Justice & Home Affairs

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Last week's remaining question

What are the main obstacles of a common foreign policy and defence structure, and *how likely are they to be overcome*?

Outline

Intro JHA pre-Maastricht JHA: post-Maastricht Developments Structures Migration Summary



JHA – the most rapidly growing/changing sector of EU policy?

Intro: Why co-operation in JHA

- Like CFSP, issues of border control, citizenship, civil liberties, justice and law very sensitive
- Recent (post-Maastricht) developments largely driven by political implications of SEM
- Dilemma
 - Different legal traditions in Europe make harmonisation difficult
 - But pressures for cooperation increase (SEM + international terrorism, organised crime, migration)

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- Discontinuity, fragmentation, intergovernmentalism

Schengen Agreement/Convention

- ► 1985/90: Germany, France, BeNeLux
- Brought into the treaty base with Amsterdam
- Now 25 members, but
 - Membership not mandatory
 - Open for non EU-members (Norway, Switzerland, Iceland)



Internal Schengen borders



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Schengen Principles

- Normally, no internal border controls (freedom of movement)
- But joint external controls, visa, immigration and asylum issues
- Plus "hot pursuit" across internal borders
- Cross-border surveillance + passport controls anywhere in border areas possible
- Information exchange mechanisms (computerised)

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- Schengen integrated into pillar 1, but complex opt-outs
- JHA reduced to "Police and Judical Co-operation in criminal matters"
- Five-year transition period
- "Area of Freedom, Security and Justice", but many issues still controversial/unresolved

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EUROPOL

- European Police office
- Legal base: Maastricht; existed officially from October 1998
- Forerunner Europol Drugs Unit
- No executive powers



- Intelligence led policing / sharing of information
- Small staff but well connected
- ▶ 50% Budget increase after 9/11
- Became an EU agency in 2010 (more powers, more EP scrutiny)

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- ▶ New technology/scope (SIS II, 2007 → 2013), controversy over Bulgaria/Rumania

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"European Arrest Warrant"

- Tampere 1999 council: call for mutual recognition in law enforcement; here: simplified extradition in cases of serious crimes
- EAW (partly) replaces older bi- and multilateral agreements
- Prerequisite: mutual recognition of severe criminal acts ("double criminality")
- Extradition *possible* without double criminality if
 - Act punishable in issuing state by sentence of at least three years
 - E. g. terrorism, trafficking, corruption, organised crime, counterfeiting, murder, racism and xenophobia, rape, fraud ...
- "In force" since 2004
- Number of cases up, quicker extradition, but controversy

Frontex

- Border security still the responsibility of the member states
- Frontex another European Agency
 - Intelligence/co-ordination
 - Training
 - Research and standards
- Since 2007 "Assistance" (own planes, helicopters, speed boats etc) – "Rapid Border Intervention Teams"
- "Assistance" confined to the Med "the North" doing/paying for the dirty work of keeping immigrants out?
- Controversy, lack of transparency

Migration: overview

- Push and pull
- In modern times, migration out of Europe
- 1950/60s and post-1990 intra-European migration, from 1980s migration from outside
- Post WW2, (Northern) Europe one of the most prosperous regions in the world
 - Demographic decline
 - Lack of (cheap, unskilled) labour
- Neighbourhood ((Northern) Africa, Middle East)
 - Young, dynamic populations (e. g. Tunisia 41% under 25; Egypt 52% vs. Spain 25%, Germany 24%)
 - Rubbish economies, no jobs
- ► But Europeans massively afraid of non-European migrants → legislation and co-ordination

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How do they get in?

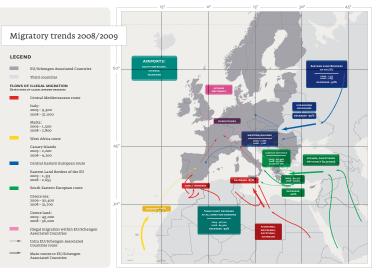
- Legally from US, Canada, other OECD countries very limited numbers
- Legally from former colonies
 basically stopped in late 1960s
- Legally through bilateral agreements (Turkey, Morocco, Tunisia) – stopped in 1970s



- As asylum seekers, refugees no or very limited legal access to labour market
- Completely illegally ("sans papiers") subject to exploitation and harassment

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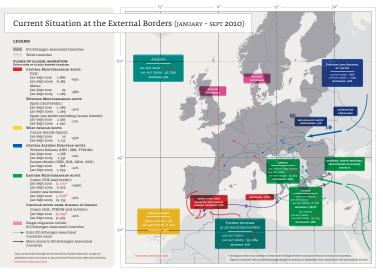


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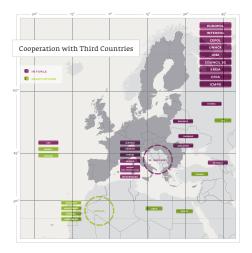


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The European response to migration

- Asylum seekers detained outside EU where possible
- Asylum seekers entitled to have their cases reviewed only by one country
- ► Focus on EU external borders:
 - Tougher controls
 - Common visa policy
 - Creation of databases containing information on immigrants (EURODAC, 2003)
 - Police co-ordination (Europol)

Assessment/problems

- Co-operation in police/border/immigration matters successful, but a sensitive and highly controversial area
- Asylum/migration policy
- Co-operation in justice matters more difficult
 - Different legal philosophies/traditions
 - Different notions of what constitutes "crime" (homosexuality, divorce, abortion, racism etc.)
- Problems in dealing with terrorism
 - Different threat perceptions/strategies
 - Established patterns of bi-/multilateral co-operation
 - Freedom vs. security

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- Europe really an area of Freedom, Security, Justice?

Class questions

- Why has the free movement of people been so controversial in the EU?
- How much does European Citizenship contribute to create a European identity?
- How should Europe deal with migrants?