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Survey Dissemination: “Towards Sustainable and Mutually-Beneficial Partnerships with the EU: Protecting Those in Need and Support to Host Countries”



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Survey of migration experts in the European Union's Southern Neighbourhood

Towards Sustainable and Mutually-Beneficial Partnerships with the EU:

Protecting Those in Need and support to host Countries

IFI's 4th Floor



Tuesday, May 31st from
10am-12pm (Beirut time)



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Shaza Ghaleb al Jondi



Meredith Bryne



Ziad Abdel Samad



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The European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) within the framework of the project “EuroMeSCo Connecting the dots” and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) within the project “EuroMed Migration 5”, carried out this survey to reflect on migration partnerships between the EU and Southern Mediterranean countries in line with the EU’s Joint Communication on a Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood and the New Pact on Migration and Asylum. It reflects the priorities and viewpoints of the nine European Neighbourhood Instrument Southern Partner Countries (ENI SPCs) thereby charting a path for an evidence-driven approach to partnership negotiations. The survey targeted respondents from Southern Mediterranean Countries, including policymakers, experts, and civil society representatives. The results of the survey contain analytical articles that also echo some specific results of the Survey, in the case of Lebanon there is a particular analysis written by the ILO Regional Office for the Arab States focused on partnerships in the context of forced displacement and support to host countries.

The aim of this event was to present the EMM5-EuroMeSCo Euromed Survey Results and discuss and analytical article based on the survey results.

The event took place on Tuesday, May 31 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Beirut time.

Presenters

Xavier Aragall

Programme Manager of the Euromed Survey - European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed).

Xavier has been the Coordinator of the Migration Programmes and a member of the scientific team of the Euromed Survey (2010-2019). At present, he is the EuroMeSCo Migration and Survey Officer and is responsible for coordinating the fieldwork, questionnaire design and quantitative analysis of the results. In the area of migration programmes, Xavier has coordinated the organisation of seminars on comparative migration policies and migrations in the Mediterranean, and the research projects “Immigration and the Euro-Mediterranean Area: Keys to Policy and Trends” and “Role of Immigrant Communities in the Euromed Relations” and books on migration management. He was the coordinator of contents in the Technical Secretariat of the 2004 World Congress Human Movements and Immigration.

Alexis McLean

Project Officer for the ICMPD-implemented EUROMED Migration V (EMM5) programme.

Having worked for the ICMPD since 2017, Alexis is responsible for the knowledge component of the programme, focusing on developing and leveraging evidence to enhance migration policy development in coordination with countries from the South Mediterranean. His international cooperation and research experience encompasses labour and skills mobility, the migration and development nexus as well as protection of vulnerable groups in the North-Africa and Middle-East region.



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Shaza Ghaleb Al Jondi

ILO's Regional Chief Technical Adviser for the Partnership for Improving Prospects for Host Communities and Forcibly Displaced Persons (PROSPECTS) in the Arab States, covering Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

Shaza has served as the Senior UN Coherence and Partnerships Officer at the ILO Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS) for over six years. She has also been the ILO's focal point for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the Arab Region since 2015, representing the agency in numerous occasions on global, regional and national levels.

Meredith Bryne

Programme Technical Officer for the International Labour Organization under the PROSPECTS partnership in Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan.

Prior to her work with PROSPECTS, Meredith supported ILO programming in Jordan as a part of its Syrian Response Programme. She has previously worked with the ILO in Geneva on the topic of labour migration and with UNHCR on livelihoods programming. She has also worked for research institutes on topics related to development, forced displacement and gender inclusion. Meredith holds a BA from Connecticut College and an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Oxford.

Discussant

Ziad Abdel Samad

Executive Director of the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND); Part-time Instructor at the Lebanese American University; Member of the Order of Engineers and Architects in Lebanon.

ANND brings together 30 NGOs and 9 national networks from 10 Arab countries and has been doing so since 1999. Abdel Samad is engaged in many global and regional networks that focus on the economic and social public policies and that target regional and global institutions. He is also engaged in research institutions and is active in electoral reforms and monitoring at the national and regional levels.

Moderator

Yara Mourad

Assistant Director at Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI); Refugee Research and Policy Program manager at IFI.



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Attendees

Online	In-Person
Bihter Moschini – ANND	May Hammoud – ANND
Marah Jamous – WANA Institute	Malak Saridar Al-Hout – Makhzoumi Foundation
Lea Moubayed – Oxfam	Olga Jbeily – ANND
Ziad Abu Al Fahem – Suliman Alrajhi Foundation for Development Finance	Marie-José Saade – ANND
Mustafa Al Tamimi – Oxfam	Ahmad Ibrahim – LebRelief
Ammal Karaki – Freelancer	Noura Shaheen – Makhzoumi Foundation
Rima Rassi – IFI / AUB	Watfa Najdi – IFI / AUB
Zeinab Hussein – WFP	Zeinab Awad – IFI / AUB
Shatha Eisouh – GIZ	Murielle Abi Akar – IFI / AUB
Tamirace Fakhoury – Aalborg University and Sciences Po	Naya Dagher – IFI / AUB
Alia Nazar-Farhat – Al Majmoua	Jana Kasab – IFI / AUB
Carla Kallas – Strategic Studies Center of the Lebanese Army	Diana Hani – IFI / AUB
Jordi Roig – IEMed	Maysa Baroud – IFI / AUB
Racha Chalha – LAU	Nadia Nameh – IFI / AUB
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Ana Lopez – IEMed	
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Main Points Addressed

- A presentation by Xavier Aragall and Alexis McLean setting forth the results of a survey conducted.
- An ILO article written and presented by Shaza Ghaleb Al Jondi and Meredith Bryne.
- An intervention by Ziad Abdel Samad.
- A Q&A session.

Policy Recommendations

- Instead of working on the main issue at hand, the EU has devoted most of its efforts on protecting and blocking borders and creating policies to decrease the rate of human trafficking and smuggling. It should divert its efforts to focusing on the main issues at play.
- The tension present between host communities in Lebanon and Syrian refugees is mainly a result of toxic public discourse of political leadership. This must be made clear and addressed.
- Tension is a political issue before being a socio-economic one, and should be tackled as such.
- The impact of the Ukrainian crisis or war should be taken into consideration when discussing refugees. What should be looked at in particular is the double standard in addressing the refugee issue in relation to Ukraine and the Middle East.
- Using terms such as 'forcibly displaced' and not 'refugees' has a political dimension and is not only related to national policies and strategies. This should be addressed.
- The ILO should focus more on principles.
- There must be a focus on the aspects of employment and the labour market, and it should be inclusive i.e. using a national economic policy that addresses the labour market challenges. ILO has guidelines on how to develop such a policy.



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