

Invitation

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung cordially invites you to the event
Refugee Policy – Europe and its Borders

Date: 12th June 2017

Venue: A38, 1117-Budapest, Petőfi Bridge, Buda side

Two years after the peak of the European migration crisis, many problems remain unsolved. While the number of refugees on the Balkan Route has decreased, Italy is still witnessing a strong influx. European policies seem to be shifting from a humanitarian approach to a stronger debate on security issues. This is nowhere more true than in the debate about European external borders.

The conference “Refugee Policy – Europe and its Borders” wants to explore this trend. With practical experiences from Greece, Italy and Hungary we are asking:

- What is the current status of European external borders?
- How can we find the right balance between security and humanity?
- How do we imagine the future of Europe’s borders?

The questions will be discussed at our two-panel event “**REFUGEE POLICY – EUROPE AND ITS BORDERS**” on 12th June, 3–8 p.m., in Budapest (Venue: A38, Petofi Bridge, Buda Side). Please refer to the programme for further details. The event will be livestreamed at <http://www.fes.de/de/europecalling> and will be held in English. No translation will be provided. The discussion in Budapest is part of “Europe Calling”, a series of five events across the continent organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, striving to develop progressive ideas for a social, fair and free Europe.

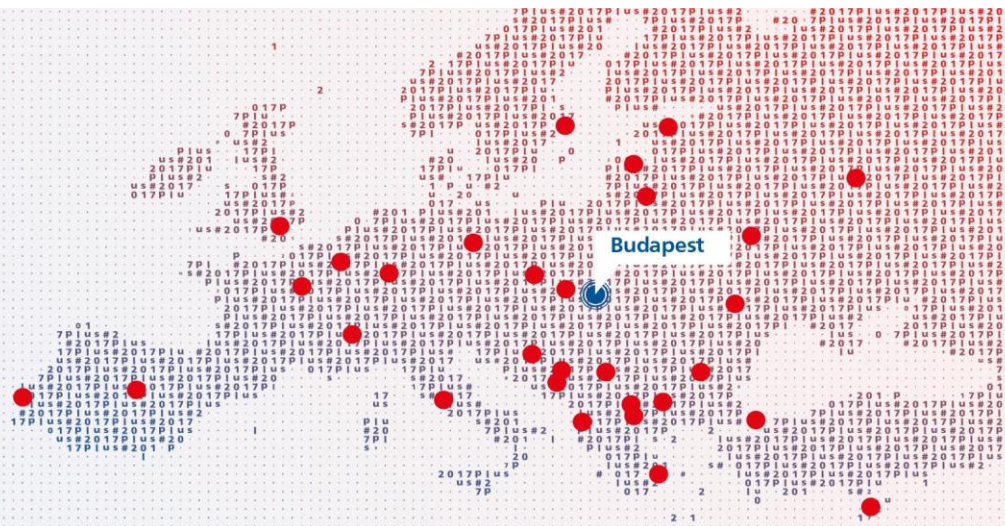
Please register by June 8, 2 p.m. at the following [link](#).
For further questions please refer to (magdalena.jaschik@fesbp.hu).

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Programme

- 14:30-15:00 **Registration, welcome coffee**
- 15:00-15:15 **Opening remarks**
Timo Rinke, Project Manager, “Flight, Migration, Integration in Europe”,
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- 15:15-17:15 **Panel discussion I Situation Report on Europe’s External Borders**
– Experiences from Hungary, Greece and Italy –
Konstantinos Triantafyllos, PASOK-Parliamentarian of Chios Island, Greece
Ugo Melchionda, President of the Italian Study and Research Centre IDOS, Italy
Márta Pardavi, Co-director of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Hungary
Chair: György Baló, TV journalist at RTL Klub
- 17:15-18:00 **Coffee break**
- 18:00-20:00 **Panel discussion II The future of Europe and its Borders**
– How to find the balance between security and humanity? –
Boldizsár Nagy, Associate Professor of Public International Law at Eötvös Loránd
University and International Relations at Central European University, Hungary
Mechthild Baumann, Head of the Institute for Migration and Security Studies,
Europäische Akademie Berlin, Germany
Yolande Ditewig, Senior Regional Policy Officer, UNHCR
Abdessamad Belhaj, Researcher at Migration Research Institute, Hungary
Chair: Krisztina Bombera, TV journalist at ATV
- 20:00 **End of the conference, reception**