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In exploring migration issues, current topic reflects the latest human displacement from Libya to Europe on record along with different capacities that play an important role in prospect solution to this issue. According to the UN Refugee Agency, approximately 80 million people globally have been forced to leave their homes whereas 26.3 million are refugees. Therefore, irregular status is linked with vulnerablilities and have strong impact on migrants' rights even though being aware of these vulnerabilities, many still choose to migrate.

The theme of this discussion is to highlight the experiences of asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees temporarily residing in and passing through Libya en-route to Europe. No doubt, people are willing to escape numerous problems based on economic, political and social issues effecting their lifestyle in their country of origin. However, their feelings of despair and frustration in their countries of origin lead them to take risk for everything (transit or asylum) and get a chance to reach Europe at any cost. Many of them are aware of the dangers they are likely to meet en route to Libya and on to Europe where they handle their lives to smugglers or faced life-threatening situations often ending in the unnecessary deaths of family members, friends and fellow travelers.

As EURAS (Eurasian Universities Union), we aim to create a bridge between expertise to analyze the notion of protection for refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya. Additionally, providing legal perspective and creating better understanding for refugees and asylumseekers and propose different ways to analyze the cooperation between the EU and Libya on migration issue through different coperation, capacities and role of NGO's or international organizations.



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	Assoc. Prof. Mustafa AYDIN
	EURAS President
PANELISTS	
14:00-14:15 pm	Muzaffer Baca EURAS General Secretary General introduction of the problem and introduction of speakers
14:15-14:30 pm	Eng. Salem Algamody Chairman of Sheik Taher Azzawi Charity Organization STACO "Libya's transformation from a destination to transit country-as a national NGO What role and activities STACO undertakes-National context"
14:30-14:45pm	Mr. Federico Soda IOM International Organisation for Migration-Libya Chief of Mission "The role and capacities of international organizations and NGOs' to tackle the Migration issue-IOM activities"
14:45-15:15 pm	İlia Mazzone COPPEM International Relations Director "The multiple facets of migration" and "Clandestine destiny" documentaries for awareness campaign"
15:15-15:30 pm	Francesco Sammaritano COPPEM General Secretary "The role of local authorities to foster cooperation on the migration issue among Euro-Mediterranean countries"
15:30-15:45 pm	Emanuela Claudia Del Re Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (Former), Italy "EU Cooperation with MENA and Sahel countries on Migration"
15:45-16:00 pm	Prof. Dr. Sedat Aybar Professor of Economics and Finance Head, Department of Economics and Finance Director, Africa Research Centre & China Research Centre, İstanbul Aydın University "Turkey and Libya relations-one of the key factors of Libya crisis-facing similar Migration issues and common solutions"
16:00-16:30 pm	Closing remarks and Q&A