

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**.



9 SPEEDBOATS
PROVIDED OR ABOUT
TO BE PROVIDED BY
FRANCE AND ITALY
BETWEEN 2021 AND 2023



**9 MARITIME RADAR
AND THERMAL CAMERA
STATIONS**
PROVIDED BY GERMANY

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.

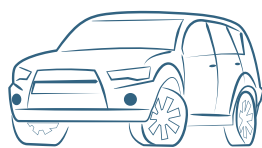
The EU funds the ICMPD to develop **policy reform**:

- **Maritime Strategy** regulating the State's Action in the sea;
- **Integrated Border Management Strategy** for the Syrian Border, and Action plan for its implementation.



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WATCHTOWERS



450

VEHICLES PROVIDED

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**.

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