

The EU's migration challenge

At a special European Council meeting convened on 23 April after up to 900 migrants drowned in the Mediterranean trying to reach Europe from Africa, EU heads of state and government agreed to increase funding for immigration and asylum policies and strengthen EU presence at sea to prevent further loss of life. The leaders said in [a statement](#) that the EU member states would fight trafficking of immigrants and reinforce internal solidarity in tackling the problem.

Think tanks have long urged the bloc to be bolder in tackling the problem. This note offers links to recent commentaries, studies and reports on the topic from major international think tanks and research institutes. Some background material from the European Parliamentary Research Service is available [here](#).

Commentaries:

[Dead in the water: Fixing the EU's failed approach to Mediterranean migrants](#)

Centre for European Reform, April 23, 2015

[Migrants challenge Europe's comfort Zone](#)

Carnegie Europe, April 23, 2015

[What priorities for the new European agenda on migration?](#)

Centre for European Policy Studies, April 22, 2015

[The first 100 days of the New Frontex Director](#)

Clingendael, January 23, 2015

[Response to immigration crisis in Mediterranean \(European foreign policy scorecard\)](#)

European Council on Foreign Relations, January, 2015

[Why Europe needs to make immigration easier](#)

Friends of Europe, October 9, 2014

[Are Europe's migration funds adequate to meet growing challenges?](#)

Institut Francais des Relations Internationales, September 8, 2014

[Mare Europaeum? Tackling Mediterranean migration](#)

Institute for Security Studies, September 4, 2014

Analyses:

[Emergenza Mediterraneo e migrazioni: come può rispondere l'Europa?](#)

Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionali, April 20, 2015

[Creating a common European future: integration of young migrants in Europe](#)

European Policy Centre, April 13, 2015

[The development of EU Policy on immigration and asylum: rethinking coordination and leadership](#)

Migration Policy Institute, March, 2015

[The criminalisation of irregular migration in the European Union](#)

Centre for European Policy Studies, February 2015

[Understanding transnational dynamics in European immigrant integration policy](#)

Migration Policy Institute, February, 2015

[European Union and the geopolitics of migration](#)

Swedish Institute of International Affairs, February, 2015

[Three challenges for tomorrow's EU migration policy: fairness, mobility and narratives](#)

Egmont, January 28, 2015

[Whose mare? Rule of law challenges in the field of European border surveillance in the Mediterranean](#)

Centre for European Policy Studies, January 27, 2015

[New approaches, alternative avenues and means of access to asylum procedures for persons seeking international protection](#)

Centre for European Policy Studies, January 9, 2015

[Integrating EU defence and migration policies in the Mediterranean](#)

Fride, November 12, 2014

[EU migration policy – new realities, new opportunities](#)

European Policy Centre, October 1, 2014

Related publications:

[The crisis in North Africa. Implications for Europe and options for EU policymakers](#)

Clingendael, April 3, 2015

[Evolving patterns and impacts of migration: global societal trends to 2030](#)

Rand Europe, February, 2015

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