

Migration

At the European Council meeting on 18 October, European Union Heads of State or Government vowed to step up the fight against illegal migration, by intensifying efforts to crack down on smuggling networks, protect external borders and cooperate with countries of origin and transit. The EU's southern borders remain under pressure from irregular migrants escaping poverty and conflicts in the Middle East and Africa, although the leaders noted that illegal border crossings into the EU have declined by 95 % from their peak in October 2015. The leaders also said in their conclusions that a joint task force should be established at Europol's European Migrant Smuggling Centre. The European Commission is to propose a comprehensive set of implementation measures by December, and the leaders urged the European Parliament and Council to examine promptly the recent proposals on the Return Directive, the Asylum Agency and the European Border and Coast Guard.

This note offers links to **commentaries and studies on migration by major international think tanks**. Earlier papers on the same topic can be found in a [previous edition](#) of 'What Think Tanks are Thinking', published in June 2018.

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[Analysing migration policy frames of Lebanese civil society organizations](#)

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[Why access to energy can empower refugees](#)

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[Migrations: L'Europe à l'épreuve de la crise italienne](#)

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