

Migration remains politically charged

Although migrant arrivals to the EU continue to drop, it remains a divisive issue politically and across society. Nearly 4 in 10 Europeans think immigration is more of a problem than a solution. And nearly a half overestimate the number of irregular migrants in their country.

Rights under threat at borders

- On average

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migrants died every day in the Mediterranean Sea trying to reach Europe in 2018

- There were allegations of **unlawful push-backs at the EU's border** in at least

7 Member States



- There were allegations of **mistreatment by the police and border guards** in at least

5 Member States



- Those helping migrants are intimidated, **risk fines and sometimes detention**

- 5 EU Member States continue to have **temporary border controls** at the EU's internal borders

Greater use of IT systems

- 5 new regulations** on EU IT border management systems

- 3 of them extending the scope of the **Schengen Information System - SIS II**
- creating a **European Travel Information and Authorisation System - ETIAS**
- creating an **Entry-Exit System**

- 3 legislative proposals** on interoperability and on amending the **Visa Information System**

- Biometric data** processing increases 

- Plans to store data of every foreigner coming to or living in the EU in an EU-wide system

Responses lacking

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Europeans recognise long-term need for migrant integration

- Refugees face difficulties in **bringing their family members** - this negatively affects their integration
- Once granted asylum, migrants are given as little as **3 months** in some countries to find suitable new housing