

“Migration and Violent Extremism”

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Agenda

- 'Opening Pandora's Box'
- Definitions and data
- Are asylum seekers and migrants potential terrorists?
- Migration and violent extremism
- Migration as a solution
- Policy conclusions

'Pandora's Box'

- Need to understand why asylum seekers and migrants occasionally are violent extremists
- Important to engage in live debates in order to inform and help safeguard rights
- Uncover the real linkages between migration and violent extremism
- Recognize the risks

Definitions and data

- Lack of consensus on what is violent extremism, what drives it and how to prevent it
- Recognize different rights and experiences associated with different migrant categories
- Analytical challenges especially around causality and the migration experience
- Lack of data on migration/violent extremism/migration and violent extremism

Are asylum seekers and migrants potential terrorists?

- Strengthening political discourse
- Scant evidence
- Policy imperatives to guard against risks but also be proportionate
- How to reduce the gap between perceptions and realities?

Violent extremism as a driver for migration

- Is it a coincidence that rise in violent extremism has coincided with rise in number of people displaced worldwide?
- Countries high on GTI index also important sources for displacement
- Conceptual challenge of discerning migration motivations
- Important to distinguish VE as an underlying cause or immediate precipitant

Refugee radicalization

- Risks around protracted refugee situations and refugee camps
- The 'tipping point'
- Education, work, freedom of movement

A failure of integration?

- Downstream challenges of Europe's 'migration crisis'
- First/second/third generations
- Migration generating (violent) extremist responses

Migration as a solution

- Contributions to development addressing the drivers of violent extremism
- Promoting economic growth and multiculturalism
- A symbol of globalization and progress

Policy conclusions

1. Closer dialogue between policy makers on migration and security
2. Better analytical framework including data and definitions
3. Proportionate policy safeguards
4. A more integrated approach to tackling the root causes of displacement
5. PVE interventions in IDP/refugee camps
6. Smarter integration policies, especially in cities
7. Policies that promote migration as a solution to violent extremism
8. Avoid subverting migration or development policies to VE agenda