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TOPIC: *The migration crisis in the Mediterranean*

Europe is experiencing the worst crisis of displaced people since the Second World War, with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of people who are fleeing fundamentally from war and poverty. The arrival of immigrants and refugees from Africa and the Middle East, has acquired in recent years dimensions of a true humanitarian tragedy.

This phenomenon, coupled with the negative consequences of the economic crisis, has led to the strengthening of racist, xenophobic and intolerant ideas, hoisted by the parties of the European extreme right handgrip found in sectors of the population.

Linked to the spread of an ultraconservative discourse that blames immigrants for the ills suffered by member countries of EU, it has been gaining strength opposition to any **Community proposal to try to solve the immigration crisis that affects us:**

Rescue boats of NGOs (*Lifeline, See Eyes, MSF (Aquarius), Open Arms*) sail with hundreds of people, among them many children, have found or are finding real difficulties in accessing ports in European cities and caring those rescued, right now.

Sources:

http://scielo.sld.cu/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S1817-40782017000200001

<https://www.openarms.es/es>

QUESTIONS:

- *How should European governments respond to the influx?*
- *Should more money be invested in securing Europe's common borders?*
- *Is addressing the root causes of the refugee/migrant crisis in countries such as Syria or Somalia's poverty a more sustainable solution than building walls and fences to keep people away?*



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IN ADDITION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (LIBE COMMITTEE), THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION HAS A GENERAL DIRECTORATE ON THESE ISSUES EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC):

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL / HOME (DG HOME):

MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

This Commission department is responsible for EU policy on migration and home affairs.

RESPONSABILITIES:

DG HOME develops and carries out the policies on:

- Migration and asylum
- Borders and security

DG HOME CONTRIBUTES TO:

- Justice and fundamental rights
- Migration
- EU as a global actor
- Democratic change

HOW TO WORK:

Step 1

Read **pdf** file **LIBE_intro** about the topic. Translate new words and check if you understand the concepts. Think about how much you know about the topic and how much you are interested in it.

Step 2

Investigate and inform about the topic. You can visit the website of the LIBE: "Migration in Europe"

- [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/society/20170629STO78632/migration-in-europeand the European Commission](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/society/20170629STO78632/migration-in-europeand%20the%20European%20Commission)

You can also visit other websites such as:

- https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/migration_en
- <https://www.easo.europa.eu/>

Find information about the news in the Mediterranean.

Step 3

Answer the questions. Try to develop your points of view. Think about the different possibilities and the current problems to carry them out. Consult your teachers, family and friends to get more information. It can help you to know the reality of the situation and how they are living it.

Step 4

Then we will use FORUM on TwinSpace to share your ideas and LIVE CHAT to discuss them.