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Committee on Security and Defense (SEDE)

Bearing in mind that the newly established ‘European Border and Coast Guard’ agency has been operating since 2017, how can the EU fully exploit the agency’s potentials in order to effectively respond to the security and migration challenges at the continent’s Mediterranean border? What other measures can the EU take to ensure the protection of its external borders?

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1. Key Terms – General Overview

The committee’s responsibility is to come up with ways to fully exploit the potential of the ‘European Border and Coast Guard Agency’ as well as other ways to effectively respond to the security and migration challenges at the continent’s Mediterranean border.

European Border and Coast Guard Agency: More commonly known as “FRONTEX”

CSDP: Common Security and Defense Policy

PESCO: Permanent Structured Cooperation

EES: Entry/Exit System

Europol: European Union's law enforcement agency

2. Main Stakeholders

The ‘European Border and Coast Guard Agency’, or ‘FRONTEX’ started its activities on 6 October 2016. It aims to help Member States to deal with challenges at their external borders more effectively. Its role includes: monitoring the management of EU external borders, risk assessment, operational and technical assistance to Member States, supporting search and rescue operations and national coast guard authorities.

The EU’s agenda on migration is focused on better managing European borders, preventing losses of migrants’ lives at sea and strengthening the role of Europol as an information hub in the short term. In the long term, the EU aims to reduce the incentives for illegal immigration, better managing external borders, strengthening the common asylum policy and developing a new policy on legal migration.

3. Measures in place

Operation Themis: An operation launched by FRONTEX in February 2018 where more than 10 ships will be sailing the sea all year round. Rescued migrants will be delivered to the nearest EU port. There will be considerable effort to collect intelligence to stop criminal activity such as drug smuggling and other illegal cargo, but also terrorism.

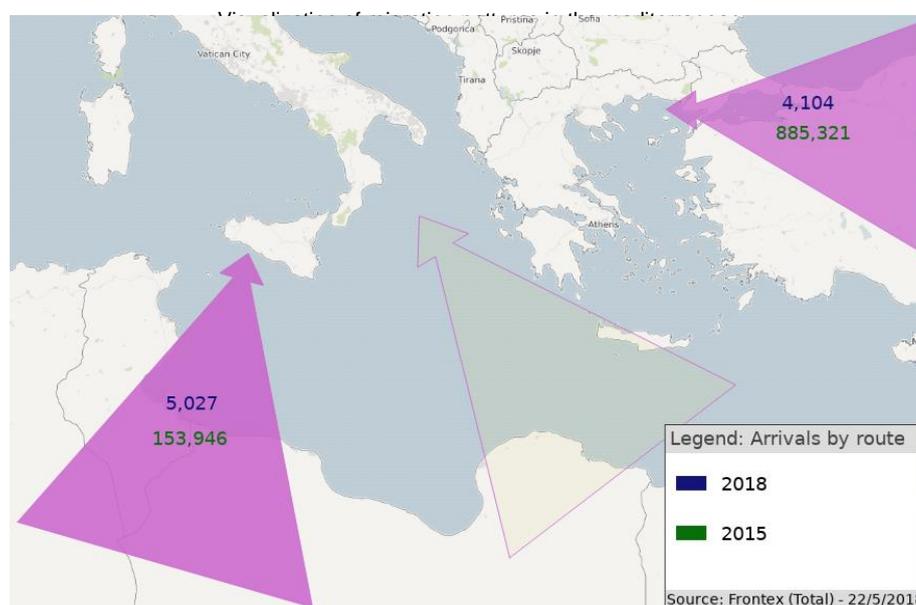
Rapid reaction pool: It consists of at least 1,500 border guards and other relevant staff from Member States placed at the disposal of the agency, which will be able to deploy them at short notice in Rapid Border Interventions and within the framework of the migration management support teams.

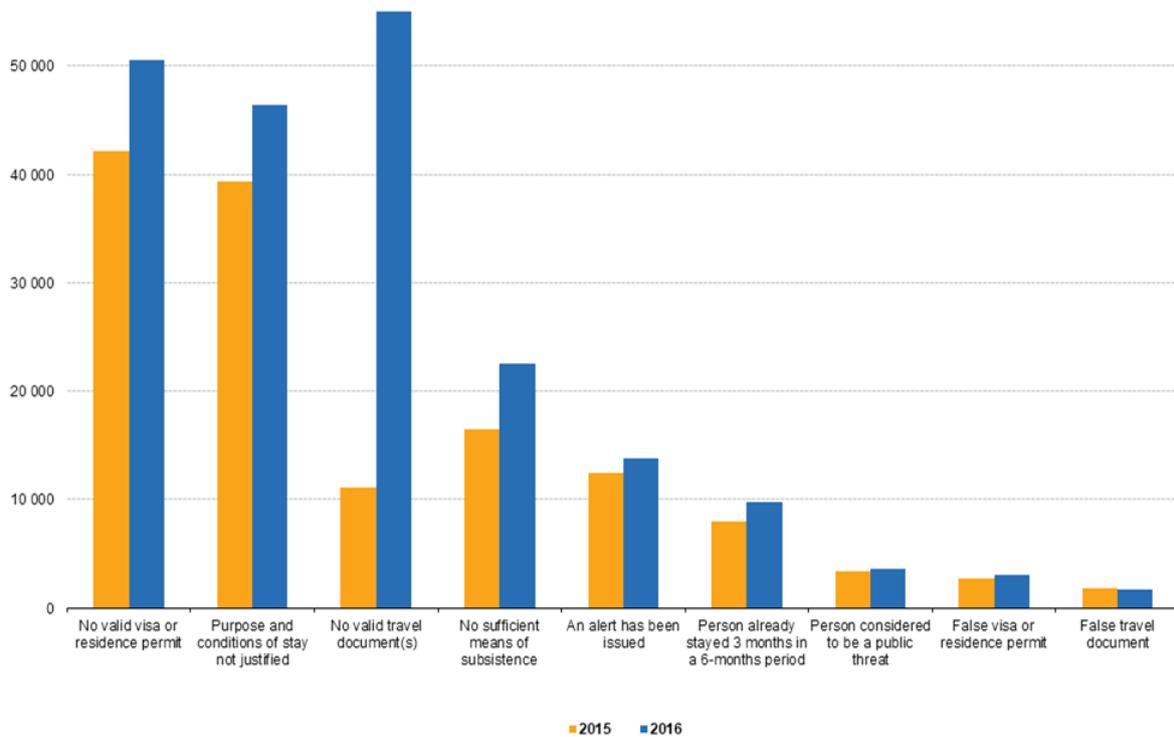
PESCO is a part of the EU's CSDP in which 25 European armed forces pursue regular structural integration. It was first initiated in 2017.

Entry/Exit System is a system where the name, type of travel document, date, place of entry and place of exit will all be registered. This will facilitate the identification of identity fraud and also make the border crossing for civilians easier. The system will apply to all non-EU nationals who are admitted for a short stay into the Schengen area (maximum 90 days).

As part of the Border package, adopted by the European Parliament and Council, a route for cooperation between the EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency), FRONTEX, and EFCA (European Fisheries Control Agency) was established.

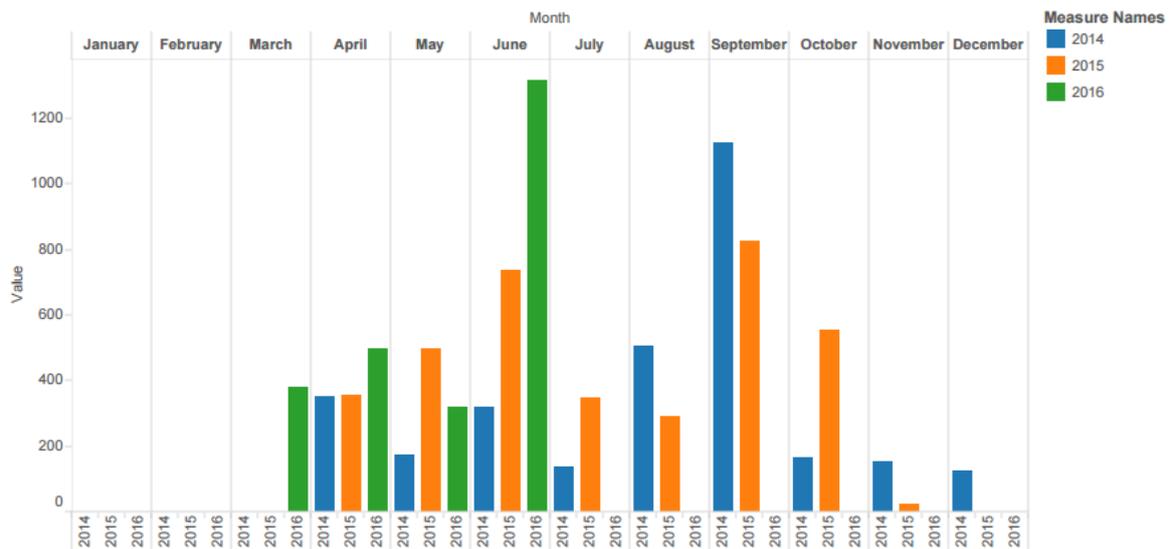
4. Statistics/Graphs





Statistics on enforcement of immigration legislation <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics->

Detentions on the North Coast



Nationalities arriving to Italy(2015-2016)& Detentions on the north Coast

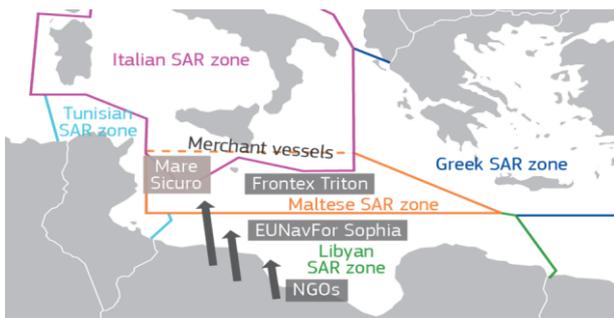
CURRENT EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD



-  **888 officers in Greece**
-  **126 officers in Bulgaria**
-  **407 officers in Italy**
-  **193 officers in Spain**
-  **55 officers in the Western Balkans**

Current European and Coast Guard Agency

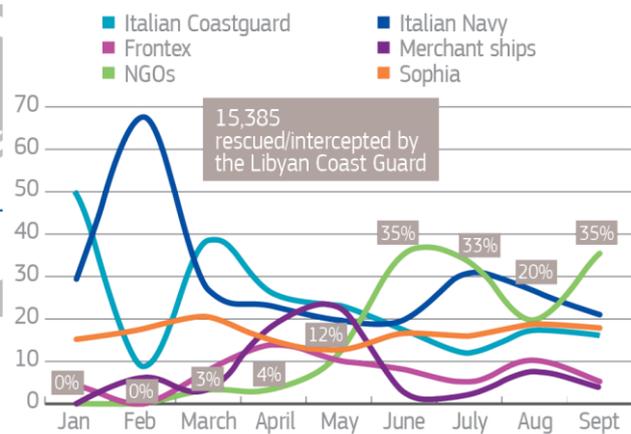
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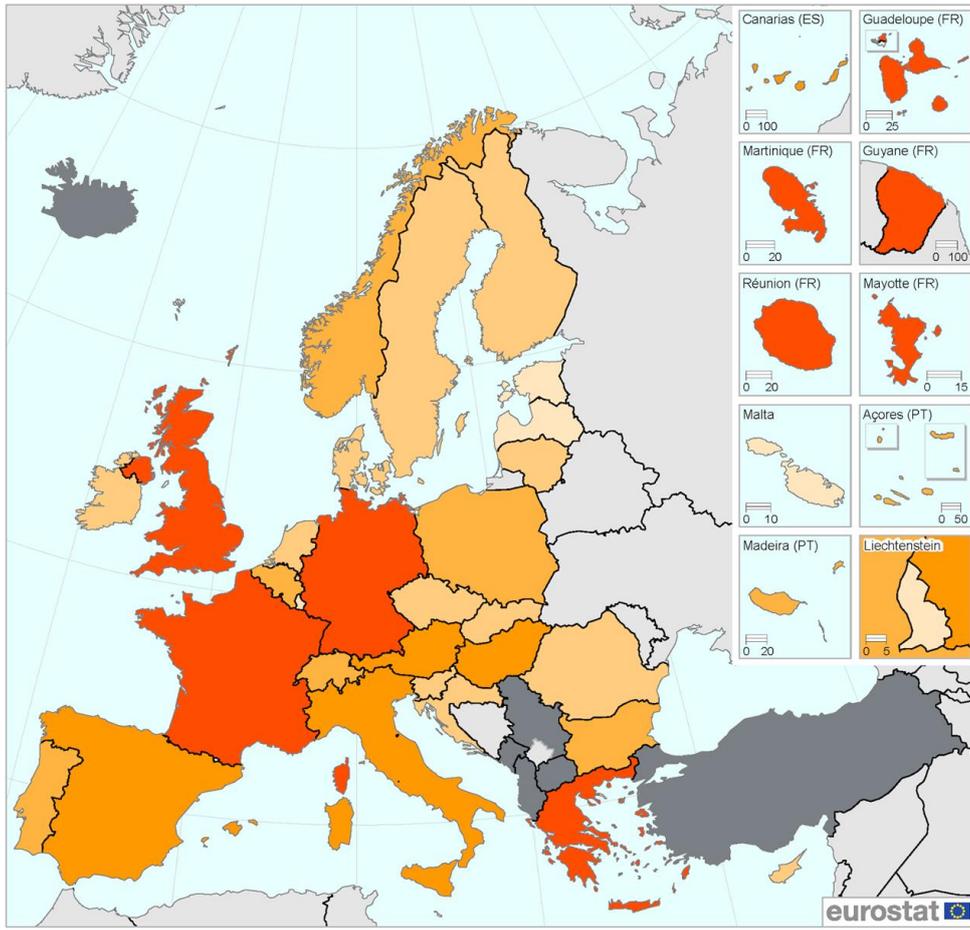


Search and rescue activity zones in the mediterranean, 2016

<https://ec.europa.eu/homeaffairs/>

Search and rescue operations by agency / ship operator, 2016

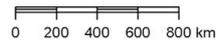




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Persons found to be illegally present (number)

- <= 1 000
- 1 000 – 5 000
- 5 000 – 25 000
- 25 000 – 50 000
- > 50 000
- Data not available



Non-EU citizens found to be illegally present in the EU (2016)

[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Statistics on enforcement of immigration legislation](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Statistics_on_enforcement_of_immigration_legislation)