Migration

European governments and societies are under pressure from an unprecedented migration crisis, which threatens to undo the EU's free-travel Schengen area, as member states reinstate border checks to try to cope with refugees fleeing war, oppression and poverty in Syria and other parts of the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Divisions have been emerging among member-state governments as they search for solutions to slow the tide of migration, register and relocate arrived asylum-seekers, as well as plan an overhaul of the common European asylum system, which is deemed as inadequate by many analysts.

This note offers links to a series of 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 early September.

Welcoming engagement: How private sponsorship can strengthen refugee resettlement in the European Union  Migration Policy Institute, December 2014

Europe and the refugee crisis: 10 side-effects  Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, November 2015

How to reconcile the EU border paradox? The concurrence of refugee reception and deterrence  Institute for European Studies, November 2015

Five regional assessments of the refugee crisis  Carnegie Europe, November 2015


Missing the point on migration: The EU-Africa summit  Brookings Institute, November 2015

Why Dublin 'doesn't work'  Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, November 2015

Les réfugiés et les frontières européennes après les attentats de Paris  Institut français des relations internationales, November 2015

Migration and refugee governance in the Mediterranean: Europe and international organisations at a crossroads  Istituto Affari Internazionali, October 2015

Why was the EU not prepared for the refugee crisis and what to expect next?  European Policy Centre (EPC), October 2015

Can the new refugee relocation system work? Perils in the Dublin logic and flawed reception conditions in the EU  Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), October 2015

Europe’s physical and mental walls against refugees  Carnegie Europe, October 2015

Europe must act! The refugee crisis in the eyes of young people  FutureLab Europe, EPC, October 2015

A migration crisis? Facts, challenges and possible solutions  Overseas Development Institute, October 2015

The refugee crisis in focus: towards better cooperation between Europe's national governments  Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, October 2015

The Merkel plan: Restoring control; retaining compassion – A proposal for the Syrian refugee crisis  European Stability Initiative, October 2015

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Who are they? Two profiles of Syrian refugees  Polish Institute of International Affairs, October 2015
The educational and mental health needs of Syrian refugee children  Migration Policy Institute, October 2015

Handling the refugee influx: Between the laws, borders, and political discourses  Centar za Evropske Politike, October 2015

Populistisch oder weitsichtig? Die Haltung Ungarns in der europäischen Flüchtlingsfrage  Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, October 2014

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Europe’s migration crisis  Council on Foreign Relation, September 2015

EU Asylum Policy: Going beyond President Juncker’s proposal  Foundation for European Progressive Studies, September 2015

The migration crisis: A stress test for European values  Egmont, September 2015

Enhancing the Common European Asylum System and alternatives to Dublin  CEPS, September 2015

Europe’s refugee crisis: Chronicle of death foretold  Centre for European Reform, September 2015

Politique d’asile en Europe: Comment répondre aux défis venant de la Méditerranée?  Fondation Robert Schuman, September 2015

Europe’s dubious response to the refugee crisis  Hellenic Foundation for European Foreign Policy, September 2015

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Operation Sophia: tackling the refugee crisis with military means  European Union Institute for Security Studies, September 2015

Why people don’t need to drown in the Aegean  European Stability Initiative, September 2015

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Changes in migration patterns and remittances: do females and skilled migrants remit more?  Centre d’études prospectives et d’informations internationales, September 2015

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