

Refugee Protection, Migration and Human Rights in Europe

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Summary

This policy briefing discusses key practical aspects of refugee protection, as well as questions of racism and xenophobia in Europe. In particular, it addresses:

- The inadequacy of Europe's responses to the Syrian crisis and how this illustrates broader problems with refugee protection
- The lack of coordinated action on refugees in Europe

Unfortunately however, the media are often not used to tackling issues like racism, violence against migrants, and discrimination. Thus, national reporting is usually ineffective and, at times, non-existent.

This is not only the case in Greece. Throughout Europe,

While the debates do of course need to be framed differently in different countries, with economic arguments, efficiency arguments, and welfare arguments discussed where appropriate, overall liberal discourse in favour of migration is largely absent from current debates. The silence of the moderates in respect of these issues in Europe is a particularly worrying development.

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