



# ACTIVITY REPORT

**2022**

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*"Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Eric Alain Kamdem, coordinator of the migrant centre in Gao and a member of Migreurop, and to four members of staff of Alternative Espace Citoyens (AEC) - also a member of the network - who were killed in a car accident in Niger on 18 August 2022 while on their way to the Youth Social Forum on Migration in Diffa."*

Cover :

Elsa Tyszler,  
*Melilla barriers*, 2015

# I.

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## Editorial

The year 2022 was marked by serious violations - now commonplace - of the rights of people in exile (refoulements, violence sometimes resulting in death, failure to assist people in danger), with massive efforts on the part of the Member States of the European Union (EU) to externalise European migration management policies and control borders, against a backdrop of large-scale population displacements due, among other factors, to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

European member states have thus continued to use violence and discriminatory, racist and murderous measures, unlawfully and with total impunity, to discourage and punish people on the move wishing to reach or who have reached European territory, justifying their actions using the pretext of safeguarding its integrity. It is clear that European migration policies based on security are not just damaging the EU and its proclaimed values, as well as its member countries, but also social peace, the rule of law and the right to information, well beyond its borders.

The number of deaths at sea continues to rise, while violations of the rights of exiles on land are increasing in a vast geographical area stretching from the English Channel to Belarus and the southern borders with Turkey and the Mediterranean Sea, but also on the Atlantic route, in the Spanish enclaves in Morocco and beyond on the African continent, particularly in the border areas of the Sahara.

In March 2022, for the first time since its creation in 2001, member states agreed to activate the directive on temporary protection in favour of Ukrainian nationals only, to the detriment of other exiles blocked, abused and criminalised at the gates of Europe, even when they are seeking protection. This differentiated treatment by European states of people on the move according to their nationality is evidence of a hierarchy among individuals and their rights, of a prioritisation of the people to be evacuated and received, and of the capacity to deploy substantial financial resources to do so (the EU has mobilized 17 billion euros to help members states to receive Ukrainians) that were supposedly non-existent, as well as of the racist and neo-colonial nature of the security rationale underlying European migration policies.

The Melilla massacre on 24 June 2022 (and the violence that preceded and followed it) was the most emblematic case of the violence of European migration policies, not to mention the increase in deaths at sea and in the desert, the authoritarian drift in Tunisia, and support for various "partner" countries that heavily criminalise civil society and opposition to the regimes in place, such as Egypt and Turkey. In these latter cases, the European Parliament's assessment that the democratic nature of these regimes has deteriorated does not prevent the EU from granting funds to strengthen the repressive capabilities of their police and security forces for anti-migration purposes.

Furthermore, while the European agency Frontex is criticised within the EU for its involvement in rights violations (and for concealing other abuses) at Europe's borders, its budget and powers are constantly increasing, as its scope of action through the development of relations with "third" countries in the context of the externalisation of European security and migration policies. The European Commission does not

seem to consider that Frontex's involvement in human rights violations in the name of achieving the EU's stated objectives is sufficient grounds for opposing its growth and increasing influence beyond Europe's borders.

It is this context and this policy that Migreurop has continued to decipher and denounce over the course of 2022, through its various activities such as the missions carried out in Cyprus, Calais, Belgium and Morocco, the dissemination of tools aimed at a wide audience - including the video devoted to freedom of movement and the 4-page analysis note on the progressive informalisation of the law (Soft-Law), as well as the daily work of the network with its members and partners.

At the time of writing, the many rights violations on Europe's doorstep and the EU's evoked and engineered fear of a new "migration crisis" are being used as a pretext to strengthen policies to outsource asylum and migration control. Yet, exiled people will continue to attempt to cross borders, risking their lives in the process. They will encounter increasingly deadly barriers along the way, but they will also encounter people who show solidarity and who, despite being criminalised, do everything they can to support exiles and defend their rights.

Together with you, our partners, friends and supporters, Migreurop will continue to achieve the objectives it set itself when it was founded: to decipher, publicise and denounce European immigration and asylum policies, in particular detention, the various forms of deportation, the closing of borders and the outsourcing of migration controls by the European Union and its member states.

These efforts also seek to ensure that a dissonant voice is heard in the European context, a voice that proclaims loudly and clearly that a different migration policy is possible and necessary. A policy based on the freedom of all people to come and go and settle in the country of their choice, a policy that respects human rights.

The co-presidency

## II.

# The network

The Migreurop network was created at the European Social Forum in Florence in 2002 and was officially set up as an association in 2005. It now comprises 49 associations and 44 activists and researchers from 17 countries in Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Maghreb and the Middle East.

Its aim is to analyse and document the consequences of European migration policies on the rights and living conditions of people at all stages of the exile journey (border closures and obstacles to mobility, formal and informal administrative detention, the various forms of deportation, externalisation of border control and asylum). It aims to inform public opinion, raise awareness and defend the rights of exiled people.

With this in mind, Migreurop took a stand in 2010 against the detention of migrants and for the closure of all camps for foreigners, and in 2013 for freedom of movement for all, its fair corollary. Migreurop relies on the expertise of its members, with whom it develops joint strategies to defend the rights of people on the move and raise awareness.

The network activities focus on **4 work areas** : identifying, deciphering, awareness-raising to denounce and fight.

— **Identify** gather information on the obstacles to the mobility of foreign nationals, a reality that is difficult to grasp because of a desire to conceal it on the part of the public authorities, but also because of the geographical scope of European migration policies and their consequences. The work of gathering information is based on the expertise of the network's members and partners, and on the organization of field missions.

— **Deciphering** and naming the manifold reality about obstacles to the mobility of exiles, embodied by a range of measures that constitute forced interruptions along migratory routes, from preventing people crossing a border or entering a territory, to "house arrest"- either legally or in a context of police harassment - and formal or informal detention in places of deprivation of liberty at the border or within the territory. This analysis is based on the work of the network's thematic and geographical groups.

— **Awareness-rising** about non-reception, camps and the externalisation of repressive European policies, by creating decoding tools such as analysis Briefs, Atlas, observation/mission reports and videos, and by organising awareness-raising events to provide the widest possible information on the major themes and geographical areas of interest to the network.

— **Denounce and fight** take action by any means necessary to combat European migration policies that are hostile to exiles. For example, at the judicial level via third-party interventions (*amicus curiae*) or by supporting its members' legal actions ; with national, European and international decision-makers; and by structuring a network of partnerships between Euro-African civil society organisations in order to encourage exchanges between groups with multiple practices and objectives, and to promote joint actions and mobilisations.





### III.

## Organisational structure

### a. Management bodies

In December 2021, the Council elected at the General Assembly in October 2021 appointed its three co-presidents, Charles Heller (individual member), Patrice Zinahad for Aracem and Yasha Maccanico for Statewatch, as well as the allocation of members to the Council's committees. The Board met remotely in March, May, September and December 2022 (initially scheduled to take place face-to-face in Tunis, this Board meeting was finally held remotely due to budgetary constraints).

The Council's mission was to respond to the major strategic orientations voted at the 2021 General Assembly:

- Strengthening north south synergies internally and in Migreurop's work
- Putting the struggles of those affected at the heart of the network's work
- Incorporating a racism lens into all the network's work
- Reinforce the appropriation and use by members of the tools produced by the network, in particular on freedom of movement and settlement
- To plan and rethink the distribution of the network's tools in order to improve Migreurop's communication and visibility in Migreurop the public arena.

### b. Members

Migreurop's membership currently comprises 49 associations and 44 individual members who are activists and/or researchers, based in 17 countries in Africa, the Middle East and Europe, including two observer members: the European Association for the Defense of Human Rights (AEDH) and Secours Catholique (France) des Droits de l'Homme (AEDH) et le Secours Catholique (France). See the complete list of members by country in appendix 1.

In 2022, 4 new individual members joined the network, all four of them researchers.

In addition, one member was expelled following public statements which completely opposed the network's positions. The removal was carried out in accordance with the procedure set out in Migreurop's articles of association.

### c. Changes in Migreurop team :

There were some major changes to the Migreurop team in 2022: Camille Bossé, Fundraiser, was replaced by Priscille Duflos during her maternity leave from April to October, and Anna Sibley - who joined the Gisti (the network's French member) in September 2022 - was replaced as operational co-coordinator by Nawal Karroum.

CHARGES	2022	2021	PRODUITS	2022	2021
<b>60 – Purchases</b>	<b>4 893 €</b>	<b>3 168 €</b>	<b>74- Operating subsidies</b>	<b>218 801 €</b>	<b>206 425 €</b>
Atlas	2 636 €		<b>Public funding</b>	<b>6 000 €</b>	
Equipments	898 €	1 763 €	Seine-St-Denis department	6 000 €	
Newspaper subscriptions	587 €	605 €			
Digital tools subscriptions	773 €	800 €	<b>Private foundations</b>	<b>212 801 €</b>	<b>206 425 €</b>
<b>61 – External services</b>	<b>24 846 €</b>	<b>23 082 €</b>	Report Thanks for Nothing		62 925 €
Annual office rent	10 800 €	10 800 €	Fondation un Monde par Tous	20 000 €	20 000 €
Renting expenses for conferences		115 €	Fondation Léopold Mayer	30 000 €	30 000 €
Maintenance	1 957 €	2 014 €	Fondation de France	45 000 €	
Insurance	185 €	346 €	CCFD (soutien structurel)	30 000 €	30 000 €
Volunteers training	4 509 €	1 500 €	CCFD (soutien de projets spécifiques)	9 000 €	3 000 €
Various contributions	266 €		Global Fund for Human Rights	13 801 €	40 500 €
Mission expenses (Atlas, Sabir, volunteers missions etc.)	7 129 €	8 307 €	Fondation Inkermann	15 000 €	
<b>62 – Other external services</b>	<b>18 710 €</b>	<b>19 757 €</b>	Emmaüs France	15 000 €	10 000 €
<b>Fees to intermediaries</b>	<b>9 707 €</b>	<b>11 796 €</b>	Fondation Abbé Pierre	20 000 €	10 000 €
Auditor	4 647 €	5 280 €	Fondation PAM	4 000 €	
Interpretation	4 482 €	5 353 €	Gauche européenne	7 000 €	
Postal and telecommunications fees	305 €	849 €	CRID	4 000 €	
Banking services	273 €	314 €			
<b>Publishing and communication posts</b>	<b>9 003 €</b>	<b>7 961 €</b>	<b>75 – Own funds</b>	<b>24 933 €</b>	<b>45 396 €</b>
Printing fees	693 €	3 386 €	Membership	10 335 €	11 900 €
Graphic design	650 €	1 800 €	Donations	8 081 €	8 558 €
Video production	3 160 €	2 400 €	Services provided	180 €	505 €
Translation tools	4 500 €	375 €	Copyright	3 783 €	1 155 €
<b>64- Salaries and social contributions</b>	<b>189 103 €</b>	<b>201 714 €</b>	Bank interest	974 €	476 €
Salaries	128 406 €	122 132 €	Transfer of expenses	1 580 €	2 802 €
Trainee allowances	3 676 €	5 797 €			
Social contribution	57 020 €	54 745 €	Exceptional donation (Toits du monde)		20 000 €
Policy officer (Balkans 2021)		19 040 €	<b>78 – Depreciation and provision</b>	<b>657 €</b>	<b>880 €</b>
<b>68- Depreciation</b>	<b>4 401 €</b>	<b>1 622 €</b>			
<b>Budgetary surplus</b>	<b>2 438 €</b>	<b>3 358 €</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOMES</b>	<b>244 391 €</b>	<b>252 701 €</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>244 391 €</b>	<b>252 701 €</b>			
<b>Voluntary contributions</b>			Provision of goods and services	3 000 €	5 000 €
Provision of goods and services	3 000 €	5 000 €	Volunteer staff	60 000 €	85 203 €
Volunteer and staff	60 000 €	85 203 €	<b>TOTAL INCOMES</b>	<b>307 391 €</b>	<b>342 904 €</b>
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Migreurop's total budget for 2022 was €244,391 (€307,391 including voluntary contributions), a relatively similar budget to 2021 (€252,701).

The year ended with a surplus of €2,438, enabling the network to consolidate its equity, which now stands at €105,018, and providing it with a degree of financial security 105 018 €.

In 2022, Migreurop was supported by its usual backers: Fondation un Monde par Tous, Fondation Léopold Mayer, Fondation de France, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Global Fund for Human Rights, Emmaüs France and Fondation Abbé Pierre (which supported Migreurop in 2022 for the last year). New funders for 2022 include the Inkermann Foundation (a French foundation sheltered by the Fondation de France), which supported Migreurop to the tune of €15,000, the PAM Foundation (a foundation of IPAM, a Migreurop member), which awarded a €4,000 grant, the European Left for an interim report on island detention in three countries and the CRID for the 7th Map of camps project (funding over two years totalling €8,000). In terms of own funds, subscriptions and donations have remained stable compared with 2021 (apart from an exceptional donation of €20,000 in 2021).

Exceptional expenses in 2022 will mainly include Atlas purchases, the cost of sending three volunteers on mission (2021-2022 session), and interpreting costs for internal webinars and webcafés organised by the network.





## e. Working groups (WG)

### **CARTOGRAPHY GROUP: 7TH EDITION OF THE CAMP MAP**

The mapping group is working to update the 7th edition of the map of camps - the network's calling card, which from the outset has listed the places where foreign nationals are deprived of their liberty - which will be accompanied by a record of the mobilisations/events that have taken place around and within these places (petitions, demonstrations/revolts, fires, hunger strikes, escapes, self-harm, suicide attempts, deaths, etc.). Data has been collected (by network members and partners) for around ten countries over the period 2018-2021, and the members of the group met in Paris on 14 November for a working day

This map of the camps will be slightly different from the previous ones, as it will be made up of not one but several maps, and is intended above all as a digital object that will be available in a paper version.

### **Criminalisation of solidarity" Working Group**

The group is working on a number of projects aimed at highlighting the criminalisation of people on the move and their various supporters. For example, a conference was organised on boat drivers and rescue NGOs during the 9th edition of the "Sabir", Festival of Mediterranean Cultures in Matera, in May 2022, during which Migreurop spoke alongside other associations (Baobab Experience, ARCI Porco Rosso, European Civic Forum) The network also organised a public webinar on the criminalisation of solidarity on 9 December 2022 (see below). Finally, a sub-working group worked throughout the year to finalise a questionnaire to identify cases of criminalisation of/judicial pursuits against solidarity, in conjunction with the Belgian association Solidarity Watch, aiming to draw up an overview of these situations, with a view to a future mapping exercise.

### **FRONTEX GROUP**

After the publication of the 3rd edition of the Frontex Analysis Brief in December 2021, Migreurop had the idea of organising a public webinar on Frontex, aimed at taking stock of the European agency, particularly after the resignation of the director of Frontex (voir [communiqué publié le 5 mai](#)), see press release published on 5 May), and the announcement of the agency's (re)deployment on the African coast. The working group is also part of a new dynamic against Frontex, notably at the initiative of grassroots activists (Alarmphone, Abolish Frontex, Border Violence Monitoring Network-BVMN, Afrique-Europe Interact, German journalists, etc.) who have decided to bring together all those who work on the agency to organise an interactive online workshop on 17 and 18 June of 2023, replacing the public webinar initially planned by Migreurop.

### **Externalisation-Africa Working Group**

This group, co-coordinated by Migreurop and the Loujna Tounkaranké collective, primarily shares thematic information on the manifestations of the externalisation of European migration policies in Africa. After discussing the external dimension of the European Asylum and Migration Pact, it looks at the latest developments in externalisation (Frontex deployment on the African coast, agreement between the UK and Rwanda to externalise asylum).

A conference on the impact of European policies on freedom of movement in Africa was also organised at the Sabir Festival on 12 May 2022, with contributions from members and partners of the network, despite numerous visa refusals from colleagues from the South, who were unable to make the trip.

### **NETWORK LIFE WORKING GROUP**

The group met several times in 2022 and is working on the involvement of members within the network, the aim being to identify the priority issues and flagship activities of each member over the coming years, in order to highlight possible synergies and joint projects within the network. Other projects have been initiated by the WG in 2022, such as the involvement of individual members of the network and taking greater account of the work of research members, as well as preparing time to make members get to know the network's tools (such as the Atlas on Freedom of Movement).

## IV.

# Direct information gathering

### a. Volunteers mission

At the heart of Migreurop's data collection work, the programme to send volunteers into the field as part of the Echanges and Partenariats association's programme enables the network to investigate geographical areas or themes of interest for its members.

Three volunteer missions have been organised from October 2021 to March 2022, as part of session #24:

#### BELGIUM

Working with the Centre national de coopération au développement (CNCD 11.11.11) and the Coordination et initiatives pour réfugiés et étrangers (Ciré), both Belgian members of the network, Alice Chatté monitored negotiations on the European Pact on Migration and Asylum, proposed by the European Commission in 2020. She also looked at the issue of non-reception and detention practices in Belgium, the criminalisation of solidarity and the externalisation of Belgian migration policies

At the end of her assignment, Alice wrote a country fact sheet on Belgium, as well as a legal analysis of the five legislative aspects of the Pact.

Alice Chatté,  
Béguinage Church Brussels,  
Belgium, 2022



#### LE CALAISIS (FRANCE)

Pierre Menzildjian travelled to Calais on behalf of Migreurop as part of the Plateforme des Soutiens aux Migrant.e.s (Migrant Support Platform). During his five-month mission, he was able to investigate the increasing militarisation of the Franco-British border, as well as the impact of Brexit on the rights of exiles. Pierre produced a country fact sheet on the United Kingdom, as well as two thematic fact sheets on the impact of Brexit and the situation of exiled people who have moved to the UK.



Pierre Menzildjian,  
Fencing around the eurotunnel complex  
France, 2022



## CYPRUS

Hugo Roche carried out his assignment with the KISA association, a Cypriot member of the network. He investigated the migration context in Cyprus, which is particularly hostile to exiles, focusing on the right to asylum, the detention of exiles, their criminalisation and that of their supporters. It has produced a country fact sheet on Cyprus, and a document on the Cypriot asylum system, that is currently online.

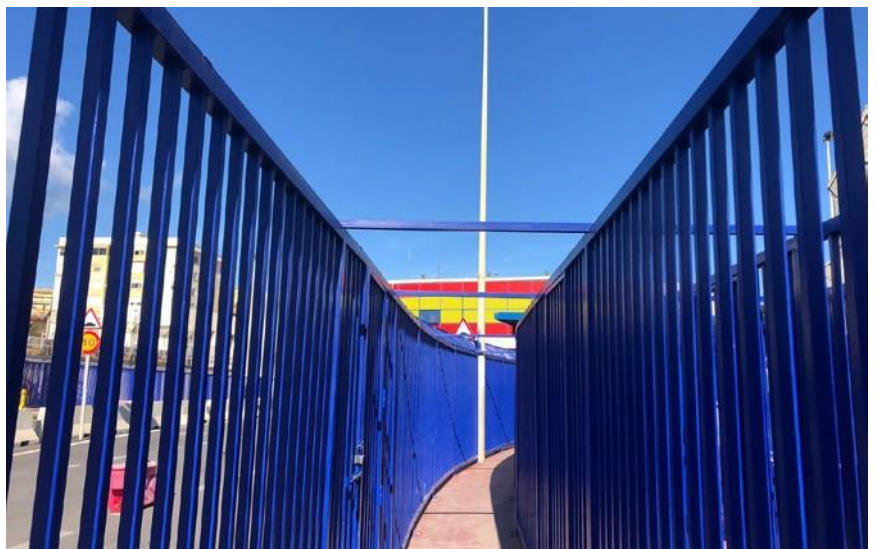
Hugo Roche,  
*Ghost city of Varosha, Cyprus,*  
2022



## SESSION #25: MAROC

The session began in October 2022. A volunteer, Léo Martinet, was recruited for a period of 12 months to carry out an assignment in Morocco with GADEM, a Moroccan association and member of the network. The aim of this mission - which was due to take place in 2020 but was postponed because of Covid - is to draw up an inventory of the migration situation in Morocco (expulsions of Moroccan minors from France and Spain, racism in situ against foreign people on the move, refusal of visas, dissuasion policies and criminalisation) and to investigate EU-Morocco cooperation on migration.

Léo Martinet,  
*Custom crossing at Ceuta,*  
Morocco, 2023



## b. Field mission

### Cyprus (March 2022)

From 8 to 13 March 2022, one of Migreurop's coordinators travelled to Cyprus for a visit and working mission with KISA, a Cypriot member of the network, to which a volunteer had been sent for six months (see above). During this field mission, we were able to observe the failings of the Cypriot state towards exiled persons, including when they are seeking protection, as well as administrative detention conditions that violate rights: overcrowding, lack of access to hygiene and healthcare, lack of access to legal assistance, violence, prostitution, difficult access to information and rights.

We also witnessed the ferocious intimidation of rights defenders by the police and extreme right-wing groups during their professional activities. During our visit to the outskirts of the Pournara pre-camp, and in our presence, the director of KISA was physically assaulted by the camp's private guards, which is why we lodged a complaint with the Cypriot authorities.

Brigitte Espuche,  
*Pournara camp,*  
2022





# V.

## Analysis and decoding tools

Gisti,  
*New detention camp  
in Kos, 2021*

### a. Greece podcast

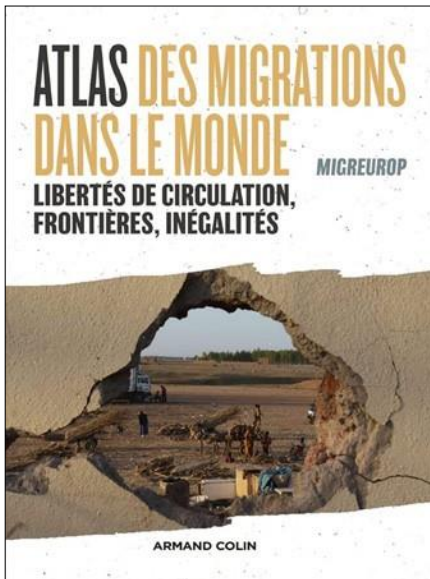
In October 2021, a joint mission with Gisti was carried out on the Aegean islands of Kos and Leros to document the living conditions and violations of people's rights on these islands that receive limited coverage. The aim was to show how the confinement system contributes to the strategy of invisibilisation and mistreatment of people on the move who arrive at the EU's gates. Throughout 2022, Gisti and Migreurop worked to produce a podcast in 7 episodes (published in February 2023), with the support of the "[sound studio of Parole errante demain](#)". By giving a voice to the migrants stranded on these islands, as well as the people who work or campaign alongside them, this new awareness-raising tool highlights and denounces the hotspot approach that aims to sort, lock up and deport exiled people.



### b. « Atlas of migrations in the world : freedom of movement, borders, inequalities (septembre 2022)

On 14 September 2022, the network published the 4th edition of its Atlas, entitled Atlas of migration in the world, freedom of movement, borders and inequalities. The book, to which nearly a hundred members or researchers close to the network contributed, offers a critical analysis of policies aimed at facilitating certain forms of mobility, and highlights the way in which migrants confront and circumvent restrictive immigration policies on a daily basis in order to implement their own freedom of movement.

V. Analysis and decoding tools



The book is divided into five parts:

- Historical forms of freedom of movement
- Regional areas of freedom of movement
- Movement of goods services and capital
- Autonomous migration and solidarity : freedom of movement in action
- Re-thinking free movement

Each part is made up of texts by experts accompanied by maps and photographs that cover both Migreurop's historical work themes and more recent topics of interest, such as mobility during the pandemic, data circulation, women in migration and environmental migration.

Freedom of movement has been at the heart of Migreurop's work since it took up its position in 2013. This book, which brings together the reflections of the network and its partners on this issue, is a valuable campaigning tool for deconstructing the distorted representations of migration that have been widely disseminated over the years. It shows that freedom of movement is not just a utopian dream, but a reality (at least in part) for part of humanity, and therefore a realistic prospect for everyone.

An english translation of the atlas is currently underway and should published in 2024.



c. Analysis note

Note n°14, « The informalisation of migration policies : the pitfalls of soft law » (Juin 2022)

This Note looks at the way in which soft law is used by states to circumvent the constraints and rigidity imposed on them by national laws or international texts and treaties. Whether in the field of externalising migration policies, where informal arrangements with third countries are commonplace (see the infographic in the Note), or on issues of cooperation on the readmission of foreign nationals in a so-called irregular administrative situation, Member States and European institutions are increasingly resorting to a range of informal "atypical legal instruments" that have a direct impact on the rights of exiled people.

## d. Press releases

In 2022, the network published and co-signed several press releases relating to current European migration policies.

### MIGREUROP NETWORK PRESS RELEASE :

- **Differential reception at Europeans borders : on the racism of migration policies**, press release, 22 March 2022 (French - English)
- **It is not enough to change the director, frontiers must be abolished !** 5 May 2022 (French - English - spanish)
- **UK /Rwanda deal : externalising asylum to africa, a massive deterrent in Europe** press release, 20 June 2022 (French - )
- **A new carnage at the Melilla border fences: racist massacres and impunity at the Moroccan-Spanish borders must end!**, press release, 27 June 2022 (french)
- **European Pact on Asylum and Migration**, Migreurop position and legal analysis, analysis text, 22 22 July 2022( French )

### COLLECTIVE ACTIONS :

- **Immediate withdrawal of the Italy-Libya Memorandum: Civil society appeal to the Italian government, UNHCR and IOM**, press release, 2 february 2022  
([French](#) - [English](#) - [Italian](#) -[Arabic](#))
- **Commemoration of the dead at the borders on 6 February 2022**, call for mobilisation, 5 February 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#) - [spanish](#))
- **When the UNHCR in Tunisia throws refugees on the streets like rubbish, joint press release**, 18 February 2022, ([French](#) - [English](#) - [Italian](#))
- **Spain and Morocco renew security cooperation agreement linking organised crime and "irregular" immigration**», joint press release, 28 April 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#) - [spanish](#))
- **Greece must revoke the decision to consider Turkey a safe country**, online petition, 17 May 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#))
- **Joint Statement calling for the dismissal of UNHCR's special envoy Vincent Cochetel** joint press release, 9 September 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#))
- **Visa policy: discrimination and injustice**, joint press release, 15 September 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#) - [spanish](#) - [arabic](#))

- **Free the EIHiblu3!**, joint press release, 28 September 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#))
  
- **Over ten years after the Left-to-die boat tragedy... will it be possible for the investigation to start?**, joint press release 7 October 2022 ([french](#))
  
- **Another tragedy in the high sea off Zarzis: the quest for truth and justice**, joint press release , 20 October 2022([français](#))
  
- **Deaths in the Channel: “Increasing the number of obstacles for border crossing only increases risks taken by refugees»**, joint press release, 24 November 2022([french](#) - [english](#))
  
- **For the full respect of the rights and dignity of passengers on the Ocean Viking, for a real European policy of reception**, joint press release, 25 November 2022 ([french](#))
  
- **The EU AI Act must protect people on the move**, joint press release, 6 December 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#))
  
- **8 December - For an immediate end to the repressive border regime and the implementation of dignified and egalitarian migration policies**, joint press release, 16 December 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#) - [spanish](#))
  
- **Deadly policies in the Mediterranean : stop the shipwrecks caused off the coast of Tunisia**, joint press release, 19 December 2022 ([french](#) - [english](#) - [italian](#) - [arabic](#))

## VI.

# COLLECTIVE ACTIONS

ARCI, Brigitte Espuche's  
Contribution to the Sabir  
festival, 2022

### a. Sabir Matera (Italie), May 2022

The 9th Sabir Festival of Mediterranean Cultures was held from 12 to 14 May 2022 in Matera, Italy. The festival was an opportunity for the network members present to exchange ideas, explore certain issues in greater depth and strengthen their collective work. The network was able to take part in a wide range of activities, and some of its members also took part as experts on various topics, including round tables on the "criminalisation of solidarity and the creation of scapegoats" and "the impact of European policies on freedom of movement in Africa", as well as workshops on the issue of the dead and missing.



### b. Crossborder forum

Since 2020, Migreurop has been taking part in the Crossborder Forum, a collective of organisations from the United Kingdom, France and Belgium working on issues of exile and migration policies. The aim of this transnational collective is to exchange information on national immigration policies in these three countries and to collectively deconstruct the legal and political foundations of this triple border with a view to building bridges beyond it. Following the Crossborder Forum study day on 10 November 2021, the summary reports (in French and English) of the four round-table discussions, together with the video recordings, have been put online with a view to sharing expertise and the cross-border discussion dynamic.

In 2022, funding enabled the recruitment in October of a full-time coordinator, Francesca Humi, supervised by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI - UK member of the Forum), who is responsible for coordinating the work of the various Forum bodies and organising their exchanges. At the same time, a transnational "consultation committee" has been set up within the Forum to provide advice and support on strategic issues.



## Transborder Camp, Nantes (France), 12/17 July 2022

Several Migreurop members were once again present this year in Nantes for this festival bringing together activists from all over the world, and this enabled us to strengthen contacts with entities that we already know and to meet others, with whom the network was able to open or reopen discussions on regional situations and/or specific issues. Migreurop co-organised the "externalisation" workshop, in which it presented a genealogy of the externalisation process, the complexity of the phenomenon and an analysis of the current situation. The network also took part in a meeting with its Euro-African partners to take stock of the analysis project and the litigation relating to Law 36/2015 on "migrant smuggling" in Niger. Finally, individual members of the network organised two other workshops, one on solidarity cities and solidarity corridors, and the other on support for the families of people who have died or disappeared during migration (searches and identifications).

### c. Commemorating border deaths



Commemoration March to pay tribute to the exiled people who died in the shipwreck on 24/11/2023

In 2022, the network became more involved in the many commemorations of people who have died at borders, in particular on Commemor'Action day on 6 February 2022, which, since the Tarajal massacre in 2014, has become the day of commemoration for all people who have died or disappeared at borders, victims - on their journey into exile - of murderous migration policies. Members of Migreurop were also involved in organising the second edition of the "Commemor'Action" in Zarzis (Tunisia) on 6 September 2022, in memory of people who disappeared or died during their migratory journeys via the Mediterranean. The network members present helped to organise the event and took part in the activities on offer, including a workshop on searching for and identifying people who have gone missing at sea. Finally, the network was involved in the commemoration of the sinking of 24 November 2021 in the English Channel, by relaying the various gatherings planned for the occasion and by co-signing an article published in *Le Monde* denouncing the unacceptable failings of the French and British rescue services, which resulted in the deaths of 27 people and 1 missing person.

### d. People's summit Brussels 30 September/1 October 2022

On 30 September and 1er October 2022, more than 130 organisations gathered in Brussels (Belgium) under the slogan "Rights! No Deaths" to demand the application of international human rights law at borders, and the administrative regularisation of people living and working in Europe. A caravan of exiles, mainly from South America and Africa, left Spain for Brussels, in conjunction with local undocumented migrants' movements. Together, they organised an action on the afternoon of 1e October on the Place du Luxembourg in Brussels, in front of the European Parliament



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In coordination with this action, the People's Summit was held in Brussels over two days. Migreurop was involved in the steering committee for this event and in two thematic workshops (externalisation of migration and asylum policies and criminalisation of migration and solidarity). The People's Summit provided a forum for exchanges between the various movements and organisations committed to the rights of exiles, with the aim of collectively developing concrete proposals for advocacy and mobilisation at transnational level.

### e. Unfair mobilisation in front of UHCR, Geneva 9-10 December 2022

Migreurop supported the mobilisation of Refugees in Libya in December 2022. This collective was set up following the mobilisation of exiles in Libya from October 2021 in front of the headquarters of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which was severely repressed by the Libyan authorities after 100 days (250 people were still being held in camps in Libya in 2023). Alongside other activists, Refugees in Libya has launched the "UNFAIR-The UN Refusal Agency" campaign, aimed at "amplifying the voices of all those who continue to be ignored, punished and unfairly treated by an agency that is supposed to protect them".

A mobilisation was organised in Geneva on 9 and 10 December in front of the UNHCR headquarters, to mark 75th International Human Rights Day, to denounce the UNHCR's responsibility for the unjust and brutal treatment of exiles, the misuse of its protection mandate and its silence in the face of brutal expulsions and protesters still detained in camps in Libya. Several members of the network were present to support the demonstration, including Charles Heller, co-president of Migreurop (read his text on the demonstration [here](#)).

Event organised by  
Refugees in Libya, Geneva, 9  
10 December 2022



## VII.

# Capacity building for members

### a. Webcafés :

In order to share within the network the findings and reports of the various field missions organised in 2021/2022, informal meetings entitled "webcafés" have been set up with all the members of the network in the form of presentations and discussions in French, with a translation available in English for non-French-speaking members.

— **Webcafé - Cyprus mission** on 10 March 2022 (volunteer mission), on the situation of exiles trapped on the island, and of the KISA association - a Cypriot member of the network - which supports them on a daily basis. This rights organisation is regularly attacked by the Cypriot government and extreme right-wing movements for its stance in favour of people on the move and against state racism;

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*"We are seeing a cascade of pushbacks: from Cyprus to Lebanon, from Lebanon to Syria, where these people are clearly in danger "*

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— **Webcafé - Greece mission** on 31 March (Gisti/Migreurop field mission in October 2022), on the islands of Kos and Leros regarding the situation of exiles and respect for their rights, with a focus on detention, the asylum procedure, refoulements and new camps for foreigners.

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*" These are really high-tech centres, real prisons that give you the creeps, with rows of barbed wire, videos, drones...."*

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— **Webcafé Belgium mission** on 7 April (volunteer mission), on the reception crisis, the detention of foreign nationals in Belgium and the European Pact on Asylum and Migration.

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*"This reception crisis reflects a lack of resources put in place by the state, both financial and in terms of personnel"*

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— **Webcafé - Franco-British border Mission** on 21 April (voluntary mission), on the situation of people on the move in the Calais area and on arrival in the UK, and more generally the impact of Brexit on the rights of exiled people, as well as the increasing militarisation of this border

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*"The history of the presence of exiled people in Calais is also the history of a gradual move away from the town center "*

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## VIII.

# Raising awareness

### a. Public presentation of the Atlas

In order to raise awareness of this latest work by the network, but also to facilitate its appropriation by everyone (members and friends of the network, secondary school pupils, university students, the general public) Migreurop organised several public presentations of its 4th Atlas, initially in the Paris region :

- 6 October at the "Le Merle Moqueur" bookshop (Paris 20th district - arrondissement (Paris 20e) ;
- 7 October at the Bar "Le Pavillon" (Saint-Denis) on the Atlas' mapping tools and photographs ;
- On 19 October, at the "Péniche Librairie" (Paris 19th arrondissement) on freedom of movement and trans people in migration ;
- 9 November, at the Social bar in Saint-Ouen ;
- On 16 November at the Université Paris 8 Vincennes - Saint Denis on the historical forms of freedom of movement ;
- On 21 November at the Centre International de Culture Populaire (CICP), in partnership with the Association nationale d'assistance aux frontières pour les étrangers (Anafé), on detention and freedom of movement.

Presentation  
Of the « l'Atlas des  
Migration dans le Monde »  
at the Le Merle Moqueur  
bookshop  
October 2022



During these presentations, the various authors and cartographers who contributed to the Atlas highlighted the richness of this decoding tool and the diversity of approaches to rethinking and demanding freedom of movement and settlement.

## **b. 15<sup>th</sup> stage of the Moving Beyond Borders (MBB), exhibition in Nantes (septembre/octobre 2022)**

From 12 September to 9 October 2022, Migreurop's exhibition Moving Beyond Borders (MBB) was hosted at the City of Nantes' international space Cosmopolis. Staged by the Étrange Miroir artists' collective and inaugurated in Brussels in 2015, this educational exhibition is the fruit of the knowledge accumulated since its creation by the Migreurop network on the obstacles, injustices and violations of rights suffered daily by exiles in transit countries, at the borders of the European Union and in Europe itself. This stage of the exhibition took place as part of a month devoted by the city of Nantes to demographic dynamics and the challenges inherent in them in terms of health, education, migration, nourishment, economic growth, housing, solidarity and environmental protection.

Extract from the trailer for the Migreurop exhibition Moving beyond Borders



## **c. Public webinar on the criminalisation of solidarity**

On 9 December 2022, Migreurop organised a webinar on the criminalisation of solidarity, with a focus on migrants acting in solidarity with themselves, attended by around 80 people. The webinar highlighted the strategy of governments to criminalise migration and the facilitation of migration, through the instrumental use of the offence of facilitating unauthorised entry and residence, which is supposed to target "smugglers" but is in fact used to deter both migrants and their supporters. This criminalisation is particularly strong in the case of migrants acting in solidarity, who are prosecuted for more serious offences and sentenced to harsher penalties than solidarity aid workers in the North, as in the case of boat drivers criminalised in Italy and Greece. Outside Europe, particularly in Niger, Senegal and Morocco, the same instrumentalisation of the figure of the "smuggler" can be seen in legislation and case law that

criminalise these people. The webinar also highlighted the many solidarity initiatives with and between migrants, despite the violent repression put in place by governments, and the self-organisation of exiles, with examples from Tunisia and Niger. The videos of this webinar (in French and English) can be found on the Migreurop website

#### d. Migreurop speeches

##### **Migreurop's participation in events organised by its members or partners:**

- **22 January 2022:** internal conference organised by CCFD-Terre Solidaire on the externalisation of European migration policies.
- **27 January 2022 :** webinar organised by the [T]rêve Matinal-e association in Villeurbanne on Albanian exiles, during which the network's coordinators gave a political perspective on the consequences of European migration policies in the Balkans.
- **14 March 2022 :** webinar organised by the CNCD-11.11.11, "Analyse croisée Nord-Sud du Pacte européen sur la migration et l'asile", in partnership with Migreurop, ARCI, Cimade, CIRE, Emmaüs Europe, Euromed Droits and REMIDEV.
- **5 April 2022 :** Webinar on "The evolution of migratory routes to Europe", series of conferences organised by the French Red Cross.
- **29 September 2022 :** International conference organised by ASGI in Rome on 29 September 2022, "Freedom of movement in West Africa and the sub-region towards Europe: what remains of the right to leave any country, including one's own, after externalisation policies", moderated by Migreurop
- **25 -27 Novembre 2022** participation in the 8e edition of the Youth Social Forum on Migration and Human Rights organised by Alternative Espace Citoyens (AEC) and Oxfam Niger in Diffa (Niger) via a video on obstacles to mobility in the section "Criminalisation of migration and externalisation of borders: issues and challenges for the protection of migrants' rights".».
- **7-8 December 2022 :** For a dignified reception of exiles in Europe" meeting, organised by Emmaus Europe. Migreurop was invited to speak at this meeting to shed light on four regions of the world (externalisation/militarisation/criminalisation): the Balkan route, the Atlantic and Western Mediterranean route, the Franco-Italian and Franco-British borders.
- **8 December 2022 :** conference «Out of sight, out of mind: the EU's policy of externalising borders», organised by the Left in the European Parliament. Migreurop was invited to attend the hearing of network members and partners on the consequences of externalising border control.

**Training courses for master students and volunteers from  
Echanges et Partenariats :**

- Migreurop spoke to future Echanges et Partenariat volunteers on 26 October 2022 as part of the three-week training course organised to prepare future volunteers for their departure to the host structures.
  
- On 10 February 2022, Migreurop also spoke to students at the Master Migrations Racisme Altérités (MIRA) course at Paris 7 Diderot university to present the network and current European migration policies.



# Annex 1

## List of Migreurop<sup>1</sup>'s Members

**GERMANY** : Bordermonitoring

**BELGIUM** : CIRE Coordination et Initiatives pour et avec les Réfugiés et Etrangers | CNCD 11.11.11 Centre National de Coopération au Développement | LDH Ligue des Droits Humains | SAD Syndicat des Avocats pour la Démocratie | Le Monde des Possibles

**CYPRUS** : KISA

**EGYPT** : EFFR Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights

**SPAIN** : Andalucía Acoge | APDHA Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía | CEAR Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado | ELIN | IRIDIA | Red Acoge | Federación SOS racismo

**FRANCE**: ACORT Assemblée Citoyenne des Originaires de Turquie | ACT UP | ANAFE Association Nationale d'Assistance aux Frontières pour les Etrangers | ATMF Association des Travailleurs Maghrébins de France | La Cimade | FASTI Fédération des Associations de Solidarité avec Tout-e-s les Immigré-e-s | FTCT Fédération des Tunisiens pour une Citoyenneté des deux Rives | GAS Groupe Accueil et Solidarité | GISTI Groupe d'Information et de Soutien des Immigrés | IPAM Initiatives Pour un Autre Monde | JRS France Jesuit Refugee Service | MRAP Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples

**ITALY** : ARCI Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana | ASGI Associazione Studi Giuridici sull'Immigrazione

**LEBANON** : Frontiers Ruwad Association

**MALI** : AME Association Malienne des Expulsés | ARACEM Association des Refoulés d'Afrique Centrale au Mali | La Maison du Migrant Gao

**MAROCCO** : AMDH Association Marocaine des Droits Humains | Chabaka | GADEM Groupe Antiraciste d'accompagnement et de Défense des Etrangers et Migrants | Pateras de la vida

**MAURITANIA** : AMDH Association Mauritanienne des Droits de l'Homme

**NIGER** : AEC Alternatives Espaces citoyens

**PORTUGAL** : SOLIM Solidaridade Imigrante

**UNITED-KINGDOM** : Statewatch | Oxford Against Immigration Detention

**SUISSE** : Solidarité sans frontières | Living together

**TUNISIE** : FTDES Forum Tunisiens des Droits Économiques et Sociaux

**TURQUIE** : Citizens' Assembly - Turkey

**EUROPE** : Emmaüs Europe

**Membres observateurs** : AEDH (Association Européenne pour la Défense des droits de l'Homme) | Secours Catholique (France)

<sup>1</sup> For confidentiality reasons, our list of individual members is not made public  
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## Annex 2

# Migreurop in the média

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Presentation by *David Lagarde* (16 June 2022) of a selection of plates from the 2nd and 3rd editions of L'Atlas des migrants en Europe dans le cadre des expériences migratoires" exhibition at the Montpellier Cimade.

Speech by *Cristina Del Biaggio* (30 June 2022) as part of the Mountain Research School 2022, organised by Labex ITTEM and Labex OSUG and entitled "Borders, risks and migrations". [EN]

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