



## MIGRATE : CTRL + EnterEurope: Jean Monnet Migrant Crisis Network

### *Kickoff Conference*

**Date:** 5 December, 2016

**Venue:** Central European University, Budapest  
Nador 15 Building, Room 103

#### **Project overview:**

*CTRL +Enter Europe* partner institutions are working towards tackling the question ‘To what extent can further EU integration and enlargement offer a viable solution to the migrant crisis?’ . The rationale behind the *CTRL +Enter Europe* project is that present day EU policy in tackling the migrant crisis is lacking in cohesion, focus and long term strategy. It is suggested that further EU integration and enlargement, in order to include the Western Balkans and Turkey, might be key to controlling migrants’ influx in the Union. A network of researchers from all the main transit and destination countries of the Balkan corridor will be looking at the specific characteristics of the migrant crisis experienced by different countries with different political economies, different relations to the EU, and different levels of exposure to the current crises. All the above within the framework of the effectiveness of EU enlargement and integration. The ultimate goal of this network is not to propose a ‘closed’ Europe, but rather to discuss possible ways of handling this humanitarian crisis while easing the burden off the transit and destination countries during a time of multiple crises. It focuses on the ‘Balkan human corridor’ stretching from Turkey as the entry point, on to Greece, FYROM, Serbia, Hungary, Germany and Austria.

#### **Preliminary Program:**

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening remarks

- Péter Balázs, Director, CEU Center for EU Enlargement Studies
- Alexandra Prodromidou, MIGRATE Academic Coordinator, South-East European Project Center

9:20 **Panel I:** The Refugee Issue after the Closing of the „Balkan Route”

(Presentation by 4 project members, depending on participation, we suggest involving our Turkish, Greek, Macedonian and Serbian colleagues)

Moderator: AlHakam Shaar, Shattuck Center on Negotiation and Recovery

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:10 **Panel II:** Destination Countries on the Migration Crisis

(Presentation by 3 project members, depending on participation, we suggest involving our partners from Austria, Germany and the UK)

Moderator: Dimitris Keridis, Navarino Network



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12:50 *Buffet lunch*

14:00 **Panel III:** Hungarian Policymakers on the Refugee Issue

- Aranka Lőrincz, Appointed Director for Refugee Affairs, Office of Immigration and Nationality
- Ferenc Kondorosi, Professor, Budapest Business School
- Balázs Orbán, Director General, Migration Research Institute *confirmed*
- Péter Törcsi, Director of Research, Center for Fundamental Rights

Moderator: Péter Balázs, CENS

15:40 *Coffee break*

15:50 **Panel IV:** Civil Society, the Migration Crisis and the Challenge of Integration

- András Kováts, Menedék – Hungarian Association for Migrants *confirmed*
- Prem Kumar Rajaram, CEU OLIVE – The Open Learning Initiative *confirmed*
- Teréz Pataki, Artemisszió Foundation *confirmed*
- Márta Varga, SOS Children's Villages International, Hungary *confirmed*

Moderator: Bogdan Mihail Radu, CENS

17:20 Closing Remarks