

## Europe & EU Migration Policy

- [The Steering Committee's 'Preliminary Draft Text' for the Chişinău Declaration: Nothing is Wrong with the ECtHR's Migration Case-Law](#)  
*EJIL:Talk! – Lorenzo Acconciamezza (University of Palermo), 9 Feb 2026*  
Argues that states have not shown evidence that ECtHR migration case law is overly pro-migrant. Suggests the reform push is politically driven and risks undermining judicial independence.
- [Seven Peace and Security Priorities for Africa in 2026](#)  
*International Crisis Group Briefing, 9 Feb 2026*  
Identifies seven urgent conflict risks for African leaders in 2026. Emphasises fragile states, regional spillovers and funding gaps in a shifting global order.
- [Routes in Flux: Is EU Migration Policy Working?](#)  
*Mixed Migration Centre – Peter Grant, Roberto Forin, Jennifer Vallentine, Feb 2026*  
Argues falling arrivals reflect route displacement rather than durable solutions. Calls for scaling legal pathways and balancing deterrence with protection.
- [EU Moves Closer to Creating Offshore Centres for Migrants and Asylum Seekers](#)  
*The Guardian – Jennifer Rankin, 10 Feb 2026*  
Parliament backs transfers to countries with no prior link to applicants. NGOs warn of erosion of asylum safeguards and rule-of-law concerns.
- [EU Judges Rein in Bulgaria's Asylum Handoff System](#)  
*Courthouse News – Eunseo Hong, 5 Feb 2026*  
CJEU clarifies strict limits on the “safe third country” concept. Requires genuine connection and real judicial scrutiny before transfers.
- [Frontex Doubled Number of 'Returns' in Three Years](#)  
*Statewatch – Matthias Monroy, 9 Feb 2026*  
Frontex supported over 63,000 removals in 2025, nearly double 2023 levels. Raises concerns over scale, coercion and oversight.

## United States

- [How ICE Defies Judges' Orders to Release Detainees, Step by Step](#)  
*Politico – Kyle Cheney, 10 Feb 2026*  
Review of hundreds of cases shows repeated noncompliance with court release orders. Judges express mounting frustration over accountability gaps.
- [Less Than 14% of Those Arrested by ICE Had Violent Criminal Records](#)  
*CBS News – Camilo Montoya-Galvez, 9 Feb 2026*  
Data show fewer than 14% of ICE arrestees had violent convictions. Challenges claims that enforcement targets mainly violent offenders.
- [Is Immigration Good for Health?](#)  
*NBER – David C. Grabowski, Jonathan Gruber & Brian E. McGarry, Feb 2026*  
Finds immigration strengthens the healthcare workforce. A 25% increase in immigration could prevent ~5,000 US deaths annually.

- [What We Lost When We Lost U.S.A.I.D.](#)  
*The New York Times – Jeremy Konyndyk, 8 Feb 2026*  
Argues USAID’s dismantling sharply reduced global humanitarian reach. Warns of long-term damage to US credibility and influence.

## Africa & Middle East

- [Report Indicts African Union for Failing to Prevent, Resolve Conflicts](#)  
*The Standard – James Wanzala, 11 Feb 2026*  
Criticises AU’s limited role in mediating major conflicts. Highlights funding and coordination weaknesses.
- [UN Expert Says Afghanistan Unsafe for Return of Many Refugees](#)  
*Khaama Press – Fidel Rahmati, 8 Feb 2026*  
UN rapporteur warns deportations expose Afghans to serious rights risks. Calls for halt to forced returns amid worsening conditions.
- [Tunisia, the Hell of Sfax: “Here Solidarity Has Become a Crime”](#)  
*Vita – Anna Spena, 10 Feb 2026*  
Reports harsh police raids and criminalisation of migrant support. NGOs argue Tunisia should not be considered “safe.”
- [Urgent Medical Evacuations Through Rafah Predicted to Take Over Four Years](#)  
*Save the Children, 12 Feb 2026*  
Only 24% of agreed medical evacuations implemented. Thousands reportedly died awaiting treatment.

## Labour Migration & Demographics

- [Can We Sustain Progress and Convergence in an Ageing World?](#)  
*The British Academy – Charles Kenny, Feb 2026*  
Global ageing threatens growth in rich economies. Migration seen as central to sustaining labour markets and convergence.
- [Belgium Tightens Migration Rules Amid Worker Shortage](#)  
*InfoMigrants – Natasha Mellersh, 10 Feb 2026*  
Belgium restricts migration despite labour shortages. Economists warn of tension between politics and demographic needs.