Information Guide

European Migration Challenges
A guide to information sources

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

Click on the images in this guide to link into a range of information sources from international, European and national governments and organisations, NGOs, thinktanks + news and analysis.

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Key Stakeholders: EU Institutions: European Commission
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Finding solutions to migratory pressures

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

European Parliamentary Research Service – Publications on: EU Migratory Challenge

Key Stakeholders: EU Institutions: Council / Parliament / EEAS
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- Launch on 13 May 2015
- Launch of specific initiatives and proposals, 27 May 2015
- Revised and strengthened set of proposals, 9 September 2015
- Justice and Home Affairs Council, Brussels, 22 September 2015
- Commission launch Communication ‘Managing the Refugee Crisis’ 23 September 2015
- Informal meeting of Heads of State or Government, Brussels, 23 September 2015
- Justice and Home Affairs Council, Luxembourg, 8-9 October 2015
- European Council, Brussels, 15-16 October 2015
- Meeting on the Western Balkans Migration Route, Brussels, 25 October 2015
- State of Play: Measures to address the Refugee Crisis, 30 October 2015
- European Commission propose new measures to strengthen external border, 15 December 2015

- Commentary, analysis and further information through ESO
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- Increasing fears in EU Institutions and Member States of the inadequacy / ineffectiveness of the EU response
- European Commission issue update on implementation of priority actions, 10 February 2016
- European Council, Brussels, 18-19 February 2016
- International Summit: Meeting of the EU heads of state or government with Turkey, Brussels, 7 March 2016
- European Council, Brussels, 17-18 March 2016 – EU-Turkey Statement
- The EU-Turkey statement of March 2016 becomes operational in April 2016
- Smart borders, asylum and legal migration – European Commission initiatives and proposals, 6 April 2016
- European Commission adopt further legislative proposals and initiatives, 4 May 2016 – Common European Asylum System / Visa-free travel for citizens of Turkey and Kosovo / Temporary internal border controls
- European Commission announce 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 propose a EU Resettlement Framework / further reforms to complete the Common European Asylum System, 13 July 2016
- Issues relating to integration of migrants
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NATO Defence Ministers Agree on NATO support to assist with the Refugee and Migrant Crisis

Meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence
Brussels, Belgium
10-11 February 2016

IMF Staff Discussion Note
The Refugee Surge in Europe: Economic Challenges

UNICEF in Emergencies & Humanitarian Action
Migrant and refugee crisis in Europe

Key Stakeholders: Other International Organisations
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Key Stakeholders: NGOs / Academic
At a glance
What Think Tanks are thinking
30 September 2016

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 policymakers 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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EU Law Analysis
Expert insight into EU law developments

Monday, 14 September 2015
'Safe countries of origin': Assessing the new proposal

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.

Molly 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 in the sense that they create incentives for smugglers to disregard the safety of migrants and refugees, while also strengthening associated flows trading and human trafficking networks.

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.

CFR Backgrounder
Europe's Migration Crisis

Blogs

Jon Worth Euroblog
EU analysis, cross-posted to Blogactiv

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EU Asylum Policy: Going beyond President Juncker's proposal

EU ROPE A blog by Jon Danzig
Why is Britain so against migration?

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- Calais Migrant Crisis
- Migrant pressure in France
- Migrant pressures in the United Kingdom
- Migrant pressures on Italy
- Migrant pressures on Greece
- Migrant pressures on Germany
- Migrant pressures on Hungary
- Migrant pressures on Denmark
- Migrant pressures in Sweden
- Migrant pressures in Austria
- Migrant pressures in Croatia
- Reaction of public opinion to the tragedy
- Role of Turkey

Situation in specific countries
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Operation Sophia, the EU’s naval mission in the Mediterranean: an impossible challenge

The European Refugee Crisis Explained In Six Minutes

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The European Immigration Issue

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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Enquiry service – Publication of European Sources Online – Events

Further information: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/european-documentation-centre