

MIGRATION POLICIES OF V4 AND FRANCE:

What are the convergences and divergences?

Friday, 12th of January 2018, 16.30 –19.30

Court Chamber, Faculty of Law, Comenius University, Bratislava

The unprecedented movement of people towards Europe in the past few years has posed a challenge to the security of Europe's borders and to the cohesion of the Union. With the number of migrants and refugees relatively stable, there is now a temporary sense of relief at the EU political level. This opportunity is being used to discuss new rules and reforms within the EU, but also to develop better and more effective cooperation between member states.

This panel discussion will focus on the common grounds and objectives of the French and Slovak migration and asylum policies, as well as on how they are positioning themselves in the current discussions regarding reforms of the Common European Asylum System. The debate will also seek to determine the impact of some policy ideas of the Visegrad Four (V4) member states that have influenced the common EU approach, and the underlying causes of past disagreements between the Eastern and Western member states, which play an essential role in the security perceptions, threat evaluation and foreign policy orientation of the decision-makers and population alike.



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Event Programme

16:30 – 16:45

Registration

16:45 – 17:10

Welcoming remarks

Ivan LEGRADY

president, Esprit de Défense

member, Committee on European Security, ANAJ-IHEDN

Marián GIBA

Vice-dean of the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava

H.E. Christophe LEONZI

Ambassador of France to the Slovak republic

17:10 – 19:30

Migration policies of the V4 and France : convergences and divergences

Moderator : **Nina Galanská**, researcher, Milan Šimečka Foundation

Panelists:

Raphaël Sodini, director of Asylum, General Directorate for Aliens in France, Ministry of Interior

Jaroslav Chlebo, Ambassador-at-Large for Migration, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Blanka Timurhan, director, Department of Documentation and Foreign Relations, Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak republic

Esther Pozo Vera, deputy head of unit, Migration Management Support, DG HOME, European Commission

Anne-Clémentine Larroque, university lecturer, Sciences Po

Barbora Olejárová, PhD candidate, Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, University of Matej Bel

Coffee break : 15min

19:30

Refreshments



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