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*Shaping a Common Future for Europe and Asia –
Sharing Policy Innovation and Best Practices in Addressing Common Challenges*

Policy Panel on Migration

Legal migration policies in Asia and the EU: common problems and challenges?

on **Wednesday 6 March 2013, 16.00-18.00** (registration from 15.30; cocktail reception at 18.00)

at **Scotland House Conference Centre, Rond Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels**

The European Policy Centre, together with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Singapore, is pleased to invite you to the EU-Asia Dialogue, Policy Panel on Migration on 6 March on 'Legal migration policies in Asia and the EU: common problems and challenges?'

Both Asia and Europe are facing common problems in terms of demographic change, the need to rebound from the economic crisis and worries about their attractiveness in light of projected needs for legal migration. Some in Europe are even expressing their concerns that the EU is losing ground in the 'global war for talent'. This makes legal migration both a battleground for the best and brightest, but also an opportunity to go beyond continental solutions to migration and foster genuine cooperation so that both continents can reap the rewards. With this in mind, there is plenty of scope for lessons learned and common approaches between Asia and Europe.

The EU's activity in this field, currently revolving around the remaining legal migration directives on the table, dealing with seasonal workers and intra-corporate transferees, will be discussed at this Policy Panel. Meanwhile the greater complexity of legal migration in Asia will be dealt with by looking at what role ASEAN can fulfil regionally, and the interesting developments in East Asia on this front.

These and other relevant issues will be discussed by a panel of policy-makers and experts, including **José Díez Verdejo**, Policy Officer, DG Home Affairs of the European Commission, **Graziano Battistella**, Director, Scalabrini Migration Center, **Alex Lazarowicz**, Junior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, and **Sinapan Samydorai**, Convenor and Consultant, Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers.

The event will be opened by **Wilhelm Hofmeister**, Director, Regional Programme Political Dialogue with Asia, Singapore Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and chaired by **Yves Pascouau**, Senior Policy Analyst and Head of the European Migration and Diversity Programme, European Policy Centre.

We hope that you will attend. **Please confirm your participation by replying to n.news@epc.eu**

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