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### **International Conference: “External Monitoring of Forced Returns. The challenges for Greece and Europe”**

**Which are the perspectives, trends and risks from emerging changes on fundamental rights, such as asylum, judicial protection, family reunification and others, but also on transparency of administrative actions, both at Greek and at European level?**

Can national mechanisms, such as the network of independent external monitoring authorities set up at the initiative of the Greek Ombudsman Andreas Pottakis, make a difference to European operations coordinated by FRONTEX?

The argument of enhancing the effectiveness of FR, which are a subset of migratory flows being accepted in Europe, what limitations does it have under the rule of law? Is detention of irregular migrants necessary to increase the number of FR in Greece and Europe?

These are the questions the Greek Ombudsman will try to approach during at the International Conference: “External Monitoring of Forced Returns: The challenges for Greece and Europe” organised on **Thursday 21 November (18.00, National Research Institute)** with the participation of representatives of the Council of Europe, FRONTEX, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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