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.

Reforming Europe’s refugee policies: Austrian-Danish plan will not work
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German Marshall Fund, October 2018

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European Council on Foreign Relations, October 2018

Migration is in the eye of the beholder
Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, October 2018

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Istituto Affari Internazionali, October 2018

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Tech jobs for refugees: Assessing the potential of coding schools for refugee integration in Germany
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Sea arrivals to Italy: The cost of deterrence policies
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Jacques Delors Institute, August 2018

Deciding which road to take: Insights into how migrants and refugees in Greece plan onward movement
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Libya between conflict and migrants: Rethinking the role of militias
Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, August 2018

The EU’s new migration partnership with Mali: Shifting towards a risky security migration development nexus
Egmont, College of Europe, August 2018

Analysing migration policy frames of Lebanese civil society organizations
Istituto Affari Internazionali, August 2018

Why access to energy can empower refugees
Chatham House, August 2018
Migrations: L'Europe à l'épreuve de la crise italienne
Institut français des relations internationales, July 2018

Profiteers of migration? Authoritarian states in Africa and European migration management
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, July 2018

The oranges in Europe taste better
Heinrich Böll Stiftung, July 2018

EU policies for refugee protection and immigration: Why we need productive engagement with our neighbours, not border fences
Center for Social and Economic Research, July 2018

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