



**WORKSHOP**

**Policing European External Borders**

*The Renewed EU Model on Border Management*

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Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS  
Place du Congrès 1, 1000, Brussels, Belgium  
*Conference Room*

The European Union has developed the first generation of Integrated Border Management (IBM). The current phase of the EU model of borders management has experienced two major substantial and institutional developments: First, the adoption of the “Schengen Borders Code”, which has codified and further developed the *acquis* on internal and external borders, and second the setting up of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX). FRONTEX constitutes a common institutional mechanism for the operational coordination at EU level in the control of the common external borders. This institutional dimension of European cooperation in the field of borders foster the securitization of the common external borders through operational cooperation, risk analysis, exchange of information and the use of modern technologies, as the more plausible response for tackling every single ‘threat’ that the EU is supposed to be facing, and which broadly embrace the phenomenon of irregular immigration.

The event focuses on the nature, implications and latest developments of the EU Border Management Strategy. It will deal with the relationship between the substantial and institutional instruments being part of the common EU external borders regime, and the way in which they are implemented in the national arena. This event is co-organised by the COST Action A24 “*The Evolving Social Construction of Threats*”, and CHALLENGE “*The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security*”, a research project funded by DG Research, European Commission.

**PROGRAMME**

11:00 – 11:15 Registration

11:15 – 11:30 Welcome & opening remarks by **Elsbeth Guild** (CEPS / Radboud University of Nijmegen / Kingsley Napley, London)

11:30 – 13:15 **PANEL I: Borders as Places of Insecurity: The Institutional Mechanisms of Border Control in the EU**

**Chair: Florian Geyer** (CEPS)

**Henrik Nielsen**, (European Commission), *The Creation of Rapid Border Intervention Teams (TBC)*

**Sergio Carrera** (CEPS), *The EU Border Management Strategy: FRONTEX and the Management of Irregular Immigration in the EU*

**Valsamis Mitsilegas** (Queen Mary, University of London), *The RABIT Proposal*

**Thierry Balzacq** (University of Namur), *Some Theoretical Reflexions about the Institutionalization of Borders in the EU*

Discussion

13:15 – 14:30 Buffet Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 **PANEL II: The External Dimension of JHA, the Extra-territoriality of Border Controls and Irregular Immigration**

**Chair: Miriam Mir** (CEPS)

**Madeline Garlick** (UNHCR), *Extraterritorial Processing: Challenges for the EU*

**Martino Paolo Cossu** (Council of the EU), *The External Dimension of JHA and the EU Policy on Irregular Immigration*

**María-Teresa Gil-Bazo** (Newcastle University), *The Practice of Mediterranean States*

**Andrew Bradley** (ACP Group of States), *Migration and Development: The Experiences of ACP Countries and the EU Border*

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

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16:30 – 18:00 **PANEL III: The Insecurity of Finding the Border: The Transformation of the Border**

**Chair: Michele Levoy** (PICUM)

**Didier Bigo** (Sciences Po, Paris), *The implications of the Schengen Visa and VIS*

**Elsbeth Guild** (CEPS/ Radboud University of Nijmegen / Kingsley Napley, London), *The Nexus between Internal and External Borders in the EU: The Schengen Borders Code*

**Henrik Lax** (European Parliament), *The Community Code on Visas*

**Pieter Boeles** (Leiden University), *Some Reflections on the Community Code on Visas*

Discussion