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THE NEW STRATEGY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON “FORCED RETURN”

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Roundtable

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15h00 - 16h30

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The recent proposal by the European Commission of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum is an opportunity to explore and examine the new strategies that have been developed by both the EU and its Member States to deal with “forced return”, namely the expulsion of foreign persons who do not or no longer have the right to stay in the EU territory. It is also an occasion to discuss the reasons for which a new strategy has been adopted with regard to this specific policy, and to evaluate the relevance and effectiveness of both past and current practices.

Over the last decades, migration has become a major cross-over issue in both the domestic and external policies of the European Union. This is a *fait accompli*. The externalization of migration policies has invariably affected the relations between Europe and its neighbourhood leading to new patterns of cooperation. Among others, the European Union and its Member States have increasingly favoured the use of non-binding arrangements and soft law mechanisms having implications for the respect of human rights and international protection.

In order to address such challenges, we need to understand how cooperation with third countries on the expulsion of irregular migrants and rejected asylum seekers has been implemented and operationalised. To do so, the roundtable will focus on patterns of cooperation with African countries and with Turkey as well as on their implications for human rights observance.

This event is organized by students at the College of Europe, including Tancrede Beauchamps, Afaf Lamkoutar, Gaye Onen, and Michał Winiarski. It is part of the activities of the Natolin Academy of Migration (NAM) established at the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Chair.

Invited speakers (in alphabetical order):

- [Amal AL OUASSIF](#), Researcher, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco
- [Mauro GAGLIARDI](#), Deputy Head of the Irregular Migration and Return Policy Unit, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
- [Ahmet İÇDUYGU](#), Professor, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- [Florian TRAUNER](#), Professor, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels, Belgium

Moderator:

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