

Dealing with the refugee challenge: German and Romanian policies and European solutions

What: *A two hours debate on the particular approach of Germany and Romania on the refugee crisis, two countries with widely different experiences which yet are joined through their membership in the EU, but also on the European approach and the need to implement a common solution to the refugees crisis.*

When: Friday the 6th of May, 2016, 11:00 – 13:00

Where: Marriott Hotel, Bucharest, Romania

The European Union is confronted with a major challenge due to the high number of refugees that arrive in Europe every day. The number of newcomers in 2015 was almost three times higher than in 2014 and the forecasts estimate that numbers will stay as high in 2016. The exposure to the refugee inflow varies from country to country and the burden is unequally distributed among the EU member states. Some, like Germany, are experiencing unprecedented high numbers while others, like Romania, are currently not transit or destination countries.

Against this background, **Eurosfat 2016** will host the workshop “**Dealing with the refugee challenge: German and Romanian policies and European solutions**”, organized by the **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Romania** (FES) and the **Foundation for a Democratic Left** (FSD), with the contribution of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Romania and the German Embassy in Romania. The workshop aims at evaluating the solutions that have been offered until now and those that should be advanced by Member States and the EU from now on. It will also take a closer look on the policies of Germany and Romania. As a main refugee and destination, Germany has had so far to adapt the most, and employs various integration strategies. On the other hand, as a country which has yet to experience an increase in refugees, it’s needed to assess Romania’s answer to the crisis: how should Romania position itself, what are its institutional and financial capacities to react to the crisis and what are the measures that the Government should undertake. The workshop will also evaluate the solutions that have been advanced until now and those that should or could be advanced by EU from now on.

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Agenda

Opening:

Matthias Jobelius, Representative of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Romania and Republic of Moldova
Victor Negrescu, MEP and Representative of the Foundation for a Democratic Left

Welcome Address:

H.E. Werner Hans Lauk, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Romania

Inputs by:

Christian Flisek, Member of the German Parliament (SPD)
Leonard Orban, Presidential Adviser on EU Affairs at the Romanian Presidential Administration
Ioan Dragoş Tudorache, Head of the Prime-Minister's Office
Rob Visser, former Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office

Discussions

Moderation:

Victoria Stoiciu, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Romania