

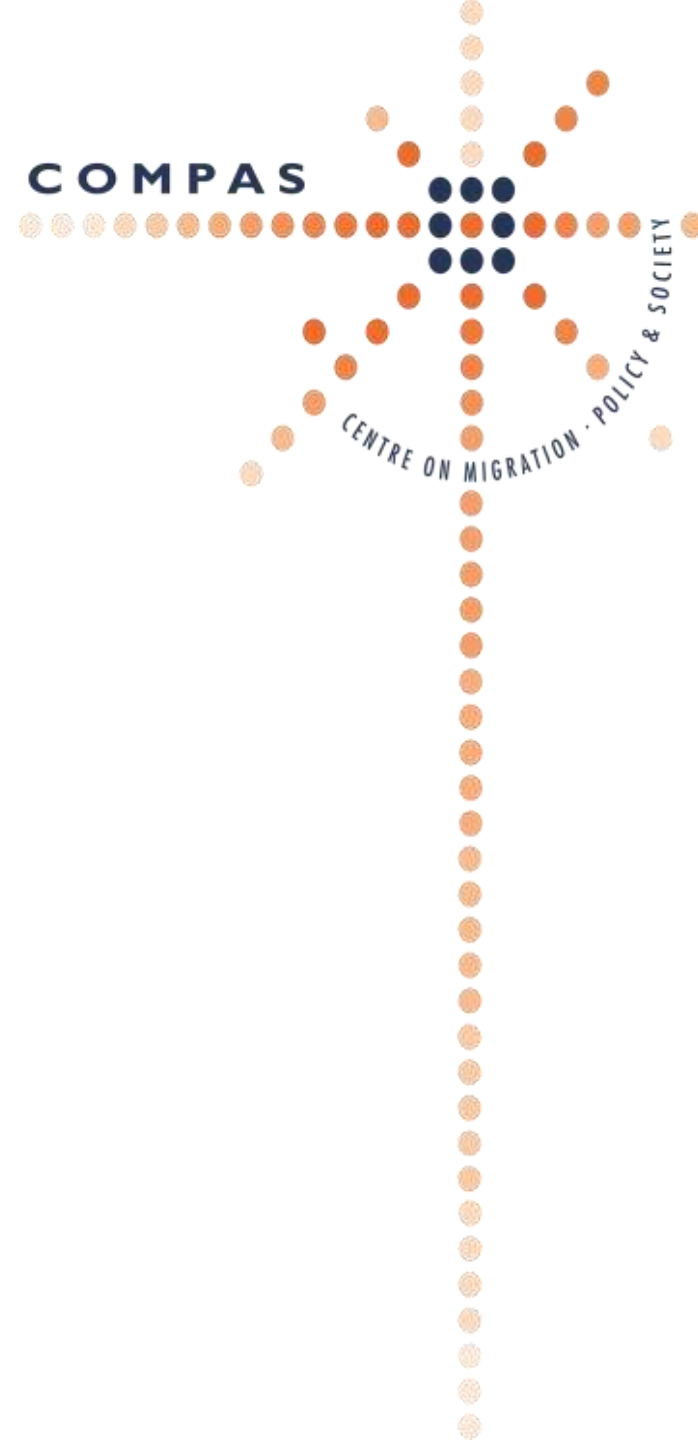
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**Cooperation between
governmental authorities &
NGOs:**

Key themes & ways forward

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Key themes (1)

Context is all:

- public attitudes
- political culture
- scale of migrant/refugee numbers
- design of programme
- central or devolved governance system
- political leadership
- ideas and capacity
- rules on non-profits/charities

Key themes (2)

- Diversity & complexity of civil society and its stage of development
- Many migration systems would collapse without NGO contribution
- But 'unsung heroes' narrative is also flawed
- NGO relationships vary between departments and between tiers of government
- Change of policy can threaten partnership
- Lack of transparency/dialogue on aims & priorities a major weakness
- Weak communications strategies lose public support

12 steps to an upward spiral

- Civil society needs to be part of the new narrative on migration
- New narrative needs effective communication to media
- Strengthen solidarity across NGO sector
- Devolve responsibility to local government tiers
- Ensure communities feel they are benefitting from NGO work
- Be clear on the goal

12 steps to an upward spiral

- Manage mutual expectations
- Improve channels of communication within the partnership
- Build new partnerships with non traditional allies
- Capture the motivation of the new citizen volunteers
- Replicate schemes & relationships that work
- Encourage NGO staff to go for public office & administration jobs!

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Good luck !

