

The migration challenge

Next week, European Union Heads of State or Government will discuss the politically charged issue of reforming the EU's migration and asylum policies. Divisions among EU members over how to handle migrants were exposed again earlier this month when Italy's new government tightened its migration policy, while the German ruling coalition faced a potentially destabilising rift over the issue.

The EU's southern borders remain under pressure from irregular migrants escaping poverty and war in the Middle East and Africa. Although the 2016 agreement between the EU and Turkey significantly slowed the influx of migrants into Europe, the problem continues to be used for political gain by nationalist, anti-immigrant and populist movements across the EU.

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 March 2018.

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[On the way to a global compact on refugees: The 'Zero Draft', a positive, but not yet sufficient step](#)

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[L'impact budgétaire de 30 ans d'immigration en France: \(I\) une approche comptable](#)

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