

## Debate Workshop

# Integrating Migrations into the Foreign Relations of the European Union: An Uncertain Game?

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“Migration management” or “the fight against illegal migration” have come to dominate many international negotiations between the EU or individual member states and third countries. The migration issue has thus become integrated in a variety of external policies at EU level (enlargement, development, trade, etc.) and is at the top of the agenda in many bilateral relations (eg Spain and Morocco, Italy and Libya).

This session will focus both on the causes and consequences of these developments. I first ask why member states and the EU are negotiating with third states on this issue. I underline the fact that this is an instance of outsourcing to actors outside the territory: this is about norms shirking, escaping the judges’ eyes and those of human rights activists, legal public interest groups, and other “monitors.” It is more difficult to act against migrants or asylum-seekers once they are settled and can benefit from local support and “case mobilization”. Some countries with few internal checks are even more likely to focus their attention on “remote control”. Second, I focus on EU policy developments in this area to show why some policy actors are pushing in this direction and the obstacles that they may face. Third, I highlight some of the implications of these developments. It is difficult for the EU to enforce and monitor the demands made and, moreover, that to ensure the compliance of the countries of transit, they have to keep providing incentives and rewards, which is not always possible. One solution has been to work in a multi-level setting with both informal bilateral agreements and EU initiatives. I conclude by assessing the actual impact of these developments for migration patterns.

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