

### BÖLL LUNCH DEBATE & WORKSHOP

#### How the EU can lead on climate change and migration – Time to translate research findings into policies

The inter-linkages between climate change and migration are complex and at times hard to grasp. Environmentally induced migration intersects development, adaptation, humanitarian and migration policies, which leads to difficulties in responding adequately to the phenomenon. However, the complex relationship between climate change and migration should not be used as an excuse for not addressing this issue. Research projects have provided a better understanding of environment-related migration and displacement and of corresponding legal and policy gaps. The recent IPCC climate impacts report also points to the fact that climate change will increase the displacement of people.

The EU could act as a leading political force to address the phenomenon of climate change and migration. The Nansen Initiative, the Commission's Staff Working Document and the European Greens' Position Paper on climate change and migration provide several ideas on how to tackle the issue. The Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung's new study *TIME TO ACT – How the EU can lead on climate change and migration* presents a series of policy recommendations on how the EU could reply to the complex phenomenon of climate change and migration.

What role can the upcoming Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU, the newly elected European Parliament and the Commission play to advance a new EU migration agenda including a more coherent policy on climate-linked migration? How can research findings best be translated into effective policies? What can be done to enhance information access, best practice exchange and cross-disciplinary cooperation between policymakers?

**When:** Wednesday, 9 July 2014, 13:00-14:30 (lunch from 12:30)

**Where:** Leopold Hotel, Rue du Luxembourg 35, 1050 Brussels

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