



Refugees in Europe - Solution 2.0

People die at our borders, people die on our roads. And Europe is watching, we are watching!

Lampedusa is not only for a few weeks a target for refugee, Kos and Lesvos is driven by refugees not only since yesterday, smugglers make trouble for a long time and needy persons are attacked everywhere again and again.

Overshadowed by the Greek tragedy neither politics nor the media cared about the obvious looming, rapidly towering tsunami of refugees in the first half of this year. The Greek crisis seems mastered, now we finally dedicate to the annoying refugee issue that one would still like to sit out passively.

There is a time for discussion and exchange of views, there is a time of pause and reflection and there is a time for action.

The first two have elapsed. Europe had spent enough time with watching and words have been exchanged enough and diverse. Now is the time of anticipatory acting! Or, do the responsible want to wait until the approaching winter solves part of the situation with icy hand for them?

As today Europe is still more or less responding instead of acting, as the EU Commission and European governments continue to operate with an internal cuddle dialogue and so far no sustainable pragmatic approaches are visible, we just have put together a simple, quickly realizable procedure.

The following suggestions are a working paper and serve to immediately implementation as in the described or optimized form.

Our proposal aims mainly on non-European refugees. Refugees from the Balkans were not, but could be included.

In this paper the following five key points are discussed briefly:

1. Traffickers & smugglers
2. Registration & admission
3. Distribution
4. Refugees, today in Europe
5. Supply

1. Traffickers & smugglers

Most refugees do not hit the road with empty pockets. But on their way, these pockets are emptied into an illegal respectively criminal swamp of organized traffickers & smugglers. Billions of Euros seep away on this uncertain, paved path of suffering and death in dubious channels.

Put an end to this goings is especially for humanitarian reasons mandatory for Europe. In addition, the "transport fees" would be brought to Europe.

These illegal activities could only become establish because Europe does not offer any reasonable legal opportunities. Therefore, it is up to us to drain the swamp, to secure Euros and especially to save refugees from pain and death.

The simplest and quickest solution is the building of European refugee agencies in the junction of the drop-out-countries. Concretely, these are:

- Ceuta & Melilla (Morocco / Spain)
- Algiers (Algeria)
- Tunis (Tunisia)
- Tripoli (Libya)
- Alexandria and Cairo (Egypt)
- Istanbul, Izmir and Bodrum (Turkey)

Europe could thereby prevent more than 95% of the illegal refugee transports to Europe!

The cost is less than most will assume. As an example, take the route over the eastern Mediterranean and thus from Izmir. For a volume of 100,000 refugees per year, about 30 employees would be needed, whereupon the costs are less than two million. Assuming a "traffickers price" of only 1,000 Euros per person, a minimum 100 million Euros will enter Europe by this simple measure.

Completely without humanitarian crises on the Greek islands, totally without dead refugees on our beaches.

Of course we instantly can not deactivate all the ways, as we would otherwise have to start in the country of origin or its neighbouring countries themselves. However, this could be a reasonable approach in the second step

2. Registration & admission

The Dublin Agreement is convenient, especially for the European midlands. Maybe they meet at certain times even a certain purpose, have a deeper pragmatic sense. Today, however, they are a massive obstacle to a reasonable European refugee policy and intensify the uncontrolled illegal flow of refugees across Europe. Therefore, they urgently need to be exposed.

With the refugee agencies mentioned under 1. illegally become immediately legally. As a focal point for all asylum seekers they are the nodal point of the official legal initial registration. The procedure is totally simple:

- Each refugee appearing in one of the refugee agencies will be registered personally through a questionnaire, fingerprints and photograph.
- The data will be forwarded to a central European location, where it is stored and made available to all European authorities.
- Each registered asylum seeker will receive a preliminary European refugee card, similar to an identity card, as well as official documents for entry into a specific, assigned European country (see 3. Distribution).
- Furthermore, each refugee receives information about legitimate travel opportunities to its destination and an appropriate timeframe for this.
- In its assigned country (and only there) the refugee may apply for asylum.

What basic conditions must be created in order to realize the positions 1. and 2.?

- The willingness of the above-mentioned affected countries and Europe to work together constructively.
- The permission of the affected drop-out-countries for opening and operating of the refugee agencies.
- Support from the local authorities by leading of incoming refugees, their short-term housing and supply and their safety as well as the one for the offices.
- Committed and competent employees
- Various interpreters
- Technical equipment incl. appropriate hardware & software
- European Central File
- Efficient transport routes into the European countries

3. Distribution

Are there actually in Europe or even within the EU still countries that are resisting the admission of those seeking help refugees? Are there really countries that refuse to take their fair share? Unfortunately, yes! And all of whom it may concern, bear the blame for the delay of appropriate measures, have to accept the criticism that they enlarge the suffering, must admit that the deaths of refugees to be accepted and have to be ashamed of this selfish behaviour.

Especially for solidarity within the EU should not have to be courted, because everyone who wants to exercise their rights in the Community has necessarily to meet also with its obligations. The European Alliance is neither a self-service shop nor a leisure club.

For this reason, an immediate agreement on a common distribution key (* Refugee Relations Key = RRK) within the EU or even in all European countries is to be achieved. Our proposal, which is based on various significant parameters (population, GDP, economic growth, unemployment, budget deficits and total debt) and has already been published by us, looks as following:

Country	RRK *
Cyprus	1,0
Malta	1,2
Latvia	1,8
Slovenia	1,9
Luxembourg	2,2
Lithuania	2,3
Croatia	2,4
Estonia	2,6
Slovakia	3,6
Bulgaria	3,8
Ireland	5,1
Finland	5,7
Hungary	5,8
Portugal	6,6
Greece	6,6
Denmark	7,0
Czech Republic	7,0
Austria	8,9
Romania	9,9
Belgium	10,8
Sweden	10,8
Netherlands	16,7
Poland	20,1
Spain	32,5
Italy	46,0
France	56,4
Great Britain	62,1
Germany	75,2

Whether the responsible agree on our proposal or another constellation is irrelevant. The important thing is that they do it and they do it quickly.

The success and the speed of implementation of the measures under 1. and 2. are depending on the adoption of any European Refugee Relations Key.

How can the compliance with a distribution key be ensured?

Based on data from the European central records office and the constantly updated numbers of refugees, the amount of refugees per country and year, month and week will be continuously calculated in accordance with the valid RRK *.

Furthermore the activities of the initial registration will already be effectively. Because already at that time the affected refugee is retrieved, which one is / are their target- / desired country/-ies. If the capacity of a country will be exhausted for a certain period, the refugees may opt for another possible desired country or there will be an assignment. Only for this country the legal documents are valid

4. Refugees, today in Europe

Despite the possibility of emergency measures such as under 1. - 3. described, there already exist tremendous uncontrolled movement of refugees in Europe. In order to convert this into a system as described above, the current node points must be resolved. Probably the most urgent hereby are:

- Lampedusa and the south of Italy
- The Greek islands off the Turkish coast as Lesbos & Kos
- The Northern Greece and the Macedonian border
- The Serbian Hungarian border, including Budapest
- The French territory around the Euro Tunnel

As hereby a temporary solution is required, a flexible task force can similar tasks as recorded under 2.

Thus, within a short time the intra-European smuggler routes can be shut down and the uncontrolled illegal migration are converted into regular legitimate travel.

5. Supply

Both, the refugees who are already in Europe as well as all who will come have a privation time behind themselves, marked by fear, despair, insecurity, hunger and pain.,

Arriving at us, should change that. In many places, such as Kos and Munich shows, volunteers, population, private initiatives and aid organisations are trying to take over the task of the supply where the state and the authorities have failed or are simply overwhelmed. In the short term this is a welcome humane gesture that shows that Europeans have a heart and neither can nor want stand idly by. However, the replacement by official institutions must be carried out immediately.

We have enough food and resources to provide all refugees adequately. We just have to organize it.

Both, at the nodal points enumerated under 4. as well as in the area of the future refugee agencies are at least the following facts to be created:

- Secure and stable accommodation with decent living and sleeping possibilities and sanitary facilities
- Sufficient drinking water & food
- Medical First Aid

In addition, a protection from abuse, regardless of the direction, and an emotional & social care would be needed.

The implementation will be organized and led by the staff mentioned under 2. and 4.

Incidentally, the refugees that not have to squander their goods and chattels to the smugglers could also have sufficient financial means to provide at least partially by themselves.

Who bears the costs? Who organizes and coordinates? Who will implement?

It affects all of us in Europe. All countries, even if they are still so small, and all people. Therefore it is essential that indeed all participate in the provision of financial funds. Above all, of course, the European Union. But countries such as Norway, Switzerland, Monaco and San Marino are encouraged to contribute their share of the common European refugee operation.

It is obvious that such a task must be implemented by a European superordinated institution. Therefore, it stands to reason, to put management and responsibility of all the activities in the hands of the EU, concretely into those of the two departments Migration & Home Affairs and Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management (in collaboration with the essentials colleagues at the EU-Commission), which in turn forwards the mandate for the operative part into reliable hands.

This paper provides the basis for a pragmatic, fast implementable solution to the current refugee situation. Of course in this case, many questions are raised or remain seemingly unanswered. But of course we have made not only thoughts for the detailed implementation of the individual solution steps and various alternatives, but also have the answers. For sure we share these with the responsible people and assist in any implementation. The explanation of this would go beyond the present frame.

Assuming that the EU Commission, the EU Parliament and the European heads of state bring themselves collectively to act and jointly realize a master plan for the refugee situation as described above, we could have largely solved the disastrous conditions of the refugee situation in Europe until Christmas.

To save people, to help refugees is not complicated, but in principle very simple, you only have to do. Europe can, we can afford it!

September 4th, 2015

fairstep®
Germany
www.fairstep.org
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fairstep/440155382709116>