugal

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- **Margaritis Schinas**, European Commissioner for Promoting our European Way of Life

SESSION 1

10:00 – 11:30

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL COOPERATION IN FORGING TAILORED MIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

CO-CHAIRS

- **Monika Gregorčič**, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Policy, National Assembly, Slovenia
- **Pierrette Herzberger Fofana**, 1st Vice Chair DEVE Committee, European Parliament

INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES

- **Dr. Stanislav Raščan**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- **Isabel Meirelles**, MP - PSD/EPP, Assembleia da Republica, Portugal

REMARKS FROM PRACTITIONERS

- **Fabrice Leggeri**, FRONTEX, Executive Director
- **Evelien van Roemburg**, Head of Oxfam's EU Office, on behalf of CONCORD (European Confederation of NGOs for Relief and Development)

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Points for discussion may include but are not limited to:

- Examining the content of tailored partnerships with key third countries – How to find an effective balance between positive and negative incentives for partnership? How to manage through these partnerships the different factors that drive migration?
- How to best make use of the role of non-governmental partners and EU agencies in shaping partnerships with third countries?
- What role can parliamentary diplomacy in bilateral relations with key third countries of origin and transit play in forging stronger partnerships in the context of the external dimension of a common EU approach to migration?

LUNCH BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

SESSION 2

13:00 – 14:30

INTERNAL DIMENSION OF MIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN THE EU A YEAR AFTER THE PROPOSAL OF THE PACT

CO-CHAIRS

- **Domenec Ruiz Devesa**, on behalf of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament
- **Mag. Branko Grims**, Chair of the Committee on Internal Affairs, National Assembly, Slovenia

INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES

- **Dr. Božo Predalič**, Secretary of State, Ministry of the Interior, Slovenia
- **Prof. Dr. Lars Castellucci** MP – SPD/S&D, Bundestag, Germany

REMARKS FROM PRACTITIONERS

- **Nina Gregori**, EASO, Executive Director
- **Catherine Woolard**, European Council for Refugees and Exiles, Director

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Points for discussion may include but are not limited to:

- The European Commission's proposal for New Pact on Migration and Asylum a year after its introduction – how do parliaments reflect on both the progress made and on the existing legislative Gordian knot, and how can they contribute to the discussion and to the acceleration of finding a common EU position?
- Implementing effective border management while ensuring human rights compliance in EU's migration and asylum policy – where are the breaking points?
- Between proportionate responsibility and sustainable solidarity mechanisms – how can parliaments better contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive EU approach to asylum and migration? What added value could/will the developing EU Agency for Asylum bring?

CLOSING

14:45 – 15:15

- **Igor Zorčič**, President of the National Assembly, Slovenia
- **David Maria Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament