Development cooperation: an instrument of migration policy?

Tuesday, 30 January 2018, 15:00 – 17:00 (registration at 14:45)

Frýdlantský salonek, the Senate, reception A, Valdštejnská street, Praha 1

The roundtable will address the issue of the relationship between migration and development, and seek to answer the question whether international development cooperation (IDC) can be seen as an instrument of migration policy. The EU and its member states recently made significant efforts in curbing irregular migration, particularly from Africa and the Middle East. IDC, which has traditionally aimed at the eradication of poverty, inequalities and at social development, has been turned into a tool for quickly pursuing specific political goals of certain donor countries. Moreover, ODA is increasingly used for financing security and policing in the partner countries. How does such instrumentalization affect the handling of development funds? What is the impact of new tools, especially the EU Trust Fund for Africa? The event will also present a case study on the use of EUTF in Ethiopia, one of the target countries of Czech IDC.

SPEAKERS

Hans Christian Stausboll  Head of Unit – Development Coordination East Africa and Regional Cooperation in Eastern and Southern Africa, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Giulia De Ponte  CONCORD Italy; co-author of a report on the implementation of the EU Trust Fund for Africa

Vendula Menšíková  Glopolis think-tank; co-author of a publication on EU and Czech external policies on displacement and migration

Václav Hampl  Chairman of the Senate Committee for EU Affairs

INVITEES

Selected MPs and Senators of the Czech Parliament

Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Office of the Government, Czech Development Agency and other public institutions

Representatives of the Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

Representatives of the Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organisations

Researchers and analysts

MODERATION

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The discussion will be simultaneously interpreted EN//CZ.

Refreshments will be provided.