

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung & Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy
cordially invite you to a workshop on:

Policy workshop on irregular migration and asylum

Athens, 16th of April

at the Electra Palace Hotel, Alkyoni Conference Room
(18-20, Nikodimou str.)

This closed policy workshop on irregular migration and asylum is a joint initiative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Athens office (KAS) and the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP). The workshop aims at a rapprochement of views among Greece and Turkey, offering perspectives from Germany and highlighting the EU dimension, in respect to the potential for improving the management of irregular migration and asylum flows. It will focus on the evolving situation at the Greek-Turkish borders, the existing patterns of cooperation and the prospects for the future, the migration and asylum nexus, the Greek policy and administrative experiences of dealing with immigration and asylum, the labor market implications and shifting pathways to irregularity at a time of crisis. The workshop will involve academics, policy makers and practitioners who specialize in various aspects of the above topics.

Preliminary agenda

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| 09:00-09:30 | Conference Registration – Welcoming coffee |
| 09:30-09:45 | Welcome
<i>Susanna Vogt, KAS Athens</i>
<i>Dr. Panos Hatziprokopiou, ELIAMEP</i> |
| 09:45-10:15 | Keynote speeches:
<i>Dr. Aggelos Syrigos, Secretary General, Population and Social Cohesion, Ministry of Interior</i>
<i>Francesca Nastri, EC Task Force for Greece, Athens Antenna</i> |
| 10:15-10:30 | Introduction to the topic of the workshop
<i>Dr. Angeliki Dimitriadi, ELIAMEP</i> |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee Break |

11:00-13:00

Session I - Irregular Migration

Moderator: Eda Gemi, ELIAMEP

Prof. Apostolos Papadopoulos, Associate Professor, Harokopion University, Athens

Meral Açıkgoz, International Organisation for Migration Turkey

Moawia Ahmed, Greek Migrants' Forum

Adromachi Lazaridis, IOM Greek Office

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

Session II - The Migration-Asylum Nexus

Moderator: Dr. Colin Duerkop, Regional Representative for Southeast Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Maria Stavropoulou, Director, Asylum Service

Dr. O. C. Ünver, Turkish Centre for International Relations & Strategic Analysis

Dr. Matthias Neske, Head of Department on Analysis and Crosscutting Issues of Irregular Migration, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

Prof. Effie Voutyra, Professor, University of Macedonia

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:30-17:00

Session III – Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: Dr Panos Hatziprokopiou, ELIAMEP

Prof. Emeritus Theodoros Lianos, Athens University of Economics and Business

Marietta Provopoulou, Medecins Sans Frontieres

Maria Voutsinou, Scientific Advisor, Greek Ombudsman

Dimitris Christopoulos, Assistant Professor, Panteion University

17:00-17:30

Closing session – Conclusion

Dr. Panos Hatziprokopiou, ELIAMEP

Final remarks