

## Immigration in Europe

Many people have fled to different European countries for many different reasons. In 2015, Europe's immigration crisis hit an all time high. The most popular immigration destinations include Germany, Italy, and Greece. Italy's government has recently increased talk about this issue, even though the peak of the crisis occurred more than three years ago. Italy has been burdened with for majority of the migrants, which is why they have called for help from the rest of the EU. Italy had also closed certain ports to prevent migrants from coming in. In 2015, German Chancellor, Angela Merkel had established an open door policy for Germany, which let in all refugees. This policy has been quite a hot topic in Germany's political debate. Many German citizens are unhappy with the amount of migrants that are coming into the country for different reasons. In Greece, Migrants make up almost 25% of all wage earned in the economy. Many migrants are coming as refugees from Middle Eastern countries like Yemen, Libya and Syria due to the humanitarian crisis' that occur there. US President, Donald Trump has called for European countries to increase defense budget. Many countries in the EU vary on opinions pertaining to this topic. The one thing that almost all EU is united on is the Schengen Agreement. This document was first signed in 1985 by France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and Belgium. Currently this agreement has been signed by almost all countries within the EU. Many EU countries went to an emergency meeting in June of 2018 in order to discuss this topic. A solution was not put forth. Later the countries agreed for stronger external borders and extra funding to



Things to note:

Your country's stance on the issue

Other countries that agree with you

Other countries that disagree with you

Countries:

United Kingdom

Italy

Spain

Greece

Germany

France

United States

The Netherlands

Belgium

Austria

Sweden

Hungary

Switzerland

Luxembourg

Turkey

Helpful sources:

<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/schengen-agreement/>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/germany-opens-its-gates-berlin-says-all-syrian-asylum-seekers-are-welcome-to-remain-as-britain-is-10470062.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/15/what-current-scale-migration-crisis-europe-future-outlook>