

## **Abstract**

Migration and development are a globally recurring topic within media and political discourse. In Europe, the topic gained attention following the so called “refugee crisis”, accompanied by rhetoric of solving the root causes of migration and increasing coherence of migration and development policy. Even though the refugee flows mainly avoided Czechia, the crisis had an impact on public and political discourse, including links to migration, development and the need for coherence in policy strategic documents. The diploma thesis analyses trends in Czech migration and development policy and their coherence in the aftermath of global financial and refugee crisis. This thesis aims to assess the progress toward coherence and identify the key areas and causes of incoherence. The concept of policy coherence for migration and development, and a model of policy coherence cycle are used as the main theoretical frameworks. To gain an insight into the process of policy formation, a distinction is made between political commitments and policies on paper, policy coordination and implementation in practice, and the potential impact of the political discourse on this process. This thesis presents attitudes and perceptions of key stakeholders in Czech migration and development policy, based on a series of 20 semi-structured in-depth interviews with experts from the public, non-profit and academic sectors. The results suggest a perceived increase in pragmatism and securitization of both migration and development policies, although incoherence remains between the two policies as well as within each policy. Most importantly, there is a substantial difference between political commitments in comparison to real policy coordination and implementation. The political discourse is perceived to impact policy formulation and implementation in certain areas. Key barriers for coherence are identified, including institutional incoherence, which limits identification of clear policy objectives and synergies.

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