

## Migration Workshop Malta 2021

### Experts' Workshop

Monday, 8 November & Tuesday, 9 November 2021

Location: **Radisson Blu Resort Malta, St. Julian's**  
St George's Bay, St. Julian's, STJ 3391, Malta

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### Introduction

In 2019, in a series of annual workshops, the Vienna Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (KAS) had organized its first workshop in Athens on migration and border security; aiming at assessing the situation for Greece, discussing the effectiveness of border controls in the EU and dealing with sea rescue. The 2020 experts' migration workshop had focused on the reform of the EU Asylum System and Migration Management and the financing of migration policy looking at the main routes of migration with a specific view on Greece. The focus on the Mediterranean will remain at this year's experts workshop in Malta.

A broad range of questions will be addressed. What is the current situation at the main routes of migration with a specific view on Malta? Which influence does the situation in Afghanistan have? In June 2021, political agreement was reached to establish the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), enhancing the mandate of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO). What kind of policy developments can be perceived on European and multilateral level? How can local governance become a key partner and help to change or enhance the migration-narrative?

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### Sunday, 7 November 2021

till 18.00    Arrival of the participants

19.00        Welcome dinner at the Hotel Radisson Blu Resort Malta, St. Julian's

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## Monday, 8 November 2021

from 8.00 Breakfast

### 09.00 Opening and introduction

**Claudia Crawford**, Head Multilateral Dialogue KAS, Vienna

**Ryan Spagnol**, Advisor – Migration, Ministry for Home Affairs, National Security and Law Enforcement, Malta

#### Keynote

**Prof Dr Rainer Münz**, Expert on Demography and Migration, former Advisor to European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, Austria

### 09.40 Current situation at the main routes of migration with a specific view on Malta

What is the current situation at the main routes of migration with a specific view on Malta? Which influence does the situation in Afghanistan have? What kind of policy developments can be perceived on European and multilateral level?

#### *Impulses and Discussion:*

**Alistair Boulton**, Head of Liaison Office, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**José-Luis Bazán**, Legal Advisor for Migration and Asylum and Religious Freedom, The Catholic Church in the European Union (COMECE)

**Dr Torsten Moritz**, General Secretary, Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME)

#### *Moderation:*

**Leo Wigger**, Fellow, Candid Foundation, Berlin

11.10 Coffee break

### 11.30 Developments in the EU Asylum System and Migration Management and outlook

In June 2021, political agreement was reached to establish the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), enhancing the mandate of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO). No consensus has been reached so far on the migration pact. What are the key obstacles and what is the future outlook? What are the specific problems

with repatriation, most of which do not take place? What are the possibilities for improvement? What happens to those who should be returned but have not been returned?

*Impulses and Discussion:*

**Nina Gregori**, Executive Director, European Asylum Support Office (EASO), Valletta, Malta

**Dr Hannes Schreiber**, Head of Department and Deputy Head of Section, Department IV.2 - Visa, border, residence and asylum matters, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna, Austria

**Alžbeta Kvasničková**, Senior State Counselor, Department of Migration and Integration, Migration Office, Ministry of Interior, Slovakia

**Ann-Sophie Nienhoff**, Working Group M4 – Asylum Law, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany

*Moderation:*

**Teresa Albano**, Economic Affairs Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 **Global trends and cooperation with countries outside of the European Union**

The situation on migration in countries and regions, especially in Afghanistan, Belarus, Turkey, in the Mediterranean and the Western Balkans will be the focus of this panel.

*Impulses and Discussion:*

**Viktor Marsai**, Research Director, Migration Research Institute (MRI), Budapest, Hungary

**Michael Foulis**, International Researcher, Cyprus

**Kristof Bender**, Deputy Chairman, European Stability Initiative (ESI)

*Moderation:*

**Dr Arianna Briganti**, Head of Governance, Economic and Environmental Issues Department, OSCE Presence in Albania

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 **Local Governance as key partner?**

Some best practices will be presented how to change or enhance the migration-narrative, how illegal migration and human trafficking can be prevented, and how local governance can become a key partner.

*Impulses and Discussion:*

**Teresa Albano**, Economic Affairs Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

**Luca Pianese**, Senior Migration Security Expert, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

**Ana Feder**, Regional Portfolio Manager, Regional Office for the Mediterranean, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

**Stanley Zammit**, Local Councillor, Birżebbuġa, Malta

*Moderation:*

**Livia Puglisi**, Head of Office, former federal President Christian Wulff, Berlin, Germany

19.30 **Dinner (meeting in lobby of Radisson Blu)**

Gululu Restaurant

*133, Spinola bay, St Julians Road, San Ġiljan, Malta*

## Tuesday, 9 November 2021

from 08.00 **Breakfast**

10.00 **Practical steps forward**

Remaining topics and questions

*Moderation:*

**Claudia Crawford**, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Austrian Office, Vienna

*Discussion*

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12.00 Lunch  
Departure

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**English**

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