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## ***THE PANDEMIC AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR MIGRANTS' ACCESS TO RIGHTS***

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### **Roundtable**

Warsaw, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Online event.

The pandemic has had a severe impact on the lives of people. Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees have been particularly hit by the crisis. Limited access to public health services and to decent and hygienic housing, the hindered access to the right to seek asylum, among many others, have had implications for mobility, individual freedom, and the observance of basic rights. Moreover, restrictions on free movement, lockdowns, the redirection of migration assistance funds to fight COVID-19, and the labour uncertainties facing many people working in services constitute new factors that have made the living conditions of migrants and refugees more difficult than ever before.

The core rationale for the debate is to address the possible long-term effects of the pandemic on the living conditions of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees. To do so, the roundtable will focus on both EU and non-EU countries and on the ways in which their institutions and asylum systems have responded to the above-mentioned challenges.

This event is organized by students at the College of Europe, including Laure-Anne Denouel, Manon Gaham, Luis Malhadinhas, Apolka Kovacs-Osvath. It is part of the activities of the Natolin Academy of Migration (NAM) established at the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Chair.

Invited speakers:

- Mr Ermal BUBULLIMA, UNHCR deputy liaison officer in FRONTEX
- Dr Jaime CALDERON, Regional Thematic Specialist on Migration Health in Brussel, IOM
- Prof. Daria DAVITTI, College of Europe/Lund University
- Ms Anna SIBLEY, Coordinator of the European Network Migreurop

Moderators: Ms Laure-Anne DENOUEL, Ms Manon GAHAM