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Workshop 6 – Europe in the world: pursuing the migration control agenda Beograd room

Facilitator

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Background

Europe's migration control agenda has permeated its external affairs which has resulted in external policies and instruments being used to pursue narrow objectives defined by Home Ministries. Examples of this approach are the conclusion of non-judiciable/informal agreements with third countries on return and readmission; inclusion of cooperation on migration control objectives in proposals for EU development funding; suggestions to ringfence a specific amount of EU development assistance for migration related purposes or to establish a separate funding stream on migration; and pushing migration control on the agenda of bilateral discussions with third countries.

Questions for discussion during the workshop:

- What trends and developments of the migration control agenda are pursued in your country/region?
- What is the evidence of the impact of the migration control agenda and how can it be used in advocacy?
- What are upcoming policies or processes at the national, European and international level where the migration control agenda will be prevalent and could be challenged?
- How can civil society influence in this area given that processes are intransparent and outcomes are often not subject to parliamentary or judicial scrutiny?

Objectives

1. Collect analysis and evidence on the impact that the EU's migration control agenda has on the rights of asylum seekers and refugees worldwide
2. Discuss strategies and plans for ECRE and other civil society organisations to work on the role of the EU in external action and to address risks related to the migration control agenda

Agenda

This will be an interactive workshop with initial contributions by:

- Paul Nesse, Norwegian Refugee Council
- Lassane Ouedraogo, Africa Solidarity Centre Ireland
- Josephine Liebl, ECRE