



# Migration

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## New and novel trends to watch

- Recent **migrant boats in Black sea** shows lack of long-term migration policies
  - Traffic route (re)taking shape between Turkey-Romania; used mainly by Syrian and Iraqi refugees [IRIN](#)
  - Risks polarising Europe, and undermining Schengen and Dublin agreements
- EU security-led partnership agreements could **destabilise strategic regions for Europe**
  - EU interventions creating security, economic and political challenges for transit countries such as Niger [Clingendael](#)
  - Returns are cutting remittances, one of the main sources of income in countries of origin (Ex. Mali, Senegal) [MPI](#)
- **Migration deal ties EU to Turkey** and creates chronic uncertainty
  - Increase in number of migrants arriving to Greece suggesting EU-Turkey deal may no longer function [Greek Reporter](#)
  - Recent EU cuts to Turkish pre-accession funds could trigger reaction from Ankara if linked to migration deal [FT](#)
- The *need* for migrants is not addressed by **current security-led EU migration approach**
  - Focus is on Home Affairs, negative vision not taking into account economic and demographic perspectives [CEPS](#)
  - Consequences: marginalisation and tensions due to discriminatory system [ODI](#)




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# Long term trend: an increase in migratory pressures to the EU

Multi-factor assessment for the next 5 years (2017-2021)

Trend table	 Migration	Trend	Trend
		Refugees (granted refugee status)	Irregular migrants (not granted refugee status)
<b>Base rate</b>	Refugee/migration flows to Europe	▲	▲
	Refugee/migration flows worldwide	▲	▬
<b>Factors</b>	Level of human and economic development in countries of origin	▲	▲
	Economic opportunities in EU and lack of opportunities in region of origin and transit countries	▬	▬
	Conflicts and violence	▲	▲
	Restrictive EU migration policies		▲
	Level of corruption in third countries	▲	▲

**Note:** legal migration does not feature in this trend table.

- Migratory pressures decreasing
- Migratory pressures increasing
- ▲ Factor trending up
- ▼ Factor trending down