



Report Presentation

What do Europeans think about migration online and offline?

Brussels, 4 April 2019

10:00 – 12:30 (registration from 9:45)

Venue:

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office

Rue du Taciturne 38

1000 Brussels

How is migration discussed across Europe? Has the 2015/2016 refugee “crisis” changed the attitudes of Europeans towards migration? Is Europe really more divided on this issue? What role do social media platforms play? Are there pan-European debates or do conversations tend to take place in isolated communication spaces? These questions are the focus of two comparative research projects commissioned by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung which will be presented at this event.

As the first EU-wide social media analysis on migration, the report ***Migration Narratives in Europe - A Social Media Intelligence Study*** by Bakamo Social analyses actual discussions in social media on migration - recorded over the course of a year in all 28 EU member states. The authors will give an overview of what narratives and conversations dominate online discourses in each country, and which local or pan-European narratives are discussed.

Sociologists Vera Messing and Bence Ságvári will present the second report: ***Still divided but more open - mapping European attitudes towards migration before and after the migration crisis***. The report is based on the latest data from the European Social Survey covering 20 EU countries between 2002 and 2017. The results show the extent to which Europeans' attitudes to migration changed between 2002 and 2017, especially before and after the events of 2015/2016.

Programme

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| 10.00-10:15 | Welcome & Introduction
Timo Rinke, Project Director, Flight, Migration & Integration, FES Budapest |
| 10:15-10:45 | Migration Narratives in Europe – A Social Media Intelligence Study
Daniel Fazekas & Kata Füge, Bakamo Social |
| 10:45-11:15 | Discussion / Q&A moderated by Marco Funk, Policy Officer, FES EU Office |
| 11:15-11:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:30-12:00 | Still divided but more open - mapping European attitudes towards migration before and after the migration crisis
Vera Messing & Bence Ságvári, HAS CSS |
| 12:00-12:30 | Discussion / Q&A moderated by Marco Funk, Policy Officer, FES EU Office |
| 12:30-13:30 | <i>Light lunch</i> |