



Social Realignment

The New Pact: Managing migration jointly with countries of origin and transit

Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration (MEDAM)

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Session description:

Comprehensive, balanced, and mutually beneficial partnerships with countries of origin and transit are a fundamental prerequisite for sustainably managing migration flows to the EU. The European Commission's New Pact on Migration and Asylum proposes a range of measures to achieve effective cooperation with non-EU countries. Developing channels for legal migration as well as complementary pathways for protection, improving return and readmission, and supporting countries hosting refugees are essential elements in this regard. What progress has been made so far in negotiations on the external dimension of the New Pact, and what challenges remain to be addressed? How are non-EU partner countries involved in this process? What can the G20 do to support sustainable cooperation with countries of origin and transit?

This is the first part of MEDAM sessions on migration cooperation with countries of origin and transit. **Second part: "EU-Turkey cooperation on migration: Toward a sustainable and effective partnership" (Friday, 28 May 16:15-16:45 CEST).**