EUROPEAN POLICIES OF BORDER EXTERNALIZATION IN LEBANON

PREVENTING BOATS FROM LEAVING LEBANON
Many European actors have provided support used by Lebanon to prevent boats from leaving towards Europe:
- Radars and thermal cameras (Germany),
- Boats (France, Germany, Italy),
- Trainings (France, Germany, Italy, UNIFIL),
- Joint Rescue Coordination Center (EU, France).
This support is used to conduct pullbacks, eventually leading to deportations to Syria.

EU Agencies Europol and Eurojust provide trainings and international collaboration platforms to increase the criminalization of migration.
Negotiations are ongoing to enable the transfer of personal data between Lebanon and Eurojust.

The EU funds the ICMPD to develop policy reform:
- Maritime Strategy regulating the State’s Action in the sea;

LEBANESE-SYRIAN LAND BORDER
The UK has provided support worth more than $120 million for reinforcing the LAF control of the Syrian border, via: watchtowers, thermal and night-vision cameras, vehicles, trainings. The EU and Netherlands also provide trainings, via the ICMPD.
In a context of a closed-border policy, this support is used to prevent people from leaving Syria.

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EU AND EUROPEAN STATES
- Use the support to Lebanese security agencies as leverage for the latter’s human rights compliance;
- Investigate thoroughly and regularly the use done by the support by the Lebanese security agencies, with a particular focus on its compliance with human rights;
- Refrain from providing support to Lebanese security agencies if it is used to enforce policies that violate human rights.