



**The European Union's role in making migration work for  
development:**

Mobility Partnerships as a means of fostering the development impact of  
migration or a Trojan horse to achieve Member States' interests?

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## ABSTRACT

This research analyses the role of the European Union (EU) in making migration work for development. After an attempt to define the migration-development nexus and assess whether migration might have a positive impact on the development of migrant-sending countries, the thesis aims at analysing the EU's quest for a more comprehensive approach, by focusing on three issues.

First, it is analysed how and to what extent the migration-development nexus has been addressed in the EU's policy framework. Particular emphasis is put on the external dimension of the EU's migration policy and on the question whether development objectives are sufficiently included in the external migration policy. Subsequently, Mobility Partnerships as tools of the external dimension are examined on their potential of being a means of fostering the development impact of migration.

In all the three domains it is investigated how and to what extent policy options, which are determined on the basis of the debate on 'migration and development', are addressed and integrated.

By drawing some attention to the role of the EU in making migration work for development, particularly through Mobility Partnerships, this research hopes to contribute in practical terms to moving the debate on 'migration and development' forward.

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Commission	European Commission
CAMM	Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility
EEAS	European External Action Service
EIB	European Investment Bank
ENP	European Neighbourhood Policy
ENPI	European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument
EP	European Parliament
ETF	European Training Foundation
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GAERC	General Affairs and External Relations Council
GAM	Global Approach to Migration
GAMM	Global Approach to Migration and Mobility
GDP	Gross domestic product
ICRMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOM	International Organization for Migration

LBT	Local Border Traffic
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MP(s)	Mobility Partnership(s)
MTO(s)	Money transfer operator(s)
ODA	Official Development Aid
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PCD	Policy Coherence for Development
PSD	Payment Service Directive
TCN	Third country national
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organization

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