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## **Session 3**

# **THE EUROPEAN UNION, MIGRATION AND THE SCHENGEN BORDER REGIME**

### EUROPE

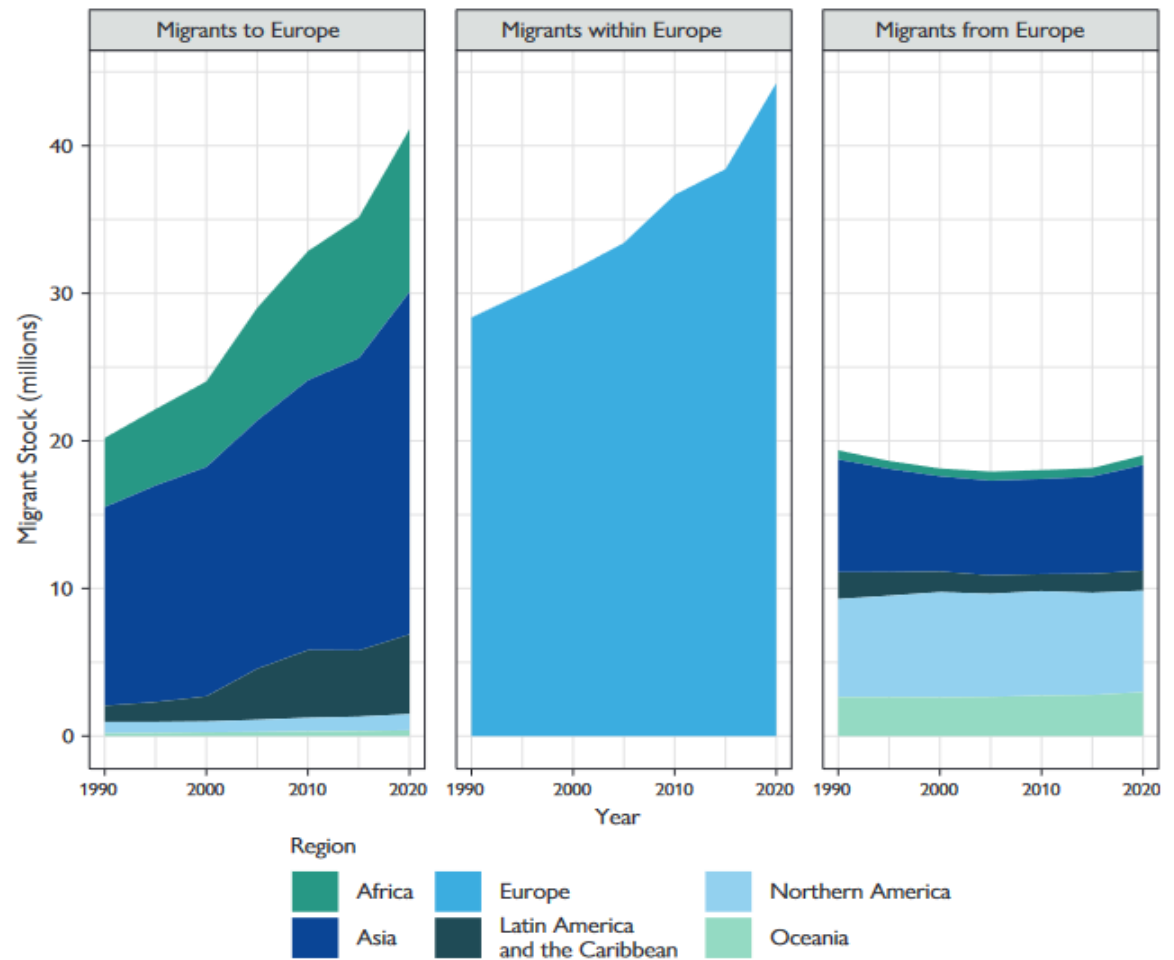
**EUROPEAN UNION**

- EU Member States
- EU New Members since 2004
- EU New Member 2013
- EU Candidates
- Possible EU Candidates 2022
- EFTA Member States



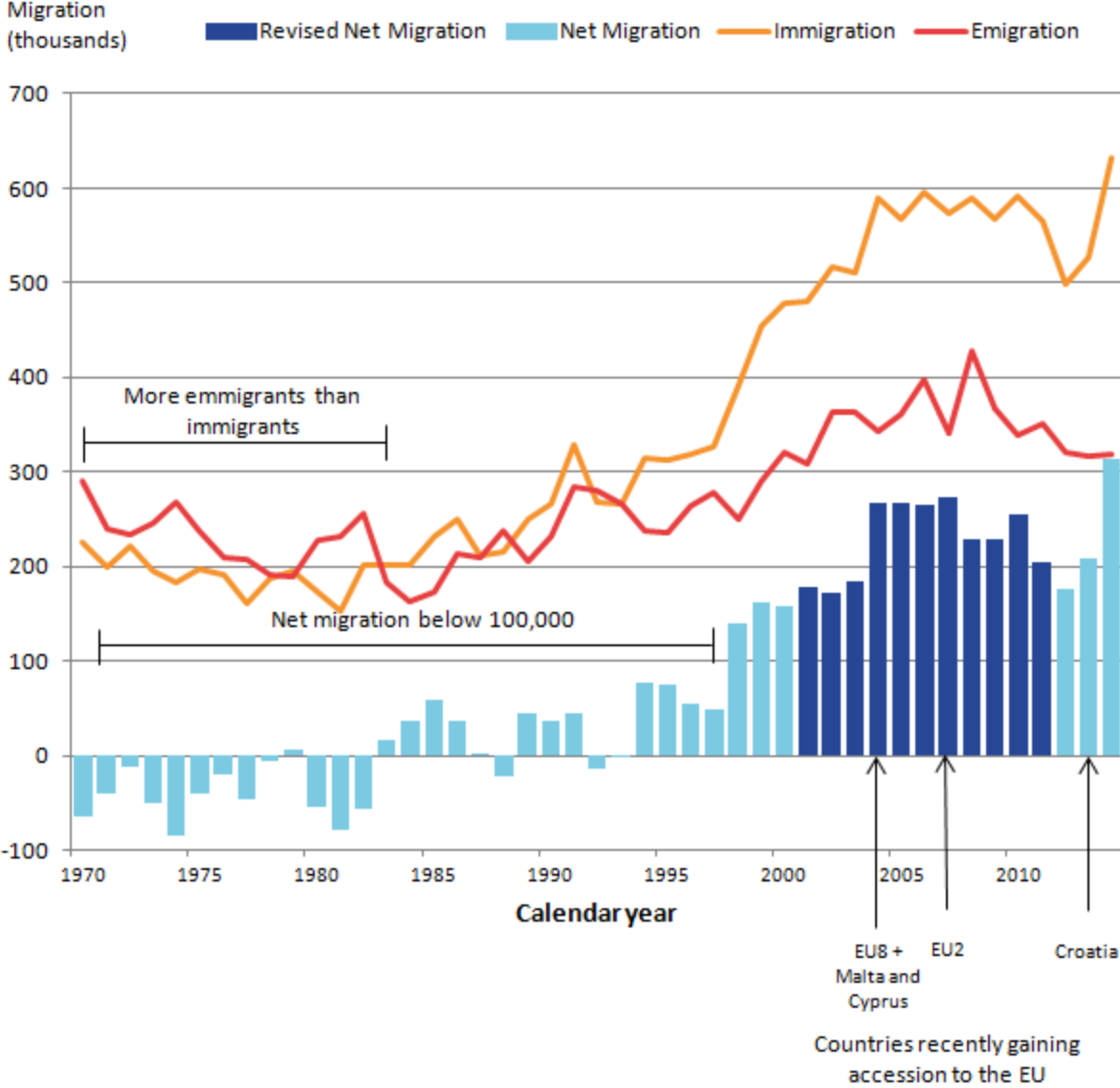
# Trends

Figure 9. Migrants to, within and from Europe, 1990–2020



Source: UN DESA, 2021.

# EUROPE NET MIGRATION FLOWS 1970-2020



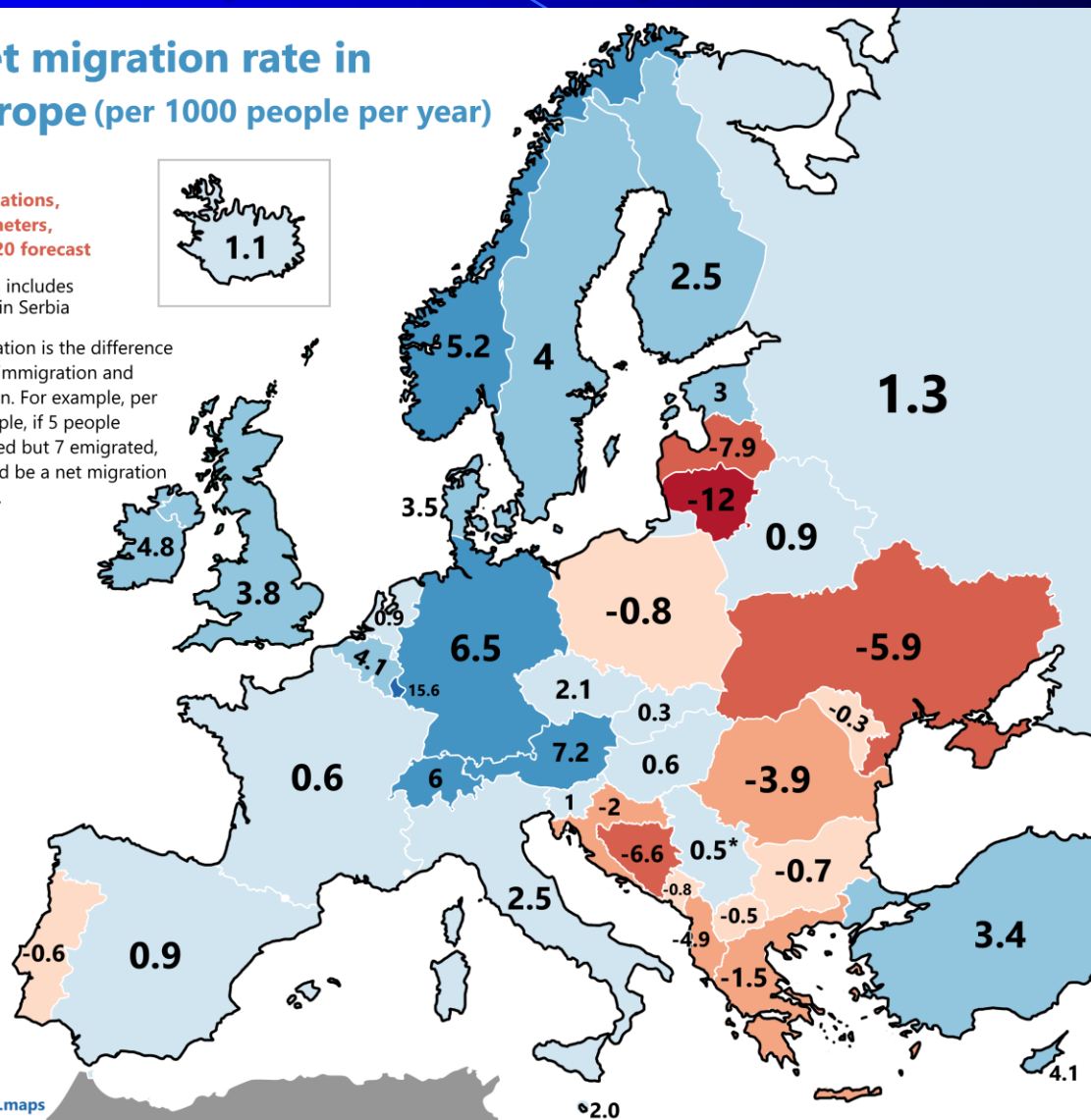
# NET MIGRATION RATE BY COUNTRY (2015-2020)

## Net migration rate in Europe (per 1000 people per year)

Sources:  
United Nations,  
Worldometers,  
2015-2020 forecast

\* UN data includes  
Kosovo in Serbia

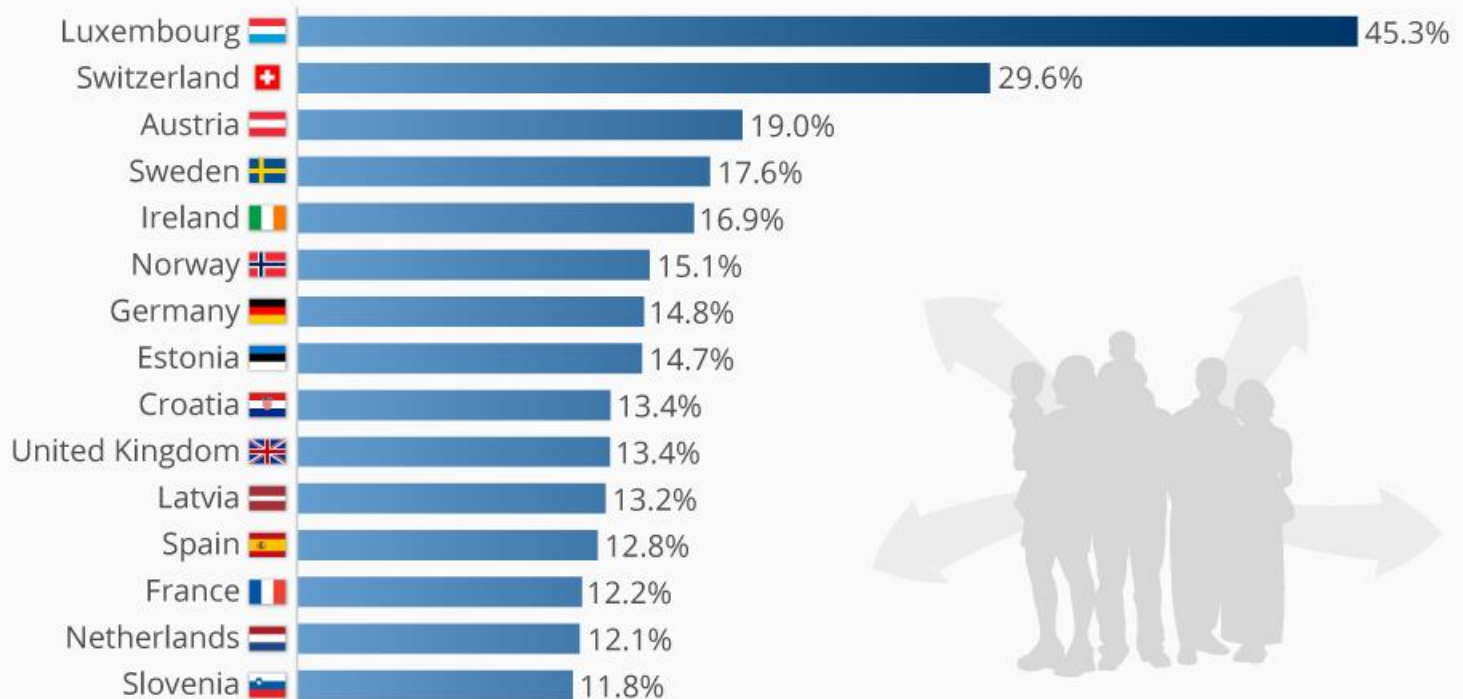
Net migration is the difference between immigration and emigration. For example, per 1000 people, if 5 people immigrated but 7 emigrated, that would be a net migration rate of -2.



# SHARE OF FOREIGN BORN POPULATION IN EUROPE

## The European countries home to the most migrants

Countries where international migrants account for the largest share of total population\*



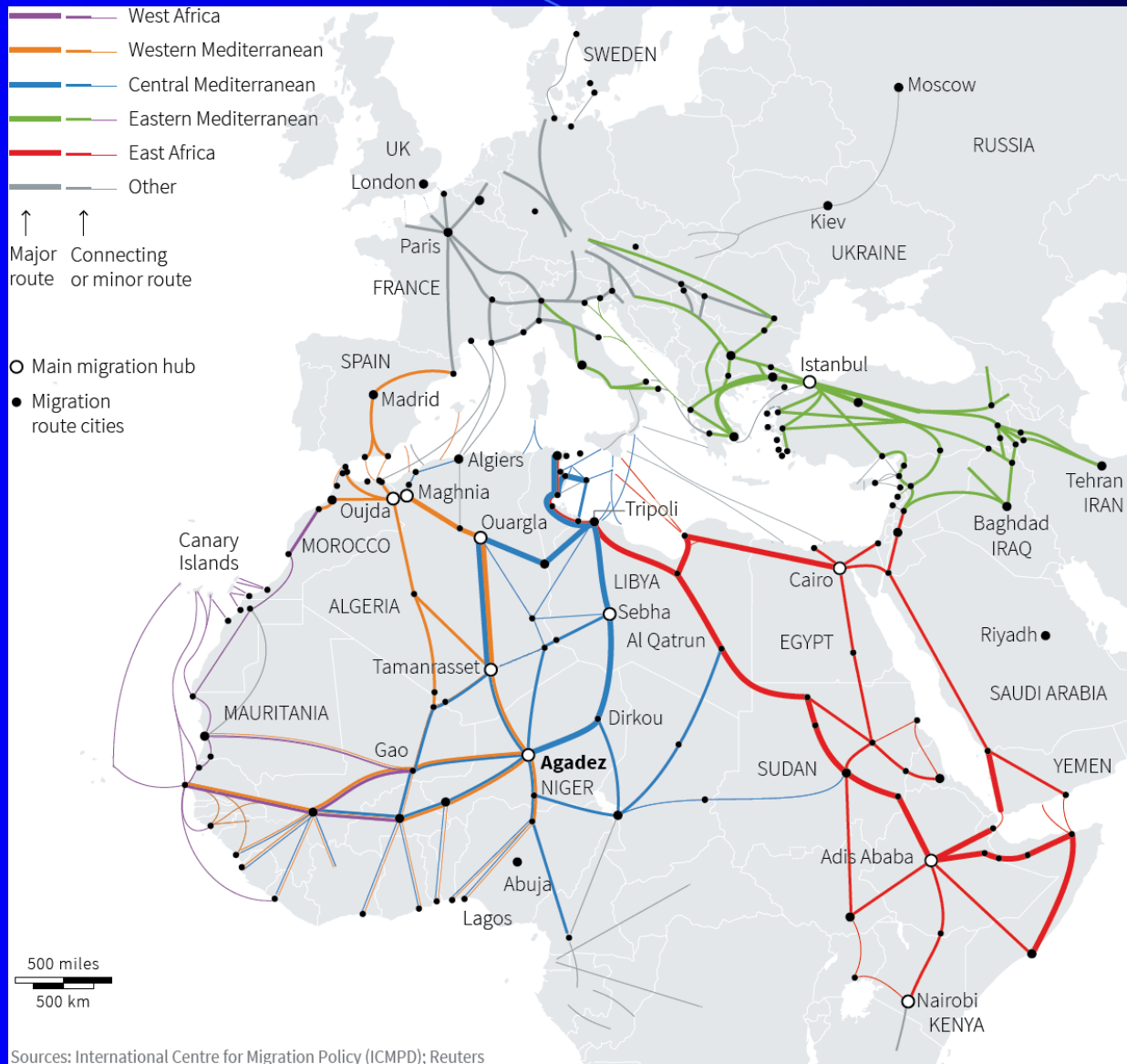
Migrant stock estimates produced using data referring to the 'foreign-born population'.  
For Croatia, the number of refugees was also included in the estimate.

# EU EXTERNAL BORDERS: SOME STATISTICS

- Official crossing points at the external EU borders => 1,792 (665 air, 871 sea, 246 land)
- Persons entering the EU => 878 million
- Refused entries => over 300,000
- Illegal immigrants in the EU => c. 8 million (80% in Schengen area)
- Illegal immigrants apprehended => 500,000



# MIGRATORY ROUTES TO EUROPE





# EU MIGRATION POLICY – OVERVIEW (1)

- **Migration as key component of EU “Justice Freedom and Security” domain**
- **One of most recent areas of EU activity (since ‘90s)**
- **Sensitive issue → progress slow, contested**
- **Type of migration**
  - **regular/irregular**
  - **long/short term**



# EU MIGRATION POLICY – OVERVIEW (2)

- **Target groups**  
→ **EU citizens; 3<sup>rd</sup> country residents; 3<sup>rd</sup> country nationals**
- **Competence:**  
⇒ **EU and members states**
- **EU competence ⇒ rules on:**
  - **visas**
  - **immigration of highly skilled workers, researchers, students, seasonal workers, intra-firm employees**



**MSs = > ultimately decide who enter**







# **THE SCHENGEN REGIME - BACKGROUND**

- **Goals:**
  - 1) abolition of checks at internal borders of signatory states**
  - 2) creation of a single external frontier**
- **Foundations => 1985 and 1990 Schengen agreements (from 1999 part of EU law)**
- **Entry into force => March 1995**

# THE SCHENGEN AREA TODAY



Map of the Schengen Area

-  Schengen Area
-  Schengen Area  
(air and maritime borders only)
-  Countries with open borders to the Schengen area
-  Member of the EU committed by treaty to join the Schengen Area in the future

# SCHENGEN AND THE EU INTERNAL BORDERS



**Germany-Austria  
border**



**Nederlands-Belgium border**

# SCHENGEN AND THE EU EXTERNAL BORDER



Italy - Mediterranean border

Poland-Ukraine  
border



Spain-Morocco border at Ceuta

# SCHENGEN AND THE EU EXTERNAL FRONTIERS

- **Common management of external frontiers => requires harmonization of rules and procedures**
- **Harmonized rules => defined in 1990 Schengen Convention and in a Common Manual**
- **EU Agency responsible for external frontiers => FRONTEX**



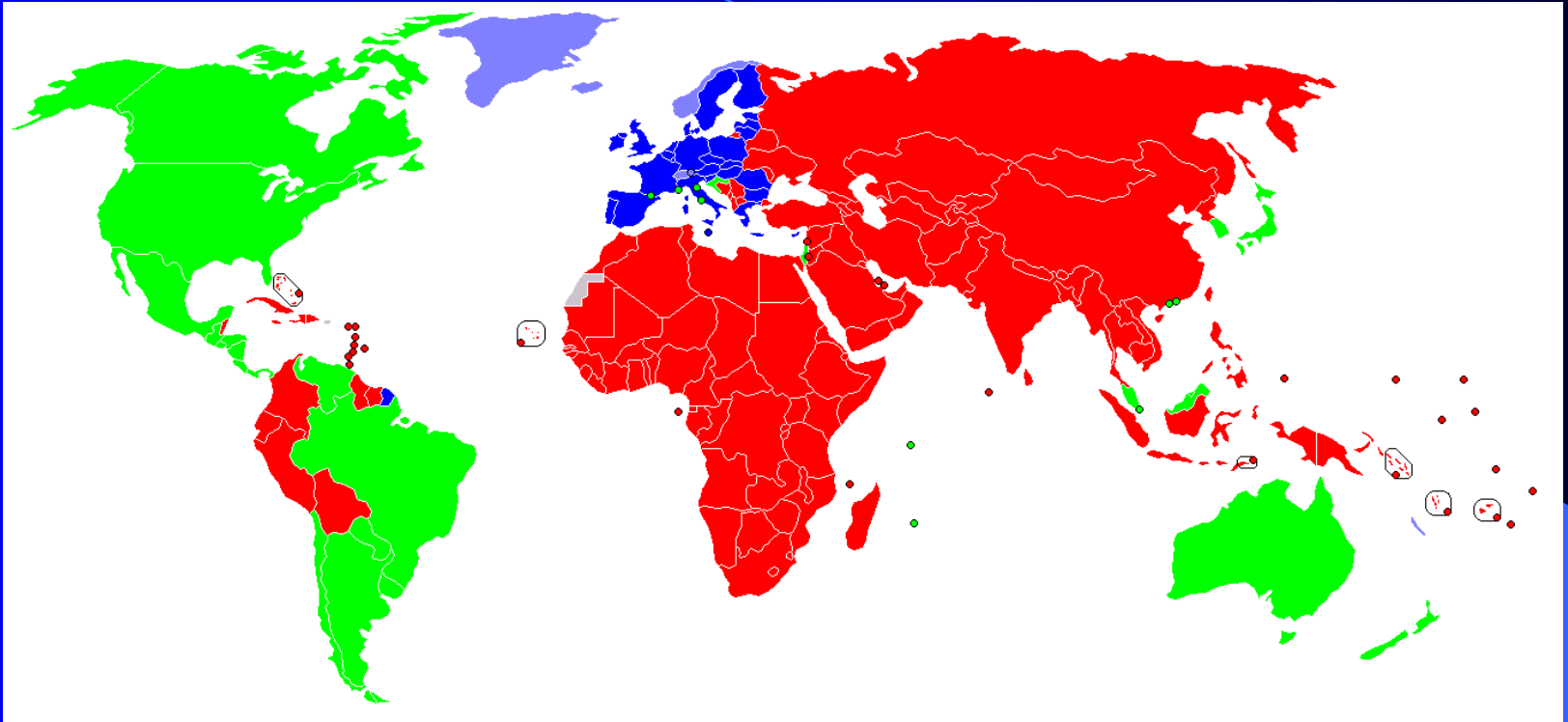
# SCHENGEN'S 'COMPENSATORY MEASURES'

- Abolition of checks at internal borders => accompanied by so-called 'compensatory measures'
- Compensatory measures include:
  - 1) police cooperation
  - 2) customs cooperation
  - 3) judicial cooperation
  - 4) a common visa regime





# THE SCHENGEN VISA LISTS



- EU member states**
- Special visa-free provisions (e.g. overseas territories)**
- Visa-free access to the Schengen states for 90 days**
- Visa required to enter the Schengen states**

# THE NEW EU MEMBERS AND SCHENGEN

- 9 new countries entered the Schengen travel area in 2007:
  - Czech Republic
  - Estonia
  - Hungary
  - Latvia
  - Lithuania
  - Malta
  - Poland
  - Slovakia
  - Slovenia



Austria- Slovenia border -  
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Estonia-Finland border -  
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# THE NEW EU MEMBERS AND SCHENGEN

- Prerequisites to join the regime:
  - => implementation of Schengen *acquis*
  - => upgrading border checks with non-Schengen states
- Progress reports => Schengen Evaluation Group
- Romania and Bulgaria:
  - => EU members since 2007
  - => Schengen membership delayed



# TENSIONS AT SCHENGEN BORDERS

## EU backs Italy in stand-off with NGOs over refugee rescue

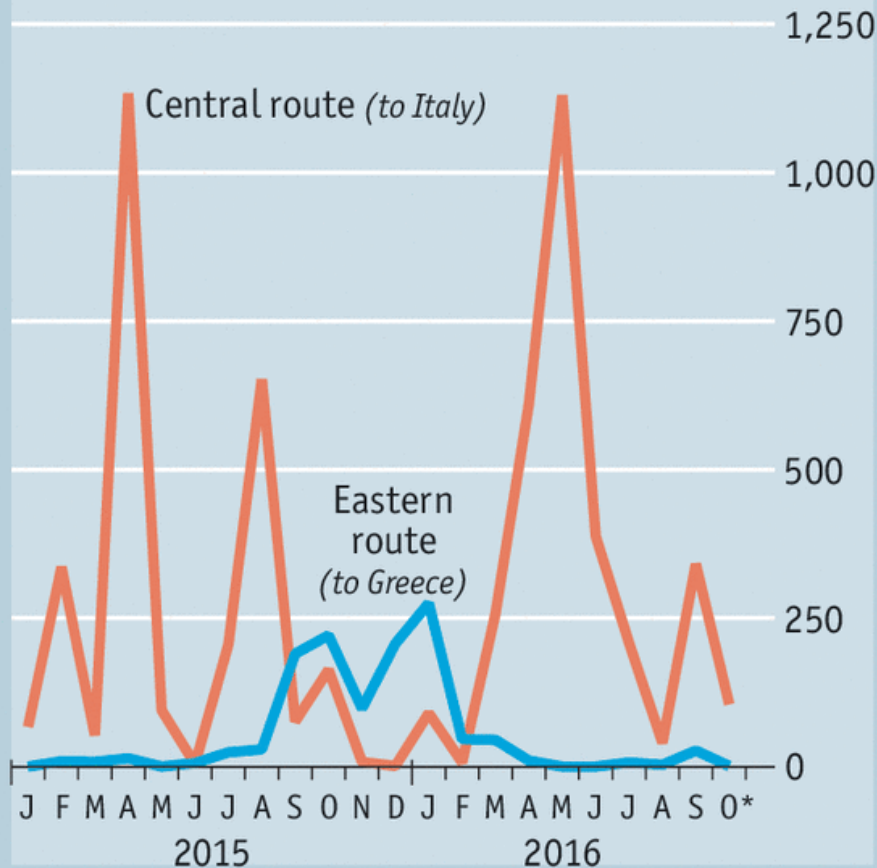
EU and Italian authorities want new rules placed on NGO rescues, raising international aid organizations' ire. The Italian government threatens to close its ports and insists on NGOs signing up to a "code of conduct."



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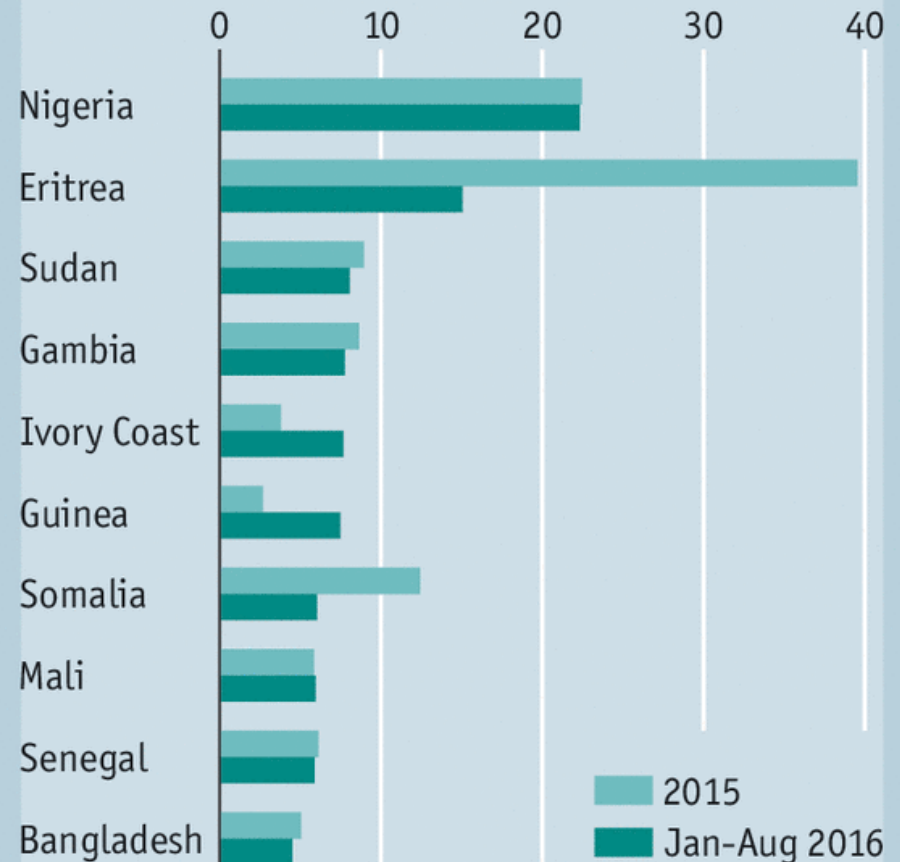
## Trafficking in misery

Number of migrants dead or missing  
Crossing the Mediterranean Sea



Sources: UNHCR; IOM Missing Migrants Project

Main countries of origin of migrants arriving in Italy  
Via Central route, '000



\*To October 21st

# TENSIONS AT SCHENGEN BORDERS

## Italy-Austria tension over border troops at Brenner Pass

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