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Migration – a general term describing people moving from one area to another.

Immigration – a sub-category of migration, which describes people moving into a country from another country.

## Migration as an event

- Between 2013 and 2014 there was a 277% increase of trips via the Central Mediterranean route.
- This new wave of migrants originate mostly from Syria (21%), Afghanistan (12%) and Iraq (6%), as well as Albania (8%) and Kosovo (5%).

# Immigration as survival

- The people moving have no other choice than to move as their own country is too dangerous for them to live in.
- There is a Common goal to find greater economic and social opportunities, escape persecution and flee conflict.

# Cultural Differences

- The ethnic background of refugees is now mostly Muslims from Asia and Africa.
- Muslim refugees are flowing through Balkan countries that, only 20 years ago, were the scene of inter-ethnic bloodshed.
- Although life in the Balkans has changed significantly, the sudden arrival of large numbers of Muslim refugees does not make local people happy.
- In these countries, and some parts of the EU, they have given up on their role of protecting refugees.

mobility

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fixity

the developing mobility of immigrants, moving within a European nation-state system based historically on the fixity of spatial and cultural borders constitutes them as a racial problem



Thomas Kilpper, *A Lighthouse for Lampedusa*, ongoing project since 2008, here presented as a multimedia installation featuring Holser Wüst, Massimo Ricciardo and *the Collection of Objects of Unknown Refugees*.





Short term policies could include:

- centrally funded reception centres
- coordinated legal routes through which migrants can travel safely to seek refuge
- robust asylum quotas for all member states
- tackling human trafficking
- providing direct aid to refugee camps in the Middle East

“Refugees are with us, and around us in the neighbouring countries. If we do not help them, we will marginalise them. And then – further down the line – they will follow those who promise them a better life and they will believe them”

- Irina Molodikova