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## European Migration Challenges

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The Cardiff EDC can help you find information from many points of view and perspectives on this important topic

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the European Commission's Migration and Home Affairs department. It features a navigation menu with links like 'Home', 'What's new', 'Who we are', 'What we do', 'Financing', and 'e-Library'. A main banner highlights 'World refugee day 2015' on 20/06/2015. Below this, there are several policy area buttons: Legal Migration, Irregular Migration & Return, Common European Asylum System, Schengen, Borders & Visas, Industry for Security, Organised Crime & Human Trafficking, Crisis & Terrorism, Police Cooperation, International Affairs, and Europe for Citizens Programme. A 'Latest news' section mentions a consultation on the Blue Card.

European Agenda on Migration

European Agenda on Security

Securing EU borders

Relocation and resettlement - State of Play

This screenshot shows a specific page titled 'Securing EU borders' under the 'Policies' section. It details the Commission's measures to manage migration and protect the Schengen area, including the adoption of a European Border and Coast Guard and systematic checks against relevant databases. It also mentions a Recommendation for a voluntary humanitarian admission scheme with Turkey and a Practical Handbook for managing the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR).

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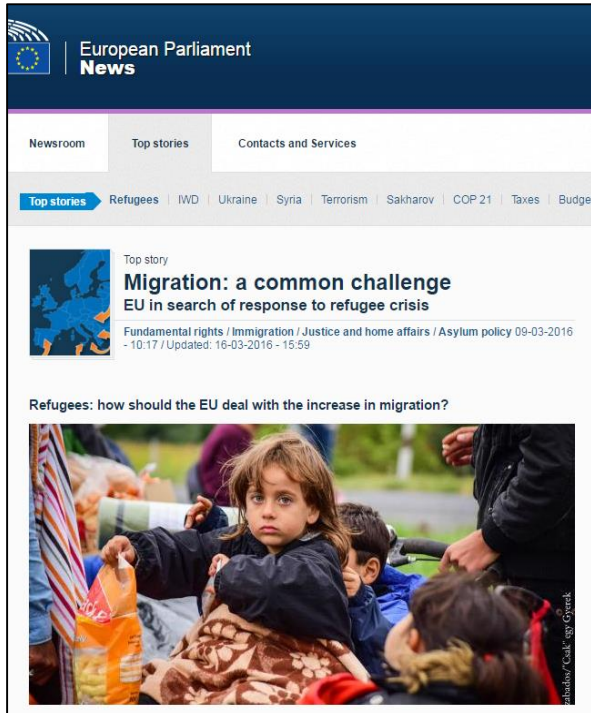
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**THE FACILITY FOR REFUGEES IN TURKEY**

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**Back to Schengen - A Roadmap**

Key Stakeholders: EU Institutions: European Commission

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## Migration: a common challenge

### EU in search of response to refugee crisis

Fundamental rights / Immigration / Justice and home affairs / Asylum policy 09-03-2016 - 10.17 / Updated: 16-03-2016 - 15.59

Refugees: how should the EU deal with the increase in migration?



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## Finding solutions to migratory pressures

national relations

The growing instability in the EU's southern neighbourhood has increased the number of people trying to reach the European Union. The EU is committed to providing a response to migratory pressures in the Mediterranean, by focusing on several goals:

- protecting those in need and preventing further loss of life at sea
- targeting the criminal networks of people smugglers and traffickers
- addressing the root causes of illegal migration
- providing avenues for legal migration



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[EU Migratory Challenge](#)

Key Stakeholders: EU Institutions: Council / Parliament / EEAS

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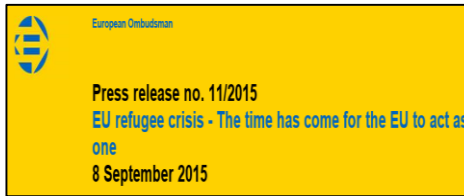
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- [Commission launches Communication 'Managing the Refugee Crisis' 23 September 2015](#)
- [Informal meeting of Heads of State or Government, Brussels, 23 September 2015](#)
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- [Valletta Summit on Migration / Informal Meeting of EU Heads of State & Government, Valletta, 11-12 November 2015](#) / [Impact of the Paris Terrorist Attacks, 13 November 2015](#)
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- European Commission announces 1) [New Migration Partnership Framework](#) - reinforced cooperation with third countries 2) [Action Plan on Integration and plans to reform 'Blue Card' system](#), 7 June 2016
- European Commission proposes [EU Resettlement Framework](#) / further reforms to complete the [Common European Asylum System](#), 13 July 2016
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### 20 years on: rethinking Schengen

by Roderick Parkes

Recent proposals for the reform of the Schengen Area are raising a new 'tiger' border regime, one with features such as limited outer borders and a border guard that Schengen was never meant to be a loose border regime when it was established back in 1985. Over the intervening years, a number of factors have led to a re-evaluation of Europe's traditional system of borders in a new era of globalisation. New Europe faces a reality where international environments, and Schengen must adapt, not the other way around.

A 'delayed' warning system

There have been calls for the EU to create a classic migration early-warning system (EWS) as employed by various western states. In the case of a sudden influx, an EWS would give the EU enough time to mobilise all the resources at its disposal – everything from its Dublin registration-relocation database to its civil protection arrangements. The EU already has a large and complex system in place to deal with 'push factors' abroad, and is creating another one by 'pull factors' such as work visas in its own border management. These two monitoring systems could easily be joined up to create a classic EWS.

European Union Institute for Security Studies | December 2015 |

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### EU external migration spending in Southern Mediterranean and Eastern Neighbourhood countries until 2014

Special Report No 9/2016 (pursuant to Article 287(4), second subparagraph, TFEU)

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### Refugees versus terrorists

by Marco Funk and Roderick Parkes

Spain's passport control near the border of one of the perpetrators of the Paris terrorist attacks on November 13 led to speculation that terrorists were utilising refugee flows to the EU. The claim is false, not only because of the nature of the attacks, but also because EU citizens travelling to Syria and returning to carry out terrorist attacks.

Partisan profiles

A look at the profiles of the Paris attackers and their accomplices reveals a group of individuals with roots in Europe, many of whom had travelled to the Middle East to fight against Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the original motivation of the attacks, was a case in point. The 20-year-old Belgian national of Moroccan origin grew up in the French neighbourhood of Molenbeek. He is believed to have joined the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in 2013 and spent time in Syria.

Similarly, all three of the Russian concert hall attackers, Umar Usmanov, Umar Usmanov, and Umar Usmanov, were born in France. In 2011, the 31-year-old French national also travelled to Syria and returned to France in 2013, before being spotted back in Paris in 2015.

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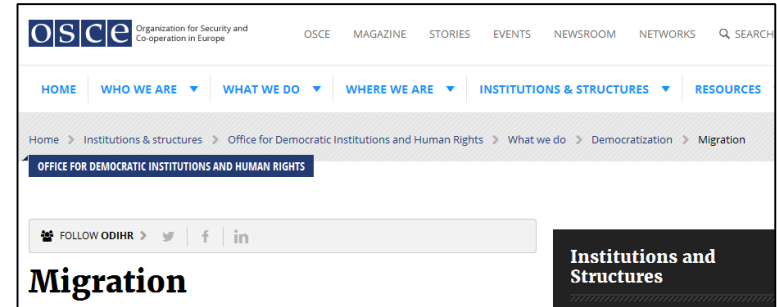
### Migration and the EU Challenges, opportunities, the role of EIB

Key Stakeholders: Other EU Institutions & Agencies

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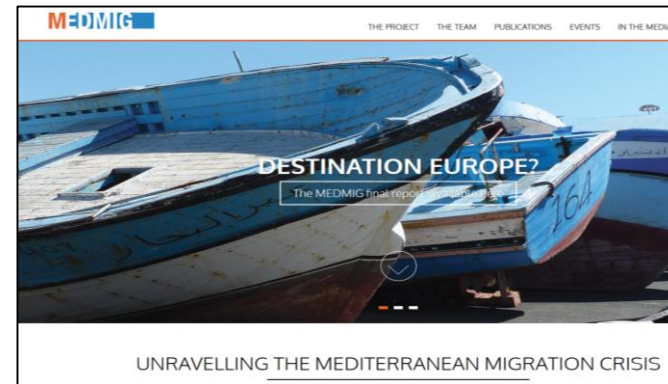
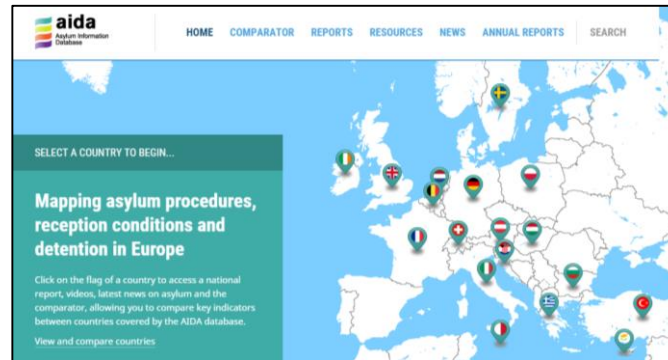
## NATO Defence Ministers Agree on NATO support to assist with the Refugee and Migrant Crisis



## Key Stakeholders: Other International Organisations



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Key Stakeholders: NGOs / Academic

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## Migration [What Think Tanks Are Thinking]

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## At a glance

What Think Tanks are thinking

30 September 2016



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## The EU and migration

The migration crisis has eased since the agreement in March between the European Union and Turkey closed one major route through which people had been trying to reach Europe. A long-term solution to a better management of migration flows still appears elusive, as the Turkey deal could still unravel and other migration routes become more widely used. EU member states are also divided over the issue of 'redistributing' migrants among themselves. A debate continues among policy-makers on how to overhaul the current asylum rules and create a 'Dublin IV' while the EU ponders reaching an agreement with other countries similar to the one it has negotiated with Turkey.

This note offers links to **recent commentaries and studies on migration from major international think tanks** and research institutes. More papers on the same topic can be found in a [previous edition](#) of 'What Think Tanks are thinking', published in May.

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Jon Worth Euroblog  
EU analysis, cross-posted to Blogactiv



Putting up borders doesn't solve the refugee crisis. Compulsory quotas now.

## EU Law Analysis

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### 'Safe countries of origin': Assessing the new proposal

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### Why the EU should consider decriminalising people smuggling



EU member states agreed on 14 September to strengthen actions against people smugglers in the Mediterranean as part of their response to the ongoing migration crisis. **Mollie Gerver** writes that instead of scaling up actions against smugglers, a better option may be to decriminalise the practice. She argues that criminal sanctions against people smuggling are counter-productive on the basis that they create incentives for smugglers to disregard the safety of migrants and refugees, while also strengthening associated arms trading and human trafficking networks.

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FRESH THINKING

### EU Asylum Policy: Going beyond President Juncker's proposal!

September 11, 2015



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A place where Ernst Steiner (Secretary General of the FEPS - www.fepeurope.eu) shares his fresh thoughts about Brussels, Europe and beyond.

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### Rainer Münz on European migration challenges

Rainer Münz points out that the lack of a uniform way to measure migration across the EU gives an incomplete picture of migration flows.

BY: BRUSSEL DATE: MAY 27, 2015



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Europe's Migration Crisis  
Author: Jeanne Park, Deputy Director  
Updated: September 16, 2015

## EU ROPE

A blog by Jon Danzig

### Why is Britain so against migration?

28 AUG 2015  
Jon Danzig



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## JOINT STATEMENT OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS OF THE VISEGRAD GROUP COUNTRIES

PRAGUE, 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

We, the Prime Ministers of the Visegrad Group, meeting in Prague on 4 September 2015 on the occasion of an Extraordinary Visegrad Group Summit on migration adopt hereby the following Joint Statement:

## News story

### Syria refugees: UK government response

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, The Rt Hon David Cameron MP, Department for International Development, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, \* others  
First published: 4 September 2015  
Last updated: 7 September 2015, see all updates  
Part of: Immigration and borders, Overseas aid effectiveness and Syria

Updates on how the UK government is helping to address the Syrian refugee situation.

There are currently more refugees in the world than ever before. The host countries such as Germany are facing great challenges. In its work, the Federal Foreign Office is focusing on the root causes of flight through humanitarian assistance and crisis prevention. Moreover, together with Economic Affairs Minister Gabriel, Foreign Minister Steinmeier has a laid out a ten-point plan for a European refugee policy based on the principle of solidarity.

More refugees in the world than ever before  
According to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), there were approximately 60 million displaced persons in 2014, a rise from around 51 million in 2013. This is the steepest rise ever recorded within a year. With an increase of 51 per cent compared with the previous year, Europe witnessed the largest rise in the number of refugees in relative terms. This jump is primarily accounted for by the conflict in

## EUROPEAN MIGRATION CRISIS: Germany's Response



### Migration challenges are best tackled at EU level, says Eurobarometer poll

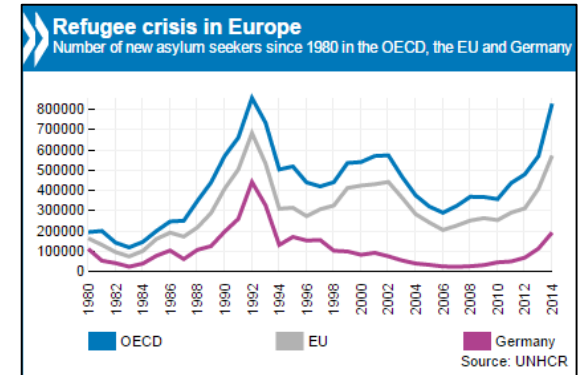
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BRIEFING PAPER  
Number 7430, 11 December 2015  
The EU's response to the migration crisis: recent developments  
By Ben Smith and Melanie Gower  
Inside:  
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## Situation in specific countries

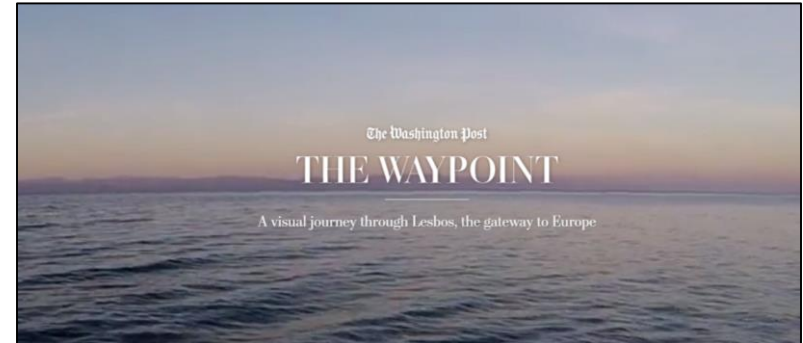
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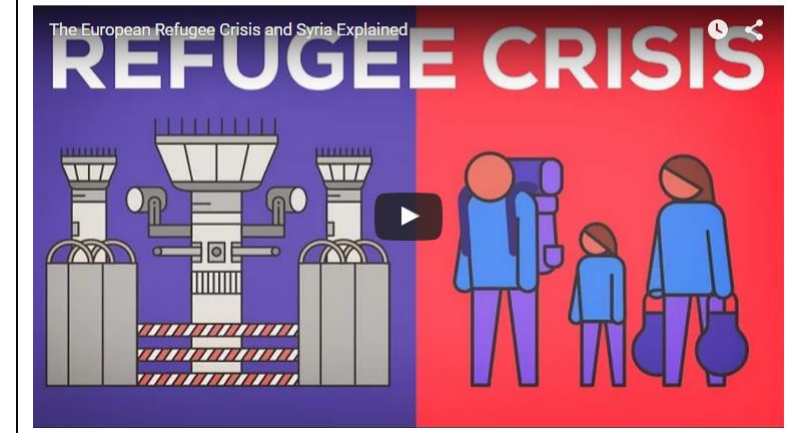
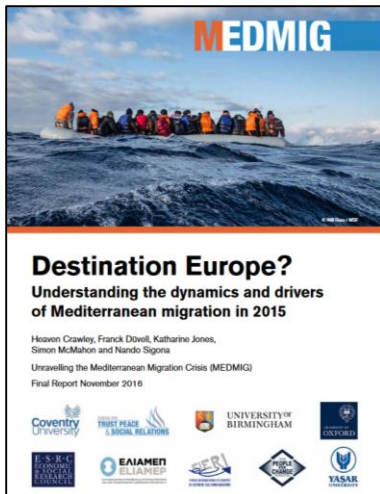
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## The European Refugee Crisis Explained In Six Minutes

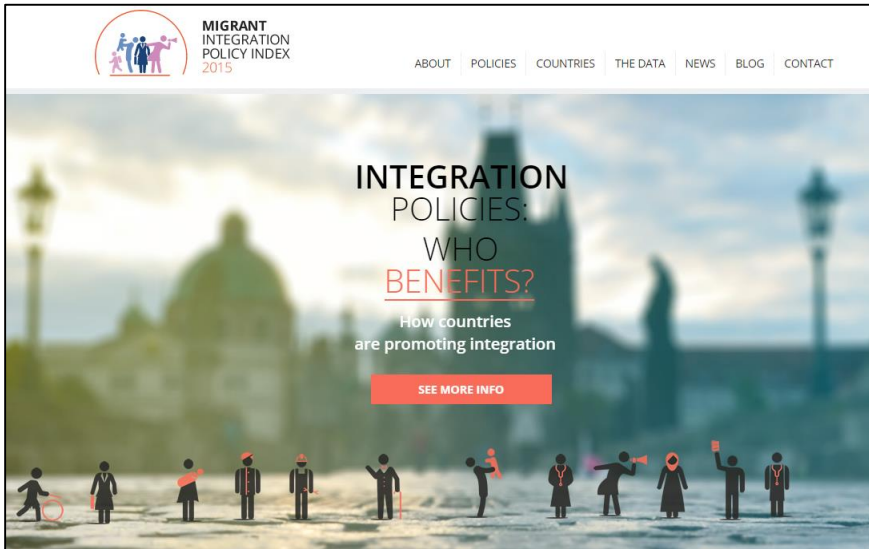
by SE on 21 September 2015 @SocialEurope

There is a lot of discussion in the news about the European refugee crisis but what is the actual background to the plight? Find below a great video that explains the basics of the situation in six minutes. The video description on YouTube includes [a link to the UNHCR donation page](#) which we are happy to include here too.



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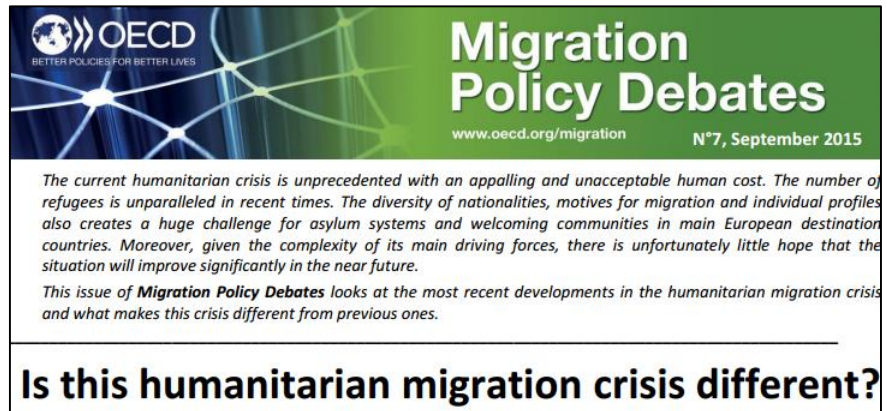
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www.oecd.org/migration N°7, September 2015

*The current humanitarian crisis is unprecedented with an appalling and unacceptable human cost. The number of refugees is unparalleled in recent times. The diversity of nationalities, motives for migration and individual profiles also creates a huge challenge for asylum systems and welcoming communities in main European destination countries. Moreover, given the complexity of its main driving forces, there is unfortunately little hope that the situation will improve significantly in the near future.*

*This issue of **Migration Policy Debates** looks at the most recent developments in the humanitarian migration crisis and what makes this crisis different from previous ones.*

**Is this humanitarian migration crisis different?**

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