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Over the last years, migration has been constantly in the focus of the European Union's policymaking. Migration policy involves many interdependent and correlating aspects including the right to asylum, economic immigration to the EU, the free movement of workers and persons within the European Union and the integration of migrants. Although these policy aspects have different legal, political and economic backgrounds, they are very often mixed up in the political debate.

European migration policy is often deadlocked in a partisan-ideological debate and has to overcome resistance and misunderstandings. The EU's states and regions are affected differently by migration for geographical, historical, economic and demographic reasons, which makes finding common ground difficult.

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At the same time, sustainable solutions in this policy fields can only be found together and through multi-level governance in an effective interaction of international, European, national, regional and local levels.

This volume wants to contribute to a more objective political debate, which – through a clearer definition of the subjects in discussion – could progressively lead to viable solutions. The article of Christian Gsodam introduces the discussion and presents the legal framework of the European Union's migration policy.

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