

**Belgium**

**and**

**Policy coherence**

**on Migration**



## **I. Policy coordination in general**

**Belgian positions are formally coordinated by FPS Foreign Affairs by virtue of a governmental decision in following areas:**

**1. on all European policies**

**Ø including those related to Migration, for instance:**







## II. Specific Policy coherence efforts on Migration and Asylum:

Why ?

Which coherence?

How ?

Findings







### 3. How?

A number of catalysts:

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## As far as **Development aid** is concerned:

- dialogue and top down pressure are important factors to raise awareness and interest
- “ fears” for instrumentalisation of development aid in fight against illegal migration has still some adherents
- development people overlook migration pressure as indicator for development needs
- some projects where implemented with the Diaspora (ie in Grand Lakes area: permitting circular migration – MIDA, OIM and NGOs )
- after some discussions: migration starts to be integrated as tool for development (link with PRSPs and MDGs)
- OIM has become a privileged partner for development aid
- development aid is now paying attention to areas of origin of migrants

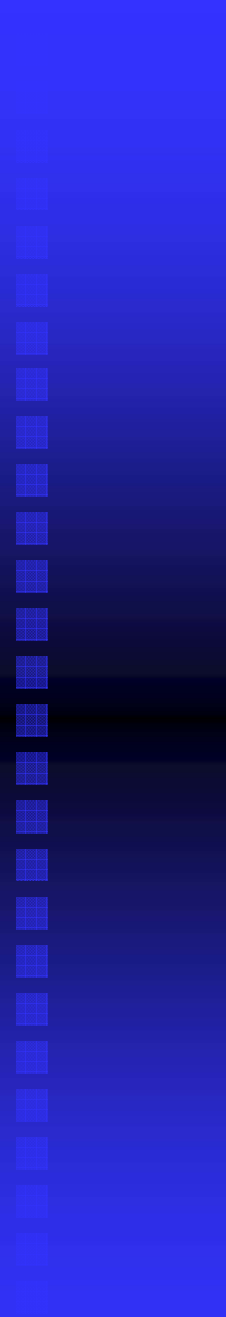
- shift from hitherto concern which was concentrated on brain drain

=> **But:** Development aid agencies lack tools /experience  
/focus /legal frameworks

=> **Ad hoc** solutions necessary, i.e.:

- in **Mali:** professional training will focus more on areas where emigration is coming from
- in **Morocco:** other forms of cooperation to be explored









### 3. Organisation of a Conference on Migration and Development

- joint organisation of an International Conference on Migration and Development in March 2006 by:
  - o Foreign Affairs
  - o Development
  - o Interior
  - o IOM
  - o World Bank
- creation of:
  - o a new focal point for Migration in Development Ministry +
  - o a network Migration and Development

#### **4. Internal dimension of policy coherence:**

Recently greater efforts for coherence on illegal migration and trafficking: all stems from realisation that “police-approach” alone does not give satisfactory results, nor fr



## 5. Conclusions

- Policy coherence is still very much work in progress, many decisions