

## Europe's Migration Crisis and its Possible Short-term Solutions – a V4 perspective

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Katalin Bihari is the Deputy Director of the Antall József Knowledge Centre. She served as a chief counsellor and diplomat at the Department for the Americas of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (2013–2015) and the Department for Trade Policy and Global Economy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010–2013). Between 2004 and 2010, Ms Bihari was counsellor at the Department for Trade Policy of the Ministry of National Development and Economy, as well as the Department of Multilateral Trade Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2002–2004). She has a degree in international relations, international communication and European business studies.

**Christos Stylianides** – Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management



Christos Stylianides has been serving as European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management since 1 November 2014. On 24 October 2014, he was appointed EU Ebola Coordinator by the European Council. Before being elected as an MEP of the EPP Group in May 2014, he was government spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus and served twice as an MP in the Cypriot parliament. In 2011-2013, he was Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs and Elected Member of the Bureau of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. Born in 1958, he pursued his post-graduate studies in political science, international relations and European studies in the United Kingdom and the United States.

**Eugenio Ambrosi** – Regional Director of the International Organisation for Migration



Eugenio Ambrosi is the Regional Director of IOM's Regional Office for the EU, Norway and Switzerland. Prior to this, he was the Senior Regional Adviser for Europe and Central Asia in the Office of the Director General at IOM's Headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Ambrosi came to IOM in 1991 where he has since held senior positions including Director for the Regional Office in Buenos Aires and Director of the Dakar Regional Office. He has extensive experience and knowledge of European issues and IOM policies, programmes and operations, in addition to several years of executive experience with IOM's Regional Bureau for Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Ambrosi is a Master in Law and holds a Post Graduate degree in International Law and Multilateral Diplomacy.

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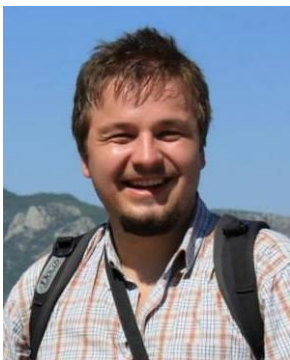
Balázs Orban joined the Századvég Group (Economic Research Plc.) in 2012 as a legal expert. As of January 2013, he has been in charge of public law and policy research at Századvég Foundation. In September 2015, he became the Director of Research at the newly founded Migration Research Institute in Budapest. Mr Orban started his career in the Ministry of Justice, where he first dealt with administrative law and citizenship law, and later with constitutional law issues. In the meantime, he passed his bar exams in registration and public administration law. Balázs Orban graduated summa cum laude from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University and has a political science degree.

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Milan Nič is Managing Director at CEPI. His fields of expertise include political affairs in Central and Eastern Europe, NATO and EU Enlargement, the Western Balkans, Governance and Civil Society. Previously, he worked as senior adviser to the State Secretary at the Slovak Foreign Ministry (2010-2012), consultant for the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2007-2009) and analyst for the European Stability Initiative think tank (2009 - 2010). He started his professional career as a journalist at the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (1995-2002) and later he became programme director at the Pontis Foundation (2002-2006). Mr Nič studied international relations and modern European history at Charles University in Prague, Central European University in Budapest and Johns Hopkins University.

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Tomáš Kaválek is a MENA Research Fellow at the AMO Research Center. His research interests include the analysis of armed conflicts, the Kurdish issue in the Middle East and Islamic radicalism. He is currently pursuing his PhD at the Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University in Brno. He obtained his master's degree in security and strategic studies at the same faculty in 2014. During his bachelor studies, he spent one semester abroad at Marmara Üniversitesi in Istanbul. Mr Kaválek was also a visiting researcher at the Marmara University Research Center for International Relations (MURCIR) in Turkey, as well as an intern at International Crisis Group, a non-governmental organisation committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflicts.

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**György Schöpflin** – Professor, Member of the European Parliament for Fidesz-Hungarian Civic Union



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