

THE REFUGEE CRISIS AFFECTING EU FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

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Abstract

The conflict in Syria has started the largest refugee crisis since World War II. Syria is a country with around 22 million people, from this number with the start of the Syrian civil war, 200000 people have been killed including 8000 children, 7.6 million are internally displaced people, 3.2 million are refugees and 12.2 million people are in need of humanitarian aid. This enormous numbers have had impact not only on the neighboring countries of Syria like Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey but also the impact was huge on the European Union countries and on the international community. Some of the critical challenges and the areas of intervention from the international community and the EU are legal and physical protection, providing shelters, health, education and employment of the refugees. These are not the only obstacles of the refugee crisis there is the economic, political, and social and the security pressures. For all these obstacles, the solutions are that all the EU countries should work together to help the refugees with the creation of improved legal and institutional framework for asylum and migration, the EU must resolve the inadequacies of Dublin that regulates the entry of migrants and redefine the human rights implications and also reinforce the security policies in order to stop or prevent the emergence of nationalist or racist movements and terrorist attacks.

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