

EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

EFFECTIVE MIGRATION MANAGEMENT: PUTTING POLICY INTO ACTION

7, 8, 9 October 2024, Residential Training

[Badia Fiesolana](#) Campus (Sala del Capitolo)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

In its **4th edition**, this Executive Training course aims at developing and strengthening critical thinking and essential skills that pertain to managing the entry and presence of foreigners within the borders of the State. It offers original research findings and expert insights into the politics of migration, migration policy design, and implementation. Through an intensive three-day programme, the training provides a comprehensive understanding of migration management.

The key transversal themes discussed in this training are attitudes towards migration, public understandings of the phenomenon, policy design, and implementation. During this edition of the training, special attention will be given to labour migration programmes for low-skilled migrants, the adoption of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum in the EU, and reception policies for asylum seekers.

The training is tailored for junior to mid-career professionals dealing with migration. Knowledge from migration theory and empirical research will be combined with professional insights about challenges and opportunities arising from political processes, and practical perspectives that occur at the operational level. The training offers a unique setting to learn about cutting-edge research on migration management and network with a variety of professionals from academia, civil society, public administration, European institutions, and international organisations.

By the end of the training, participants will be able to use a holistic framework for migration management. They will develop advanced skills to anticipate the ethical, legal, political, and practical challenges involved in the regulation of migration. They will also learn to use original research findings as part of their work and connect with a wide range of important players in the field of migration management globally.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this programme, the participants will be able to:

- Incorporate research findings about dynamics of migration and migration governance into policy design and practice;
- Learn about expert insights into the politics of migration and the challenges of migration policy design;
- Understand how public institutions can identify people's concerns and understand their motivations;
- Network with important stakeholders in the field of migration management.

LEARNING METHODS

- Knowledge transfer sessions led by policy-makers and academics;
- Combination of theoretical approaches, case studies, and simulated activities;
- Peer-learning setting with professionals with different backgrounds and roles in migration management.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Civil servants;
- Consultants and private experts;
- International organisations staff;
- Members of think tanks;
- Professionals working in NGOs;
- Journalists and communication professionals;
- Researchers.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

- The training course will take place in a **fully residential mode on 7, 8, & 9 October 2024**. Registrants who are selected will be expected to be present on the EUI campus in Florence, Italy on the days of the training;
- The programme will include approximately **20 hours of training**;
- Participants will have access to extensive course materials, including academic articles, policy reports
- Participants will have access to an exclusive **Virtual Learning Environment** (Brightspace) through which they will have access to extensive course materials, including academic articles, policy reports, and research data
- Participants will not be required to do readings or preparation before the start of the training
- Participants who successfully complete this course will receive a **Certificate of Attendance** from the Florence School of Transnational Governance.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME AGENDA

DAY 1 – FROM MIGRATION POLITICS TO MIGRATION POLICIES

MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2024

- 9.30 – 10.00 CEST** **Welcome & Introductory Remarks**
Martin Ruhs
Kristin Fabbe
- 10.00 – 11.00 CEST** **Effective Migration Management: the Need for a Holistic Approach**
Giulio di Blasi
Leila Hadj Abdou
Lorenzo Piccoli
This session will introduce the training theme, present the main objectives, and define the key concepts individually, before linking them to propose a holistic approach to migration management.
- 11.00 – 11.30 CEST** **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 13.00 CEST** **Migration Policy Drivers**
Andrew Geddes
This session engages with migration policies from a holistic perspective by taking into account the complexity of migration policy drivers focusing on whether migration policies achieve desired outcomes and how migration policies interact with other policies.
- 13.00 – 14.30 CEST** **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 – 16.00 CEST** **Migration Crisis: Challenges Ahead and Lessons Learned?**
Giulio di Blasi
This session will look at key challenges and policy options during emergencies. The discussion will provide a broad comparative angle, looking across crisis of the past years, from Syria to Ukraine.
- 16.00 – 16.30 CEST** **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 – 17.45 CEST** **Real Life Cases (I)**

Lorenzo Piccoli

In this session participants will be introduced to various challenging, real-life cases of migration management which they may encounter in their own work. These cases will cover different policy stages from identifying a policy problem, to implementing and evaluating policy measures. Participants will analyse challenges faced and discuss how to address those challenges. These cases will be picked up and discussed throughout the training. By the end of the training participants will be able to develop effective approaches to manage these cases and present their results. In this first session participants will focus on organisational challenges and emergency responses.

17.45 CEST

End of Training Day 1

20.00 – 21.30 CEST

Social Networking Dinner in Downtown Florence

More information to be provided to participants closer to the start date.

DAY 2 – PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND PUBLIC UNDERSTANDINGS

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2024

9.30 – 11.00 CEST

What People Want: Public Attitudes to Asylum & Migration

James Dennison

This session will showcase original research on public opinion around migration in receiving states/regions to different forms of migration and policy solutions in the field of migration and asylum. It will trace trends, identify how opinions are shaped, and provide guidance to participants on how to access useful data and how to interpret it. Finally, this session will focus on sensible ways to incorporate these attitudes and trends in migration management processes through communication.

11.00 – 11.30 CEST

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 CEST

Understanding Biases: Elite Attitudes to Asylum and Migration Policies

Carlotta Minnella, t.b.c.

Leila Hadj Abdou, t.b.c.

This session will explain how migrants' decisions and behaviour – and migration processes more broadly – are perceived and understood by policy actors using original data from Africa and Europe.

12.30 – 14.00 CEST

Lunch Break & Group Picture

14.00 – 15.30 CEST

Policy Coherence: Another Key Part of a Holistic Approach

Leila Hadj Abdou

15.30 – 16.00 CEST

Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 CEST

Real Life Cases (II)

Lorenzo Piccoli

In this second group work session participants will work on aspects of public attitudes of the real-life cases.

17.30 CEST

End of Training Day 2

DAY 3 – POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2024

9.30 – 10.30 CEST

Regulating Labour Migration: New Programmes on Low-Skilled Migration
Martin Ruhs

10.30 – 11.30 CEST

The New Pact on Asylum and Migration and the External Dimension of Migration Policy
Luca Lixi, t.b.c.

11.30 – 12.00 CEST

Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00 CEST

The Politics of First Reception: Responsible Responses to Citizen and Elite Demands in Frontline Countries
Kristin Fabbe

What are the political challenges that arise when designing and upgrading first reception systems in democratic contexts? This session use cross-cutting research to identify aspects of first reception policy that are most polarizing at the public and elite level. Drawing on the case of reception in the Greek island of Lesbos, it shows how

the landscape of concerns differ by political ideology and elite vs. non-elite status and discusses how policy-makers can integrate evidence from public opinion research into their design of first reception infrastructure as well as policy communication strategies.

13.00 – 14.30 CEST

Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00 CEST

Real Life Cases (III)

Lorenzo Piccoli

In this session, participants will go back to the cases discussed in the beginning of the training, considering all the insights gained during the different previous sessions. They will prepare an outline on how to tackle these cases effectively with a holistic approach. Based on interactive work the participants will summarise key principles of effective migration management that can be applied to a multiplicity of cases and will strengthen the participants' capacity in dealing with current and future tasks in the field of migration from policy design to implementation.

16.00 – 16.30 CEST

Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30 CEST

Wrap-up Session: Concluding Remarks, Course Evaluations, & Awarding of Certificates

Giulio di Blasi

Martin Ruhs

Lorenzo Piccoli

In this session, participants will summarise what they have learned throughout the days of the training. Final questions will be answered, and the participants will receive their certificates of attendance.

17.30 CEST

End of Training Day 3 / End of Training