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European migration governance

113,889

Arrivals in Europe, January to November 2026, November partial (all of 2025: 154,550)

UNHCR Operational Data Portal, Mediterranean situation, November 2026

2,800

Dead or missing on 7 routes into Europe, 1 Jan to 15 Nov 2026 (same days of 2025: 2,762)

IOM Missing Migrants Project, 15 November 2026

34,860

First-time asylum applicants in the EU in August 2026 (August 2025: 51,800)

Eurostat, August 2026

77,280

Returns from the EU after an order to leave, Jan to Jun 2026 (Jan to Jun 2025: 73,145)

Eurostat, second quarter of 2026

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The Situation, November 2026

The Pact on Migration and Asylum has applied since June 2026, and in November the Irish Council presidency asked governments whether to review all of its instruments in 2027 (Rapporteur, 12 November 2026). Frontex recorded almost 110,000 irregular crossings into the EU in January to October 2026, 29% fewer than a year earlier (Frontex, 13 November 2026). Deaths and disappearances on the Eastern Mediterranean route rose by around 80% in January to October 2026 against 2025 (UNHCR, 17 November 2026). Protests at Greece's Sintiki detention camp in the third quarter of 2026 drew attention to hunger and overcrowding among the people held there (MMC, Quarterly Mixed Migration Update: Europe, Q3 2026).

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EU Institutions

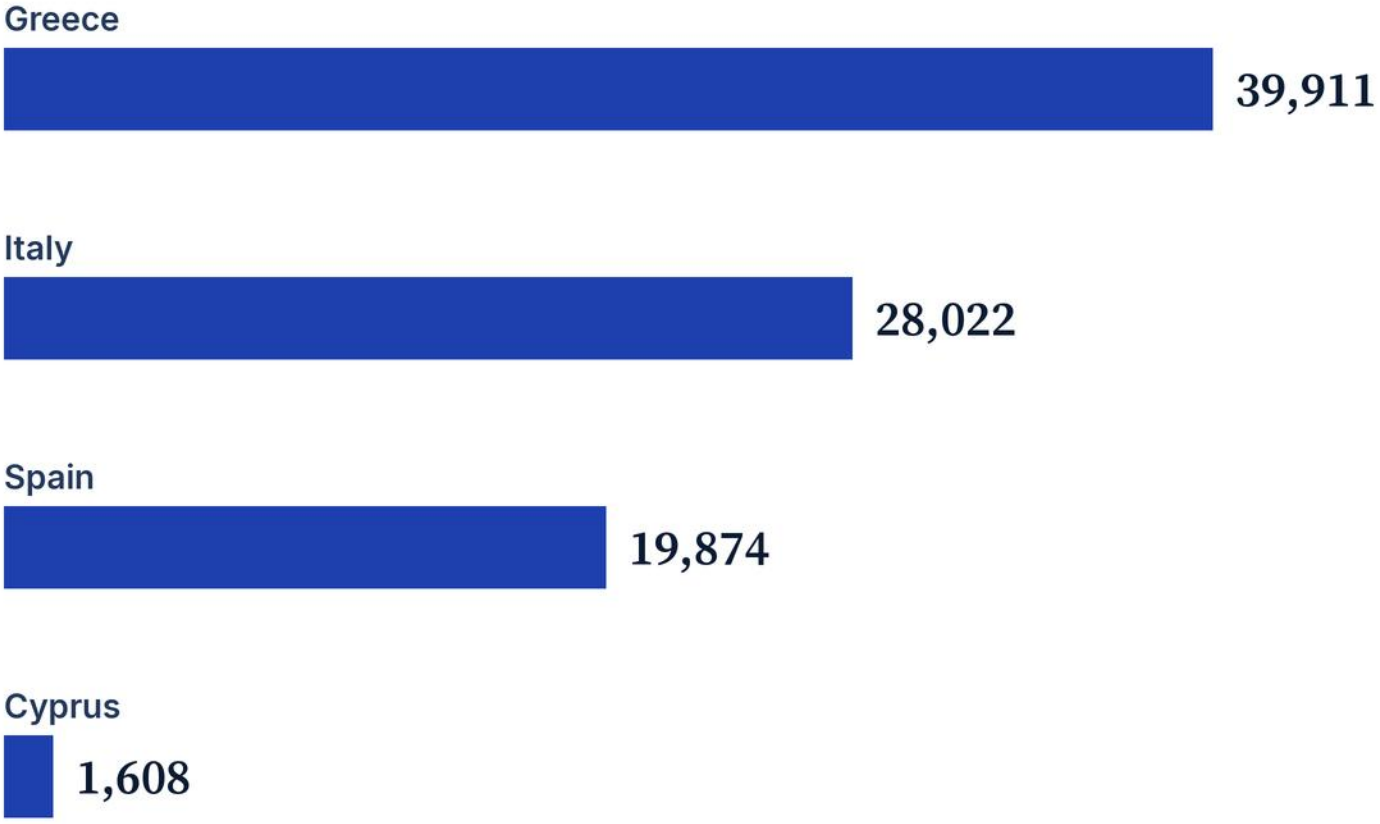
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- **Commission.** On 6 November 2026 the European Commission proposed the Annual Solidarity Pool for 2027 and named Spain, Italy, Greece and Cyprus as under migratory pressure; governments set its size by year end (Euronews, 6 November 2026).
- **Commissioner Brunner.** Commissioner Magnus Brunner told Parliament's civil liberties committee on 4 November 2026 that Frontex could help deport people to and from return hubs outside the EU (Politico Europe, 4 November 2026).
- **Council presidency.** An Irish Council presidency note of 11 November 2026 says people displaced from Ukraine still struggle to prove they left Ukraine legally, as an August 2026 rule requires (Agence Europe, 13 November 2026).
- **Frontex.** Frontex stopped taking new applications for reintegration support to people returned to their countries on 2 October 2026, after its budget ran out (Politico Europe, 15 October 2026).

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Arrivals in Italy, Greece, Spain and Cyprus in 2026

Refugees and migrants arriving, January to November 2026, November partial



Source: UNHCR, Operational Data Portal, Mediterranean situation, November 2026

Member States and the United Kingdom

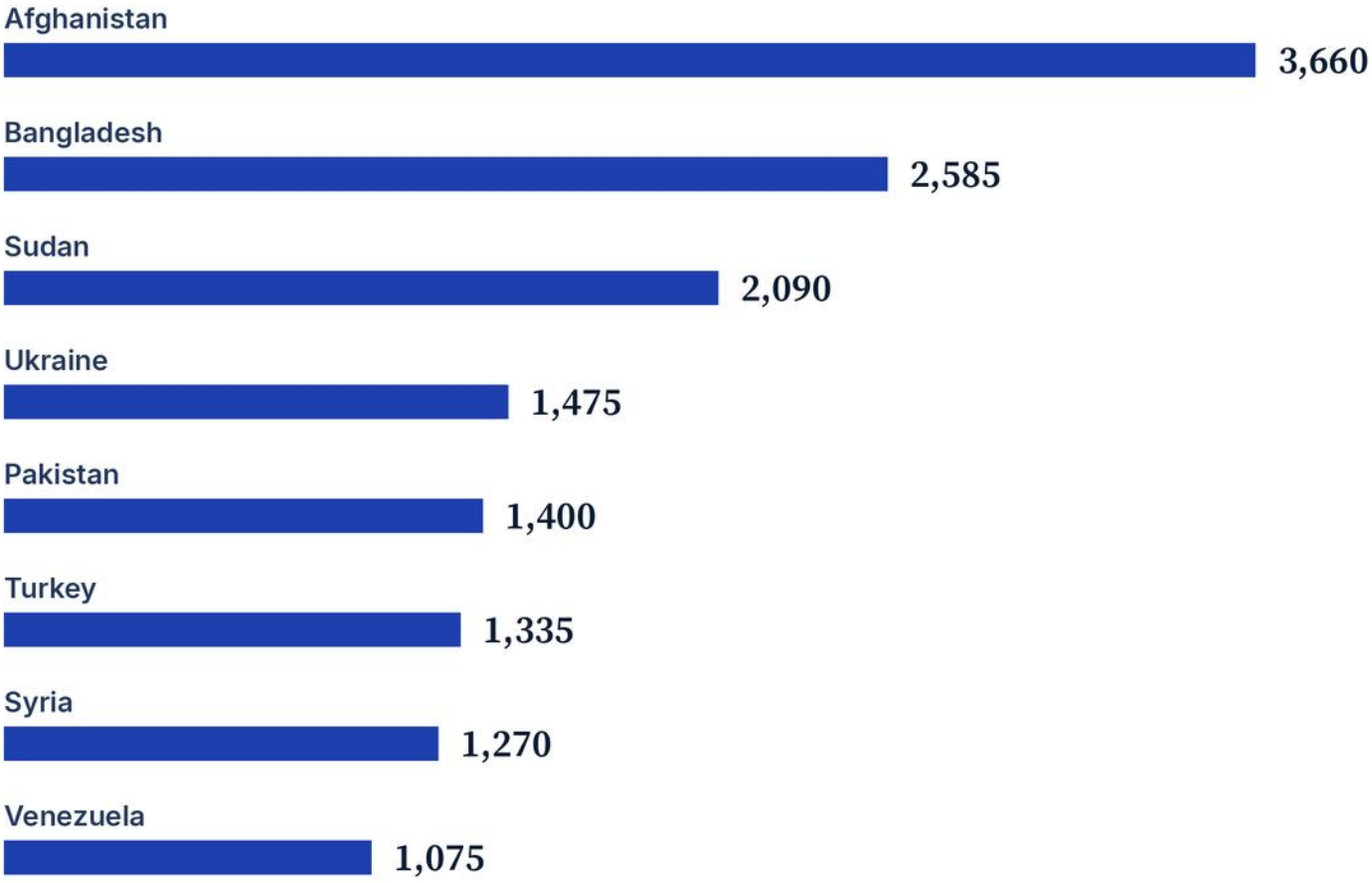
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- **Poland.** Poland's tenth 60-day extension of its limit on asylum applications at the Belarus border took effect on 17 November 2026. Applications from 496 people were not accepted up to 15 October (Portal Samorządowy, 17 November 2026).
- **Belgium.** On 16 November 2026 the Belgian government approved a draft law that would let it refuse reception to asylum seekers whom the Dublin rules assign to another member state (Business AM, 17 November 2026).
- **Germany.** German authorities turned away or pushed back 23,754 people at Germany's borders in January to August 2026, and 655 of them were asylum seekers (Federal Police via InfoMigrants, 16 November 2026).
- **United Kingdom.** Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood plans to amend the Immigration and Asylum Bill to end the 5 working days' notice of removal for people whose asylum appeals have failed (BBC News, 17 November 2026).

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Citizenships of First-Time Asylum Applicants in the EU

First-time asylum applicants in the EU-27 by citizenship, August 2026



Source: Eurostat, first-time asylum applicants by citizenship, monthly, August 2026

Partnerships and Funding Outside the EU

R15 FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND RESTRICTED MOVEMENT

- **Nigeria.** Commissioner Brunner and Nigeria's foreign minister signed an EU-Nigeria readmission agreement in Abuja on 10 November 2026; Parliament's consent comes next (European Commission, 11 November 2026).
- **Rwanda.** Austria, Denmark, Germany, Greece and the Netherlands announced in Vienna on 16 November 2026 that Rwanda would receive their rejected asylum seekers; no formal deal is signed (EUobserver, 16 November 2026).
- **Libya.** In October 2026 Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told EU leaders of an additional €25 million for border management, search and rescue and anti-smuggling work in eastern Libya (InfoMigrants, 14 October 2026).
- **Egypt.** Egypt's Interior Ministry and the EU police training agency CEPOL signed a working arrangement during Commissioner Brunner's visit to Cairo on 12 November 2026. Neither side published its text (DNE Africa, 15 November 2026).

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Protection and International Law

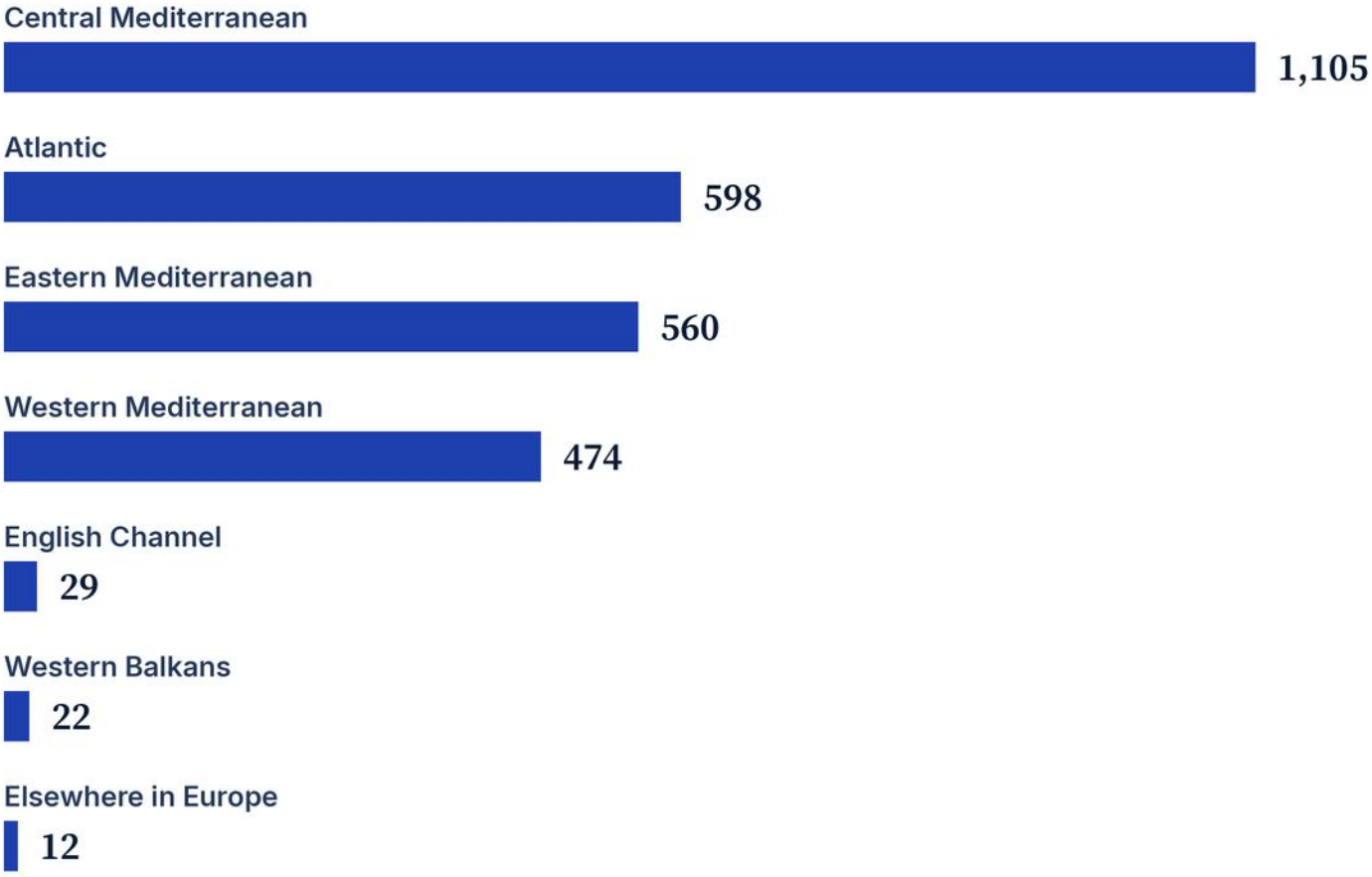
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- **ECtHR.** The European Court of Human Rights found on 17 November 2026 that Greece violated Article 5 by detaining an Egyptian father and 2 children seeking asylum at Athens airport in 2017 (ECtHR, 17 November 2026).
- **Council of Europe.** On 10 November 2026 Commissioner Michael O'Flaherty told states planning external migration cooperation, including return hubs, to protect human rights in practice or step back (Council of Europe, 10 November 2026).
- **UNHCR.** Deaths and disappearances at sea on routes to Europe rose from 2,100 to 2,500 in January to September 2026 against 2025, UNHCR said, calling rescue a legal obligation (UNHCR, 17 November 2026).
- **Croatia.** SOS Balkanroute said masked Croatian police beat 53 migrants, 3 women and 2 children among them, and pushed them back into Bosnia and Herzegovina on 11 November 2026 (Arab News, 15 November 2026).

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People Dead or Missing on the Routes into Europe by Route

People recorded dead or missing, 1 January to 15 November 2026



Source: IOM, Missing Migrants Project, 15 November 2026

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