



Can the EU Improve its Immigration Policy ?



Introduction To Topic



- **23M non-EU citizens** (5% of population); arrivals legal & illegal for safety, study, work
- **Demographic crisis:** ageing, shrinking workforce, labour shortages (health, construction, digital)
- **Tension:** migration as solution vs. public pressure on control & identity
- **2015 crisis:** 1M+ asylum seekers (mainly Syria) → polarization
- **EU measures:** Frontex, Dublin Regulation, relocation quotas → fragmented & divisive
- **Core question:** Can the EU build a *truly common* migration

Key data on migration in the EU



- **In 2022:** 3 million residence permits issued
- **The Mediterranean Sea:** the deadliest border in the world. 30,000 deaths between 2014 and 2024.
- The EU's working-age population: **decline by 35 million** people by 2050
- Significant heterogeneity between **Member States:** (Germany, Hungary, Poland)

Current Policies on EU Immigration



- ***Dublin regulation:***

First-entry country → handles asylum request

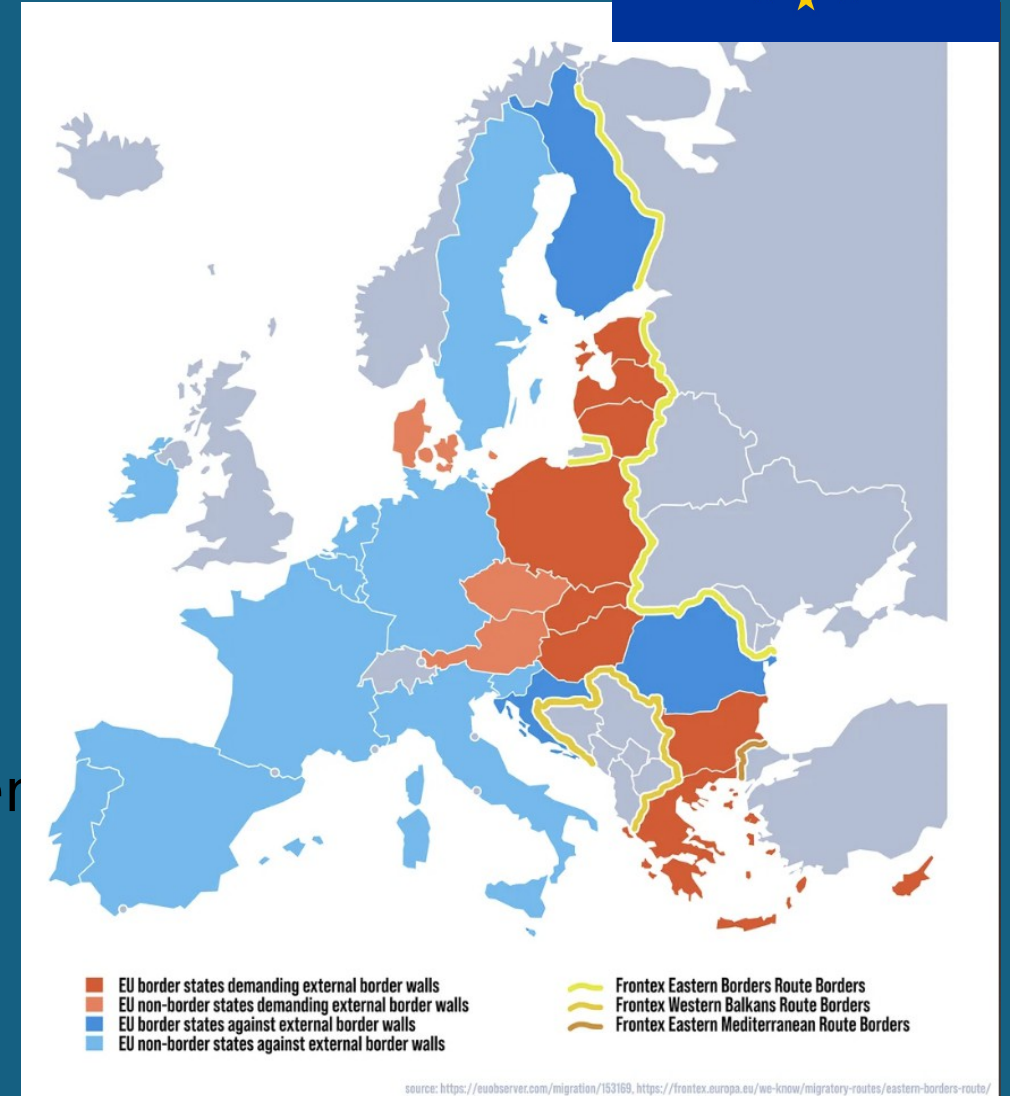
- ***Frontex:*** Border protection, returns & emergency support

- ***New Pact on Migration and Asylum:***

Faster procedures & flexible solidarity between countries

- ***External Agreements:***

Managing migration jointly



Problem Identified



- Tensions between solidarity and national sovereignty
- Humanitarian crises
- Difficulty in implementing a common policy
- Heavily criticized by civil society and NGOs

Issues and perspectives



- Economic challenges
- Political divisions
- Humanitarian Concerns
- Geopolitical dimension
- Social integration



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