Part II of FNSt Event Series: "Discussions on Europe"

How to shape a comprehensive European Asylum and Migration System?

Wednesday, 9 April 2014 | 15.00-17.00
Representation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU,
Boulevard Saint Michel 80, 1040 Brussels

Every year millions of people leave their home countries, driven out by political persecution or in search of a better future for themselves and their families. A shocking 17% of all migrants, who decide to cross the Mediterranean, do not make it. Last autumn, public attention has again focused on their stories, due to shocking images of crowded shelters in southern Italy and the tragedy that cost 400 lives off the shores of Lampedusa.

The launch of Eurosur on 2 December 2013 was a first attempt to cope with the phenomenon. But the set-up of a comprehensive cooperation system on the EU's boarder is certainly not enough to face the challenge posed by increasing flows of migrants and refugees. In an area of open borders and freedom of movement, we must have a joint approach to asylum and migration across the EU. The burden of managing borders, coping with migrants and processing asylum requests cannot lie with a few member states.

The event will give an opportunity to discuss the EU's migration policy and the implementation of the Common European Asylum System. Commissioner Malmström will present her views in this direction with a distinguished panel.

Registration starts at 14:45

Introductory Remarks:

Holger Stahlknecht, Minister of Interior of Saxony Anhalt
Hans H. Stein, Director International Political Dialogue Friedrich | Naumann Foundation for Freedom

Keynote:

Commissioner Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Home Affairs

Panel Discussion:

Frank Engel MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Markus Löning, Former German Commissioner for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid
Leon Prop, Director EU Office | Red Cross

Moderation:

Christoph Raab, Chairman of the European Security Round Table

Reception