

The Common European Asylum System between reform and dissolution

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Overview (*Gliederung*)

Some considerations on the current reform process' stalemate

- Overarching aims and building blocks of the current reform process
 - More solidarity
 - More convergence
 - Fighting secondary movements
- Reasons for the current stalemate
 - Lack of trust among Member States
 - Competing, unbridled national interests
 - The analysis and conceptualization of problems ("crisis, what crisis?")
 - The quest for "silver bullets"

The slow-motion dissolution of the Schengen area and CEAS

- The persistent violation of EU asylum standards across the Union
- The proliferation of push-back practices at the internal borders
- Restraint in enforcement from EU authorities

First things first: a pragmatic suggestion to resume the path towards a 'Common' system

- A moratorium on legislative reforms (esp. Dublin) until preconditions are met
- Restoring trust among States: ensuring the faithful and uniform implementation of the existing legal framework
- Pulling the solidarity debate out of the "relocation" dead end: moving towards fiscal equivalence
- Creating an asylum system *for* and *with* applicants, not *against* applicants: consistent standards, fair procedures and the promise of free movement