

“INNOVATIVE MIGRATION SOLUTIONS” AND COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES:

THE CONCEPT OF “SAFE COUNTRY” AND ITS HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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11th December, 16:30-18:30 CEST. The event will be followed by an informal cocktail.

 Room SPINELLI IG3, European Parliament.



Language: English, French and Italian translation.

Agenda

- Opening remarks by **Leoluca Orlando**, Member of the Greens/EFA Group and Vice Chair of the delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries – **16:30-16:40**
- Keynote panel: “innovative” solutions for migration and the EU's neighbourhood policy: what are the political, legal and human consequences? - **16:40-17:00**
- Moderator: Kamal Lahbib, Member of the Executive Bureau and Founding Member of Forum des Alternatives Maroc (FMAS)
- Partnerships with third countries and offshore procedures: a mapping of different externalisation models proposed by Member States, **Sara Prestianni**, Advocacy Director at EuroMed Rights
- Between politics and jurisdiction: how the recent ruling by the ECJ and the Italy-Albania deal impact the political discussions on safe countries, **Andreina De Leo**, Maastricht University & ASGI
- Panel: Safe for whom? A discussion on the political context, civic space and migration in Egypt and Tunisia - **17:00-18:00**

Egypt:

- The human rights and political context, **Moataz El Fegierly**, President and co-founder of the Egyptian Human Rights Forum and vice- president of EuroMed Rights.
- The new asylum law and the situation of migrants and refugees in the country, **Nour Khalil**, Refugee Platform Egypt
- Comments on situation in Egypt and role of the European Parliament by MEP from the Left/GUE (TBC)

Tunisia:

- Civic space deterioration and prospects after recent elections, **Monia Ben Jemia**, ATFD – Association tunisienne Femmes Democratres - President of EuroMed Rights
- Rising violence and hate speech against migrants and refugees: an update of the last months, **Mahmoud Kaba**, EuroMed Rights
- Comments on situation in Tunisia and role of the European Parliament by **Tarquinio Marco** (S&D), member of DROI committee
- Q&A session (**30'**) Followed by a cocktail reception.

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In recent weeks, so-called “innovative solutions” for migration have gained renewed strong political attention from Member States, with different proposals ranging from return hubs in third countries, revising the Return Directive to expanding the use of “safe country” concept. Meanwhile the Italy-Albania protocol became operational and has immediately faced legal and practical hurdles.

The recent "blueprint" deals with Tunisia, Egypt, Mauritania, and Lebanon illustrate how migration has become a pivotal focus of the EU's relationships with Mediterranean partners.

These agreements, often brokered with substantial influence from a few Member States in concertation with the European Commission, have sometimes bypassed the EEAS and the European Parliament and signal a structural shift in the EU's foreign policy where short-term considerations are taking primacy over long-term objectives.

Join us in this event organised by EuroMed Rights in collaboration with the Greens/EFA group where we'll discuss with experts and activists from the region the situation on the ground, the strategies that can be leveraged to oppose these trends, and what role can the European Parliament and civil society play.



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