

EU MIGRATION EXTERNALIZATION



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European Commission president cites Italy-Albania deal as possible model for reducing irregular arrivals to Europe



The European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, is meeting EU national leaders this week to discuss migration. Photograph: Hannibal Hanschke/EPA

The European Commission president, **Ursula von der Leyen**, has called for an exploration of "return hubs" outside the EU in a letter to the bloc's national leaders on irregular migration, citing a deal between Italy and Albania as a possible model.

EU leaders are to meet on Thursday and Friday for a summit on migration as the commission has said it will propose new measures.

Irregular migrants and asylum seekers arriving in **Europe** last year numbered less than a third of the 1 million people arriving in 2015 but it remains a very sensitive topic, influencing elections in most European countries and increasing far-right voter sentiment.

Germany, wary of a public opinion backlash against irregular migration before elections next September, has introduced border controls with all its neighbours, suspending the freedom of the passport-free Schengen zone. France, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, **Italy** and Slovenia have also introduced border checks.

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The asylum seekers processing centre that the Italian government has recently opened in Albania is economically costly, legally controversial, ineffective, and doubtful in terms of results. Nevertheless, not only does Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni intend to forge ahead with the project, but most EU member states are watching attentively in the hope that this might be a model to follow. Why is there so much interest in this strategy when it already seems doomed to failure?

This article has been published in the daily [ARA](#).

First it was the United Kingdom of former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak with its asylum seekers detention centre in Rwanda. Next, Giorgia Meloni's Italy established a similar centre in Albania.

vocabulary

externalization

repatriation

hawkish

deterrence

refoulement

**Do you think it's
acceptable to
externalize
applicants? What
about deportees?**

When dealing with migration, should EU countries cooperate, or should the asylum policy be left to the states?

**What are the risks
of processing
asylum
externally?**

If a country is considered “partially safe”, is that enough to repatriate asylum seekers?

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