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Borders in Europe

The EU-Turkey agreement, externalisation of the security border,
at what price ?

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I) The outsourcing of borders as a response to a perceived crisis

"Securitization theory provides the most widely applied and developed model of the relationship between migration and security"
Philippe Bourbeau

Iraq and Syrian war : fertile ground for a migration crisis in Europe

- 900 000 asylum seekers in 2015
- The need to reorganise the asylum procedure to relieve the southern EU countries
- Relocation of 160 000 refugees in september 2016

Securitization process to understand the management of the crisis

- A Copenhagen School's theory
- The shift from normal politics to "existential threat" through discourse construction

A treaty implementing mutual advantages



Regaining control



One in one out policy



Reducing illegal immigration



6 billion euros provided as a financial aid to Turkey



Answering public hostility



Abolition of visas facilitates and relaunch of the negotiations process for the Turkey's adhesion to the EU

"No Contracting State shall expel or return a refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion"
Art.33 Geneva Convention



II) A renunciation of the EU's values ?

- The agreement contradicts the Geneva convention on Human rights
- Migration routes shifted to more dangerous sea routes

- Rough treatments institutionalized in registration centers on Greek islands : the so-called "hotspots"



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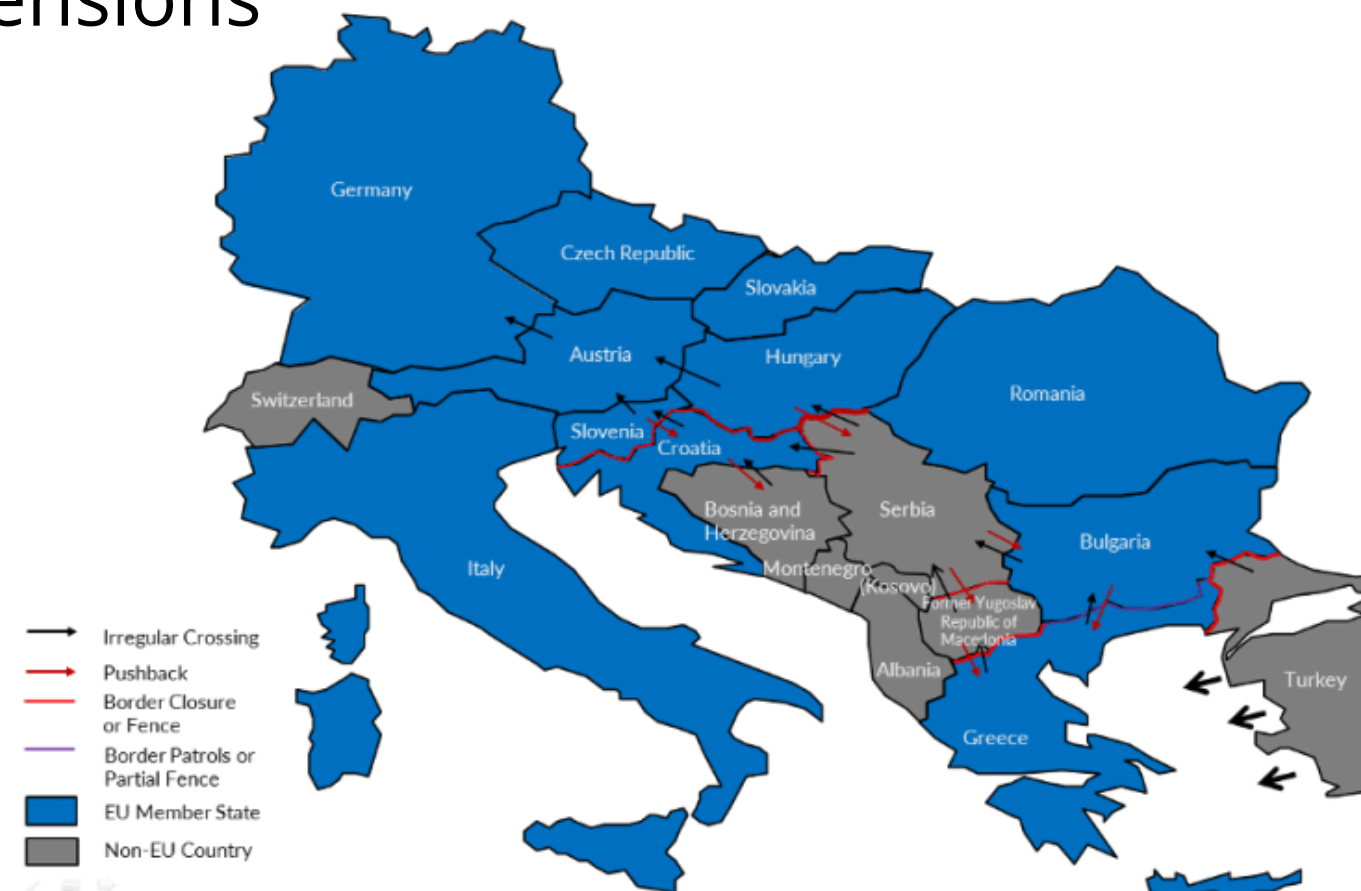
- Border controls understood as making physical crossing for irregular migrants impossible

III) A shift from cooperation to diplomatic leverage

- The geostrategic place of Turkey provides it a diplomatic leverage
- The EU-Turkey cooperation endangered by establishment difficulties and political tensions



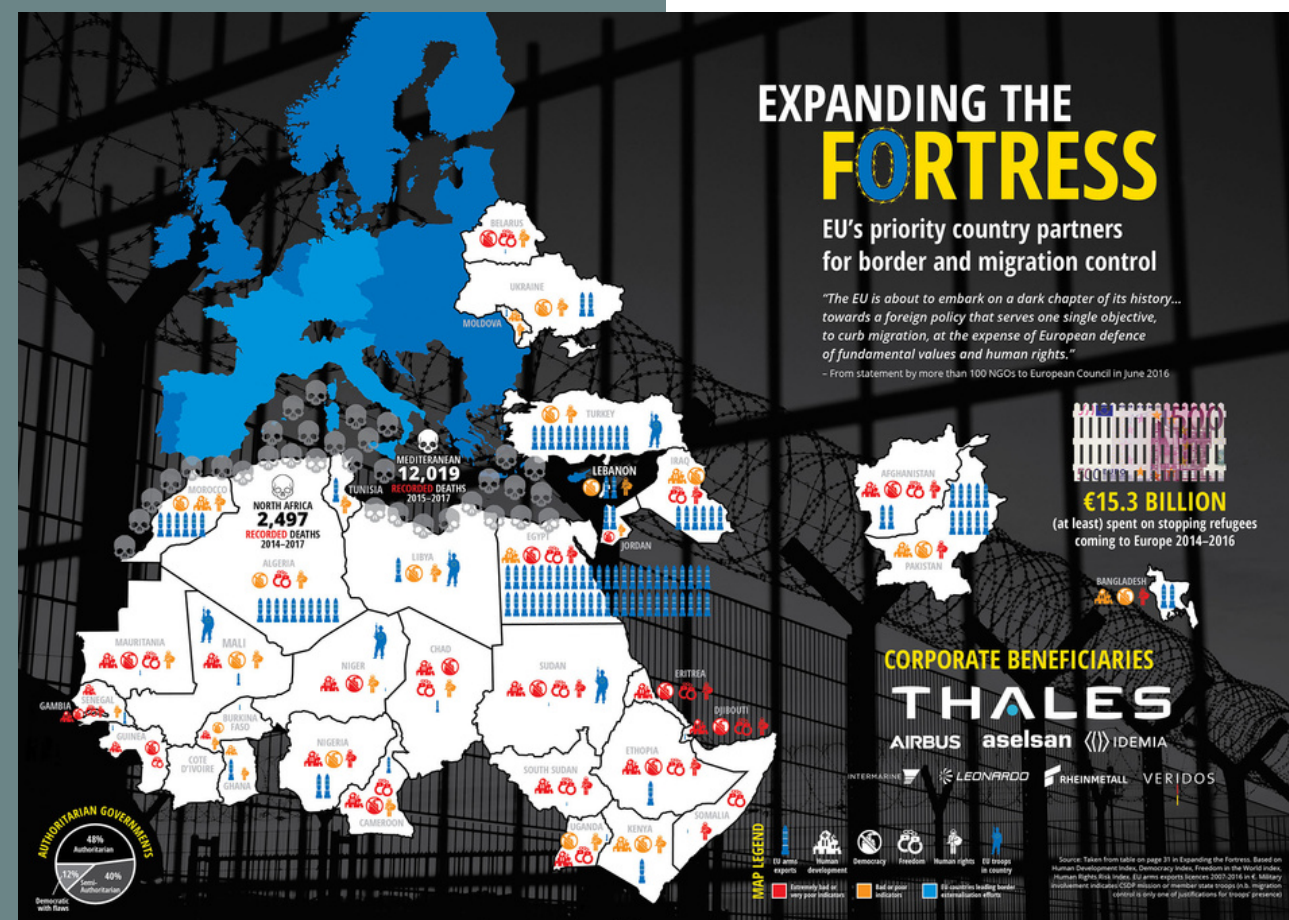
Turkish first Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and former president of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker in the 18th March 2016 Summit in Bruxelles





- The 2016 missed coup froze the mutual EU-Turkey's suspicions
- The migration matter as a diplomatic instrument to impose one's views and interests

Conclusion



Outsourcing has also been implemented on the southern border

What are the alternatives to borders' externalisation ?