



Migration from Eastern Europe to the European Union in the context of visa policy

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**Stefan Batory Foundation
Sapieżyńska 10a, Warsaw
Jerzy Turowicz conference room**

PROGRAM

9.30 – 11.00

Introduction

Session 1. Characteristics of migration from Eastern Europe to the EU.

1. New EU Member States as destination countries for migrants from the Eastern Europe: streams, patterns and characteristics of migration flows.

Izabela Grabowska-Lusińska, Center of Migration Research, University of Warsaw

2. Migration from Eastern Europe to the Mediterranean States: visa policy influence.

Claudia Finotelli, Instituto Universitario de Investigacion Ortega y Gasset, Madrid

3. Sending country perspective – current scale and structure of migration, characteristics of migrants and possible changes of migration processes in the future.

Olena Malynovska, National Institute of International Security Problems, Kyiv

Discussion

Moderation by: Iryna Solonenko, International Renaissance Foundation, Kyiv

Coffee break

11.20 – 13.30

Session 2. What kind of impact might the visa waving have on migration from Eastern European countries to the EU? Round table debate.

The aim of this session is to discuss the possible scenarios for the future. What kind of influence could the liberalization of visa regime have on migration flows from the East to the EU? All participants are invited to take part in the discussion.

1. Historical perspective – a case of a country which has already waved visas for its neighbors.

Participant to be confirmed

2. Visa regime, migration and labor market – interconnections and influence on the present and future migration flows.

Paweł Kaczmarczyk, Center for Migration Research, University of Warsaw

3. Visa policy from the destination country perspective.

Miroslava Keryk, Lazarski School of Commerce and Law, Warsaw

4. Visa regulations and labor market access regulations: making the difference.

Oleksandr Sushko, *Europe without Barriers Initiative*, Ukraine

5. Foreign policy perspective: the visa policy liberalization profits and risks

Włodzimierz Zdunowski, Deputy Director, Department of Consular Affairs, Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Discussion

Moderation by: Magdalena Lesińska, Center of Migration Research, University of Warsaw

13.30

Lunch