

Title: **Migration and Foreign Aid**

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The proposed single-session workshop aims to explore both the direct and indirect links between migration and foreign aid (development assistance).

Members of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) provide around 130 billion USD in official development assistance (ODA, humanitarian aid included) to the developing countries annually. Neither humanitarian, nor development assistance aim to prevent mass migration explicitly. Yet, they seem to fail to address or tackle certain problems in the recipient countries, which make millions migrate in one particular direction: whether it is from East or from South, the destination is the 'West'.

The organizers invite proposals investigating (i) whether access to ODA encourages or discourages migration; (ii) how various forms of foreign aid attempt to tackle the root causes of migration in 'sending/recipient' countries; (iii) whether these forms of aid provide the most appropriate means to stabilize states and societies; (iv) how development and humanitarian assistance (provided with the aim to prevent larger scale migrations) relate to other migration management means and practices applied with the intention to stabilize 'eastern/southern' states and societies. Papers comparing the impacts of development aid (provided to ODA-eligible countries) on migration and the effects of EU funds (channeled to Central- and Eastern-Europe) on intra-European mobility are also welcomed.

Policy-related relevance: the topic is of high importance at the EU/EEA level as indicated by a Horizon2020 Societal Challenges call (ENG-GLOBALLY-03-2017: The European Union and the global challenge of migration) which calls for an integrated approach to migration and development.