

## NEWSLETTER

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### FIRE AT THE MORIA MIGRANT CAMP

Fires have destroyed Greece's largest migrant camp, an overcrowded facility on the island of Lesbos, leaving nearly 13,000 people without shelter.

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### TAS Lab – Workshop 2 MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

*Terraforming, Serbia, 21st September 2020*

Terraforming arranged their second online TAS Lab workshop „Migrants and Refugees: Personal Experiences“ on Sept 21st 2020 with guest speakers from The Netherlands, Sweden, Malta, Belgium and Serbia, and 23 participants, moderated by Miško Stanišić, Director of Terraforming.

From Amsterdam, Mr. Pavle Konatar, Integration Officer at the Municipality of Amsterdam, shared his personal experiences as a refugee from the 1990's war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and as asylum seeker in the Netherlands, as well as about his current work with the newly arrived migrants in Amsterdam.

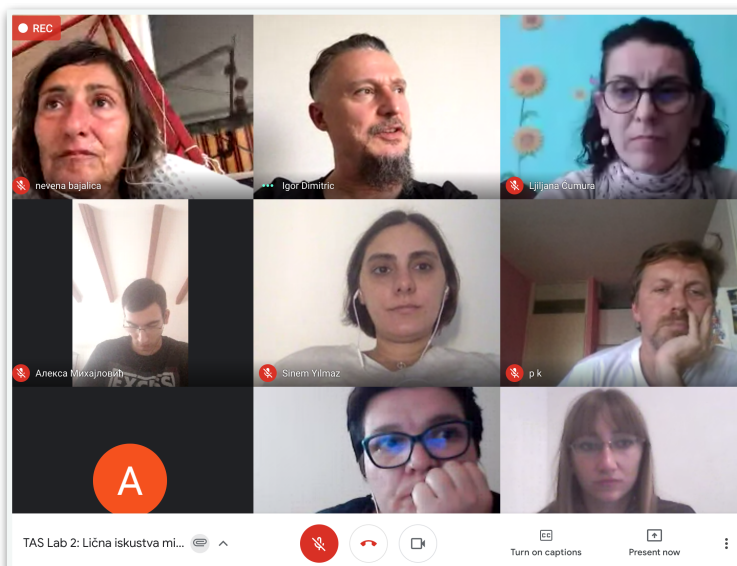
From Stockholm, Mr. Igor Dimitrić, Staff Trainer at the Swedish Prison and Probation Service's Competence Center, shared his experience from the time he and his family were refugees from the war in Croatia in 1990's, about the life in refugee camps in Sweden and his struggle to find his place in the new country.

Ms. Ljiljana Ćumura, Sociologist and Senior Project Manager at Terraforming, introduced challenges, initiatives and integration programs for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers within the education

system in Malta, illustrated with examples from personal experiences and various projects.

A special guest from the partnering organization Vocal Europe from Brussels, Dr Sinem Yilmaz, spoke about the questions discussed during the TAS Lab workshop they recently hosted.

A very interesting, constructive and emotional discussion followed. Various ideas and propositions for questions for policy-makers were discussed. These questions will serve as starting point for the third TAS Lab workshop scheduled for October 2020.



## BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN MIGRATION RESEARCH AND POLICYMAKING

The panel “Bridging the Gap between Migration Research and Policymaking” was held online on July 1st 2020, as a part of the **2020 Annual IMISCOE Conference**. It was organized by the National Contact Point Austria in the European Migration Network, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Country Office for Austria.

Leading representatives from academia, policy and related tertiary organizations debated various questions with a specific focus on proposing constructive and innovative solutions, such as: How can we bridge the gap between research, policy and public debate? How can we translate research and existing evidence into digestible and practice-oriented information for decision makers and the wider public? Intermediary institutions such as policy think tanks and research centres have attempted to build this bridge. How can we build on their achievements and advance a constructive approximation of research, policy and public debate in the field of migration?

### IMISCOE is Europe's largest network of scholars in the area of migration and integration.

The network involves 56 member institutes and over 1000 scholars from all over Europe.



The IMISCOE research network currently consists of 55 research institutes from almost all European countries and from various disciplines, including sociology, political science, economics, law, demography, public administration, social geography and history.

Next, **18th IMISCOE Annual Conference 2021: Crossing borders, connecting cultures** will be held 7-9 July 2021 in Luxembourg.

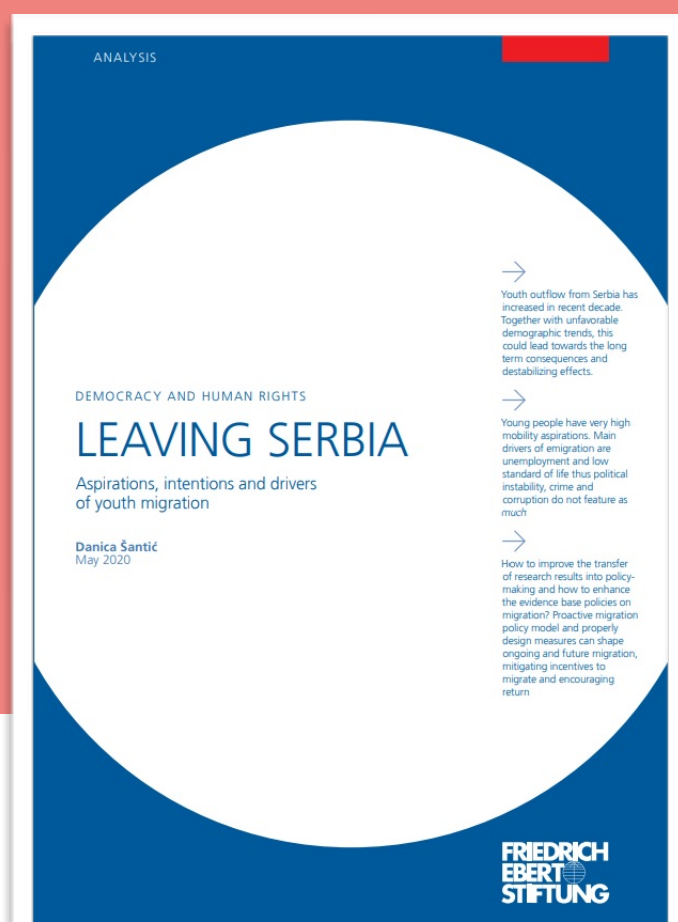
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### READING SUGGESTION:

## POLICY BRIEF ON YOUTH MIGRATION

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung published an analytical report „Leaving Serbia – Aspirations, Intentions and Drivers of Youth Migration” by Danica Šantić.

The research was conducted in four municipalities in Serbia showing that higher aspirations to move are present among younger cohorts, especially in the age group of 20-24, with more than 50 percent. The report contains in-depth insights on mobility desire and intentions, main drivers of migration as well as policy recommendations for youth migration.





## EU MIGRATION POLICIES

### INFOGRAPHIC: EU-WIDE IT SYSTEMS FOR SECURITY AND MIGRATION

Authorities across the EU share information through large-scale IT systems to: secure borders, fight crime, protect citizens and manage migration. An IT systems is under development - Entry/Exit System will record the crossings of the EU's external borders by non-EU citizens, and it should be operational by 2020.

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### TIMELINE: RESPONSE TO MIGRATORY PRESSURES

Since the height of the migration crisis in 2015, the EU has implemented measures to better control external borders and migration flows. As a result, irregular arrivals to the EU have been reduced by more than 90%.

The EU and its member states are intensifying efforts to establish an effective, humanitarian and safe European migration policy. The European Council plays an important role in this effort by setting the strategic priorities.

The timeline on migratory pressures provides an overview of the key developments in the work of the Council and the European Council.

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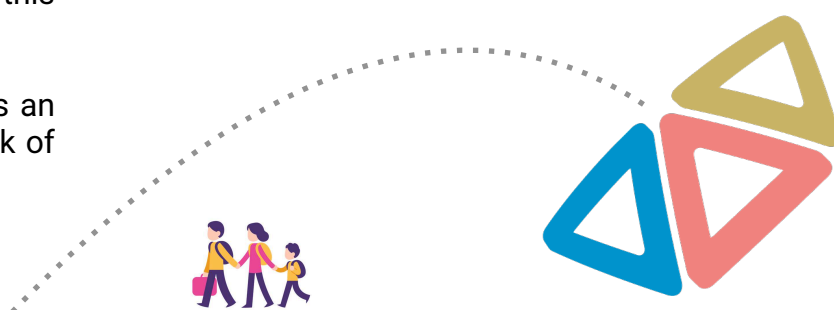
### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

### Online Course on Migration, the Sustainable Development Goals and Global Education - **INTERCAP: DEVELOP CAPACITIES TOGETHER**

For all teachers or educators and others keen to learn more about migrations, the SDGs and Global Education, Kopin Malta is offering a free online 6-modules training.

The training is part of a 3-year project "[Developing capacities together: European CSO-university networks for global learning on migration, security and sustainable development in an interdependent world](#)" by InterCap. It contains in-depth insights on mobility desire and intentions, main drivers of migration as well as policy recommendations for youth migration.

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**MIGRANT MOTHER**

## WESTERN BALKANS: EUROPEAN COUNCIL CALLS FOR ENHANCED COOPERATION IN MIGRATION AND SECURITY

The Council adopted conclusions on enhancing cooperation with Western Balkans partners in the field of migration and security.

The conclusions put a focus on reinforcing operational cooperation between the Western Balkans and the EU, notably by developing information exchange and cooperation with the EU Agencies. The conclusions also call to reflect on developing new tools, based on existing EU ones such as Eurodac, to enable information exchange within the Western Balkans region.

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Florence Owens Thompson was the subject of Dorothea Lange's famous photograph **Migrant Mother** (1936), an iconic image of the times of Great Depression in the US.

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### THESIS, ANTITHESIS, SYNTHESIS – MIGRATION LABS

Over the course of 18 months, the project partners from Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Serbia organizes WorkLabs, debates and roundtables with aim to analyse past and current experiences, narratives, misconceptions and stereotypes about migrants and refugees, as well as local, regional, national and European policies related to migrants and migrations.

Directed at young adults, decision makers and other stakeholders from partner countries, the project envisage to raise awareness of EU policy-making processes, and to boost opportunities for participation and volunteering.

Read more on the official website: [tasmigrationlab.eu](https://tasmigrationlab.eu)