



Advancing Alternative Migration Governance 2019-2022
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The AdMiGov project provides important output and analysis for "The new Pact on Asylum and Migration". This new Pact is a crucial element of the portfolios of Yiva Johansson and Margaritis Schinas and to a lesser extent two portfolio's that regard the external dimension.

The following elements of the AdMiGov-project relate exactly to topics that should be key-elements of the New Pact and we expect the project to yield crucial input for policy development:

- In AdMiGov's setup UN resolutions such as the Global Compact on Migration and UN principles such as Protection and Sustainable Development are taken as starting points, but connected to the implementation or lack thereof on the ground. New Pact on Asylum and Migration could use this as inspiration, and in the same way relate to the UN principles. A paper that explains this approach will appear on the AdMiGov website in early 2020.
- Part of the AdMiGov project (WP1) is the study of external borders of the EU, in particular the governance of entry at the sea -, land- and air borders, including its political economy. A report will come out in March 2020.
- Part of the AdMiGov project is to study the potential to improve deportation systems and safeguard how migrants who have returned to their country of origin could develop a situation that is acceptable for them. A report will come out in February 2021.
- Part of the AdMiGov project (WP3) is to investigate legal pathways of migration, and especially the possibilities within circular and temporary labour schemes to fill in skills shortages. A report which compares Germany, Spain, Poland and the Netherlands with recommendations will be ready in April 2021.
- The AdMiGov project (WP4) will provide data and analysis on how the international principle of Protection is currently interpreted on the ground, and where its implementation is lacking. A report with suggestions on how to improve the current problems will be presented in February 2022.
- Part of the AdMiGov project (WP6) relates to the external dimension, and studies whether developmental interventions in countries with high numbers of refugees, influence migrants' migratory aspirations. A report based on case studies in Turkey, Lebanon, Mali and Ethiopia, will come out in August 2021.
- Part of the AdMiGov project (WP7) is to develop indicators of "good" migration governance, with "good" meaning that the policies should be a) effective and b) in line with UN proposals. A report will be ready in July 2023.

We end with the observation that from the perspective of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in general, the title of the Margaritis Schinas portfolio "Protecting our European way of life" might easily be understood as offensive, as suggesting that migrants and refugees are something that Europe should be protected from. The title seems to contradict with the intention to build a "genuine Union of equality and diversity". It could be part of good integration policies to change the title of the portfolio.

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