

END THE EU'S WAR ON MIGRATION

*Stop the criminalisation of migration!
Stop the criminalisation of solidarity!
Stop the EU deportation regime!*



THE EU ADDS MORE WALLS TO FORTRESS EUROPE...

The European Commission is proposing **three laws** that give new, broad powers to EU and national law enforcement authorities, allowing them to racially profile, detain and deport migrants and criminalise NGOs with impunity.

These laws escalate the erosion of the right to asylum and the criminalisation of human movement already laid down by the 2024 Migration and Asylum Pact.

PROTECTION NOT PUNISHMENT! CARE NOT CONTROL!

The EU can choose to build a system of protection and solidarity. Instead of the billions spent on border militarisation and policing, taxpayer money can be redirected to focus on safety rather than criminalisation.

We know it is possible — the EU's response to the war in Ukraine is proof. Three million refugees fleeing the war were granted safe routes, along with support, protection and the rights needed to rebuild their lives in several (albeit not all) EU states.

1. FACILITATION DIRECTIVE

The EU is legalising unlawful arrests of migrants, search and rescue workers, and boat drivers!

Using the excuse of “combating people smuggling”, the Facilitator’s Directive broadens the legal definition of smuggling beyond international standards. The new definition will include anyone helping an asylum seeker enter Europe. This would mean **people seeking asylum and humanitarian workers can be arrested for smuggling**, instead of the smuggling networks the EU claims to be targeting.

**MEPS: AMEND THE FACILITATION DIRECTIVE TO PROTECT
MIGRANTS BY INCLUDING:**

1. **A clear definition of smuggling** as a for-profit activity aligned with existing international standards
2. **A legally binding humanitarian exemption** that protects migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, their families, and human rights defenders from being charged with smuggling.

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2. EUROPOL REGULATION

The EU is using “fighting smuggling” as an excuse to expand its own police powers and resources!

The same excuse gives Europol - the EU's police agency - unprecedented resources and surveillance powers. This means mandatory biometric data collection, **increased data sharing with Frontex**, heightened racial profiling and disproportionate targeting of migrants and racialised people.

The EU's own restrictive migration policy has shut down safe and legal routes, fueling the very smuggling they claim to fight!

MEPS: REJECT THE EUROPOL REGULATION IN FULL

- 1. Unlawful** - the proposal expands the agency's powers beyond its 'cooperation' mandate and above national government competencies
- 2. Unsafe** - the increase in Europol's mass data collection mandate risks widespread violations of privacy, denounced by the European Data Protection Supervisor. It also pushes data sharing with Frontex, a known human rights violator, and third countries (many with records of human rights violations)
- 3. Unsubstantiated** - the proposal was presented without a proper impact assessment, going against the EU's own Better Regulation Guidelines. The European Parliament's substitute impact assessment calls into question the effectiveness and lawfulness of the proposal.

3. DEPORTATION REGULATION

**There is no such thing as a humane deportation system.
All forced removals are inherently violent and dangerous!**

The EU's so-called 'Returns Regulation' is a front for expanding its **deadly deportation regime**. National governments will have a “duty” to detect irregular migrants, legitimising **racial profiling and surveillance** of migrants and people perceived as such. It lays the ground for **illegal offshore deportation prisons**, detaining people to facilitate their expulsion, like previously failed UK-Rwanda and Italy-Albania deals.

MEPS: REJECT THE DEPORTATION REGULATION IN FULL

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- rejection of the Europol Regulation
- rejection of the Deportation Regulation

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