

European Union: Topic A Primary Sources

Facilitating Legal Migration and Border Management

Here are the primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: UNHCR Europe Situation Data

This source provides insight to the immigration emergency that is happening within the European Union. The large number of people being forced into asylum is highlighted as well as the number of people who risk their lives to reach the European union and ultimately, safety. The article specifically focuses on the route many people take to get to the European Union and the dangers people face taking it. The main route people take, takes many lives daily.

<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/europe-emergency.html>

Source #2: European Union Immigration Information and Services

This source focuses on the logistics behind immigration to the European Union. It highlights the specific treaty on the European Union and cites specific clauses on citizenship. This article is great for understanding the policies of the European Union, specifically on citizenship and migration.

<https://www.euimmigration.org/eu.html>

Source #3: Slovenia Closes its Borders-- NPR Article

This article coincides with the Slovenia case study. It delves further into the motives behind Slovenia's actions to better understand their border shutdowns. Along with the reasoning, this article displays the difficult situation many immigrants are facing due to Slovenia's border shut down and also the situation Slovenia is putting many other nations in as most people are trapped at the border.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/03/08/469724610/slovenia-closes-its-border-stranding-tens-of-thousands-of-migrants>

Source #4: Schengen, Borders & Visas EU Commission Page

This article from the European commission provides further information on the Schengen zone and its functions. On top of that, the article highlights visas and other important information to help understand migration. It also goes into the effects the Schengen zone has on migration and what the EU is doing to tighten security within and outside of the zone.

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas_en

Source #5: European Parliament Migrant Crisis:

This article gives numbers and statistics about the continuing migrant crisis within the European Union. The statistics also include the amount of people denied applications into the European Union and the amount of people who are trying to seek asylum within the EU.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/society/20170629STO78630/eu-migrant-crisis-facts-and-figures>

Source #6: A Welcoming Europe Infographic

This infographic shows the intensity and the numbers of how many asylum applications countries in the EU receive. Also, the map is interactive and once clicked on, shows the population, and the number of refugees and asylum seekers in the nation. It also highlights the main differences between a refugee and asylum seeker.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/external/html/welcomingeurope/default_en.htm