

# Bullets, Brutality & Barbed Wire

- Reality for People Forced to Flee

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**YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND,  
THAT NO ONE PUTS THEIR CHILDREN IN A BOAT  
UNLESS THE WATER IS SAFER THAN THE LAND**

- Excerpt from 'Home' by Warsan Shire



Photo: Pablo Tosco/Oxfam



**Context: 65 million people are displaced.** There were **21.3 million refugees** worldwide at the end of 2015. About **40.8 million people** were forcibly uprooted people and displaced within their own country last year, and at least **3.2 million** people submitted applications for asylum, the highest level ever recorded. The country hosting the largest number of refugees was **Turkey**, with 2.5 million refugees. By the end of 2014, **Syria** had become the world's primary country of Origin for refugees, overtaking Afghanistan, which had held this position for more than three decades. **86%** of refugees are hosted at regional level in developing countries. Last year, **51%** of refugees were **under 18 years old**. This is the highest figure for child refugees in more than a decade.

***"Suffering in the world has reached levels not seen in a generation. Conflicts and disasters have driven millions of children, women and men to the edge of survival. They desperately need our help."***

**- Stephen O'Brien, UN Secretary-General's Representative for Humanitarian Affairs + Emergency Relief Coordinator**

- The 2016 Global Humanitarian Appeal requires US\$20.1 billion to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to over 87.6 million people across 37 countries, most of which are in conflict.
- Devastating natural disasters and drought displace millions of people from Nepal to West Africa. However, armed conflicts have been the greatest driver of prolonged humanitarian need.
- Conflict and poverty has scarred people's lives, robbed them of dignity, and shattered economies, livelihoods and vital infrastructure, including health facilities and schools
- Crises are becoming more protracted and displacement levels are unprecedented due to the lack of durable political solutions.
- The brutal, extended conflicts in Iraq, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen continue to affect staggering numbers of people and put extraordinary strain on the humanitarian system.
- The level of violence is unspeakable. Millions of people are trapped in conflict zones and subjected to flagrant human rights abuses. In Yemen, some 4,500 civilians were reportedly killed or injured by explosive weapons in the first seven months of 2016.
- Humanitarian workers have not been spared this violence. Yet, resilient and determined, humanitarian workers are reaching more people in more places than ever before.

## The refugee crisis you won't have heard about: On the ground in Tanzania

Posted by: Brian Cunningham

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# Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals to Greece

2015 2016

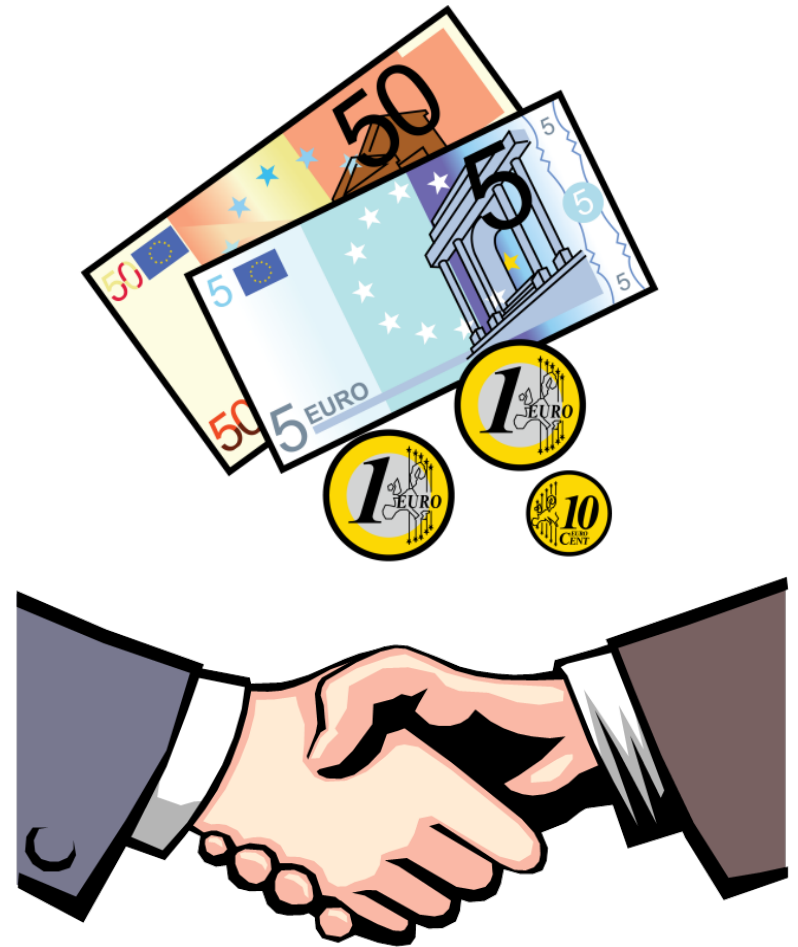


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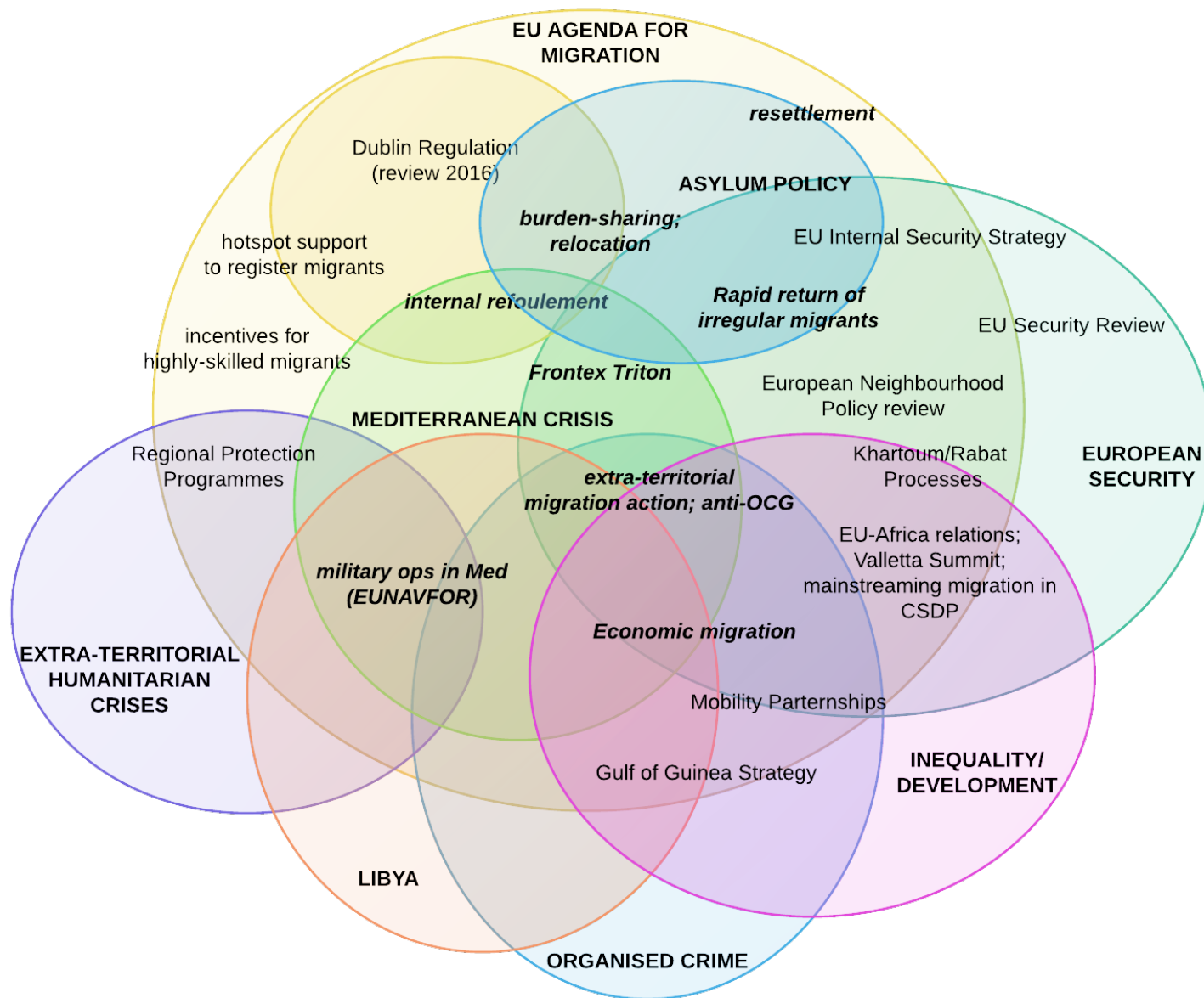


# Foreign policy: STOP MIGRATION

- EU-Turkey Deal
- Bi-lateral compacts (Lebanon, Jordan)
- “Better” migration management programmes (WAF, HECA, North AF)
- NEW: Partnership framework agreements (Ethiopia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal)
- UN Migration Summit with no outcomes



# Europe approach to migration













LL  
My message to Europe is that we could stay here in Greece for a long time but not under these circumstances. I still believe that Europe will take care of us. They will not let us down. LL

Sanda, 40, Syrian, Kara Tepe Camp, Lesbos

LL  
Divide us up among all of the countries so one country doesn't feel all the pressure. We don't mind. We just want to be able to go somewhere and live safely, in peace, so our children can have a proper education. LL

Afghan male, Filippiada Camp, Epirus

LL  
I want to send a message to the Greek people. I want to thank them. They are very kind with us. LL

Maha, 40, Yazidi from Iraq, Skaramagas Camp, Athens

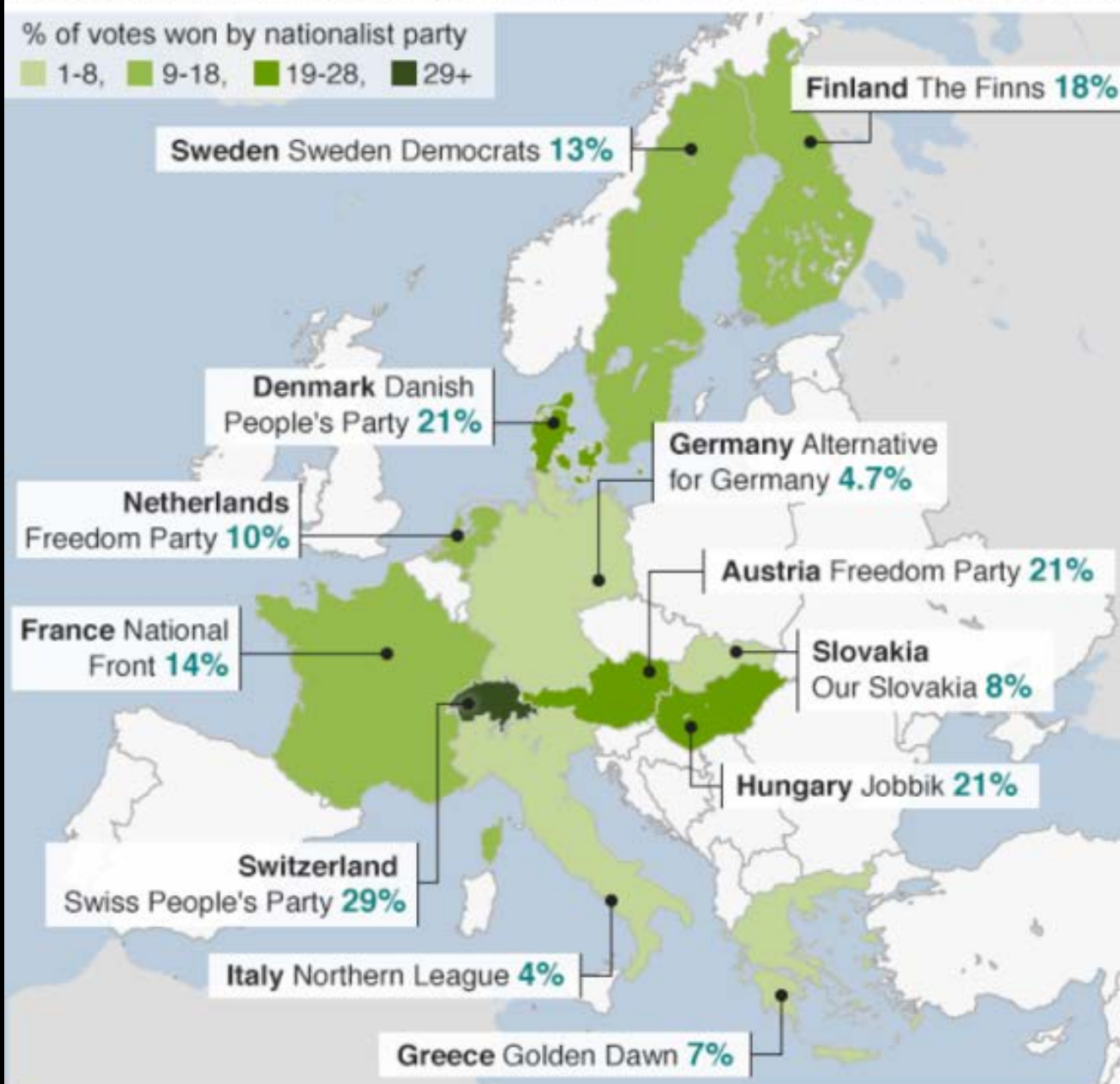
LL  
We want to tell Europe we are sorry. LL

Marianne, 17, Syrian, Moria closed facility, Lesbos

## Rise of nationalism in Europe: Results of most recent national elections

% of votes won by nationalist party

1-8, 9-18, 19-28, 29+



In many countries nationalists got higher scores in European Parliament elections and opinion polls



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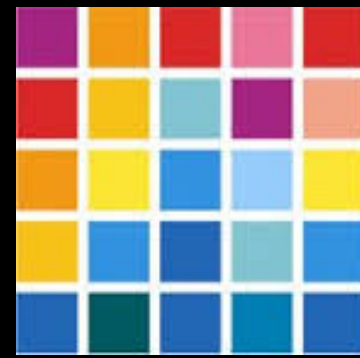
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**# REFUGEES  
WELCOME**



EURO  
CITIES



# What has Ireland done?

- Irish Refugee Resettlement Programme: The Irish refugee resettlement programme has been in operation since 2000.
- **1,724** vulnerable persons from 30 different countries, including Iraq and Syria, have been resettled in Ireland to date under the **16 years** of the programme.
- Refugees have been resettled in 32 different communities throughout Ireland and in all four Dublin local authorities.
- The Government pledged to accept a total of **4,000** persons into the State by the end of 2017, through relocation and resettlement.
- Approximately **750** people have arrived so far + the regular asylum system granted refuge roughly **3%** of asylum applications in 2015.







