## IN THE CITADEL'S SHADOW - THE IMPACT OF EU MIGRATION POLICIES ON TRANSIT COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN CONVERGENCE

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MIGRANTS ARE USED AS A STRATEGIC TOOL IN THE BARGAINING FOR DEVELOPMENT AID. STATES PARTNERING WITH EU INSTRUMENTALIZE MIGRANTS AND INTERVENE IN THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE TO SATISFY THEIR PROFIT ORIENTED INTERESTS.

THE EU'S STRATEGY TO EXTERNALIZE BORDERS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MIGRANTS IS ACTUALLY CONDONING A LACK IN RULE OF LAW AND CORRUPTION IN THIRD COUNTRIES AS ONLY THIS DOES GUARANTEE THAT MIGRANTS ARE RESTRICTED IN THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND FORCIBLY KEPT OUTSIDE EU TERRITORY AND NOT EVEN CLOSE TO THE BORDERS (DETENTION CENTERS, VISA FEES).

THE POLICIES EVEN IF FRAMED IN A HUMAN RIGHTS LANGUAGE DO LEAD TO AN AGENDA OF PRECARITY AND NEGLECT AND IGNORE THE CAUSES FOR MIGRATION. PEOPLE'S REASONS TO LEAVE AND TAKE THE OFTEN DEADLY RISK TO CROSS BORDERS ARE NOT ADDRESSED.

IN RESPONSE TO THIS, CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPS ON STRATEGIES TO DOCUMENT THE MAGNITUDE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS RESULTING OUT OF THESE POLICIES, DISMANTLING POLICY INTENTIONS, INFORM MIGRANTS AND THE SOCIETIES THEY COME FROM AND ENTER AND BUILD UP STRONG ALLIANCES ACROSS BORDERS AND ACROSS SECTORS (UNIONS) TO LEARN FROM AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

THIS CONVERGENCE WILL SERVE TO EXCHANGE AND ENGAGE AND FEED IN OUR ANALYSIS IN OTHER NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROCESSES, DISCUSSES WAYS TO STRENGTHEN STRATEGIES TO CAMPAIGN AND ADVOCATE FOR THE TRUE EMPOWERMENT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.