European borders

The European Union helps its Member States to secure their external borders, whilst ensuring an area of free movement without internal borders. Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, inter alia, coordinates and organises joint operations with Member States, provides surveillance and risk analysis, and supports cooperation between law enforcement authorities. The EU also helps Member States to fight crimes such as human trafficking, child abuse and smuggling of illegal goods. The issue of borders is closely linked to EU migration policy, which is being debated with a view to its reform, following the 2015 migration crisis.

This note offers links to commentaries and studies by major international think tanks on the issue of borders and some related reports on migration. More papers specifically on migration can be found in earlier items from the same series, published in October and December 2018.

Is post-1989 Europe building walls?
Carnegie Europe, November 2019

The influence of EU migration policy on regional free movement in the IGAD and ECOWAS regions
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Notre Europe, September 2019

El despliegue fronterizo en el contexto de la Union Europea bajo el actual ethos securitario
Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, September 2019

Regional cross-border cooperation in the Danube region: A promising approach within the enlargement policy of the EU?
Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, September 2019

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Westbalkan als Migrationsroute: Europäische Strategien und lokale Lösungen 2015-2019
Österreichische Institut für Internationale Politik, September 2019

Border games: Has Spain found an answer to the populist challenge on migration?
European Council on Foreign Relations, September 2019

A new budget for the EU
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, August 2019
Military mobility and the EU-NATO conundrum
Clingendael, July 2019

The EU’s security Union: A bill of health
Centre for European Reform, June 2019

EU migration policy towards Libya: A policy of conflicting interests
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, June 2019

Can regular migration replace irregular migration across the Mediterranean?
Centre for European Policy Studies, June 2019

Irregular migration and smuggling of migrants along the Balkan route: 2011-2017
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, June 2019

Healthy boundaries: Remedies for Europe’s cross-border disorder
European Union Institute for Security Studies, May 2019

Governance of the global refugee regime
Centre for International Governance Innovation, May 2019

Untying the Gordian knot of the common European asylum system: Dublin IV reform
EUROPEUM, May 2019

Infrastructure management contracts: Improving energy asset management in displacement settings
Chatham House, April 2019

Infrastructure for growth: How to finance, develop, and protect it
Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, April 2019

Reducing irregular migration flows through EU external action
Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, March 2019

Beyond operation Sophia: what role for the military in migration policy?
Dahrendorf Forum, LSE Ideas, March 2019

Money wise: Improving how EU funds support migration and integration policy objectives
Migration Policy Institute, March 2019

Migration and the next EU long-term budget: key choices for external action
European Centre for Development Policy Management, March 2019

Migration: Solid nations and liquid transnationalism? The EU’s struggle to find a shared course on African migration 1999-2019
Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungs politik, February 2019

Pushing the boundaries: how to create more effective migration cooperation across the Mediterranean
European Council on Foreign Relations, January 2019

System upgrade: Improving cross-border access to electronic evidence
Global Public Policy Institute, January 2019
The refugee crisis and the EU’s externalisation of integrated border management to Libya and Turkey
College of Europe, December 2018

Beyond borderlands: Ensuring the sovereignty of all nations of Eastern Europe
Atlantic Council, November 2018

For a European policy on asylum, migration and mobility
Notre Europe, November 2018

Competing priorities at the EU’s external border
European Policy Centre, November 2018

Kosovo and Serbia are talking about redrawing their borders: It’s a terrible idea.
Carnegie Europe, September 2018

EU Grenzpolitiken: der humanitäre und geopolitische Preis von Externalisierungsstrategien im Grenzschutz
Österreichische Institut für Internationale Politik

Cross-border access to electronic data through judicial cooperation in criminal matters
Centre for European Policy Studies, October 2018

Complaint mechanisms in border management and expulsion operations in Europe
Centre for European Policy Studies, March 2018

The Global Compact on refugees offers an opportunity to revive responsibility sharing
Chatham House, March 2018

The European Border and Coast Guard: Addressing migration and asylum challenges in the Mediterranean?
Centre for European Policy Studies, February 2017

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