

**MIGRATION CAUSES AND REFUGEE CRISIS
IN THE BALKANS AND IN EUROPE**

SUMMARY: The paper offers an analysis of the situation in the Middle East, where civil wars and conflict escalation have caused mass migrations and refugee waves. It also analyses the situation in Europe, especially the Balkans region, which has become a route used by migrants on their way to their final destinations. It is, therefore, a complex problem which still remains unsolved by the international community in general and by some European countries in particular. There are countries both in and outside of Europe which are directly or indirectly involved in the Middle East conflicts, either through military operations or supporting regime forces. The migrant crisis raises many concerns to be addressed, the most prominent being the issues related to the migrants themselves, as well as the problems faced by countries where they temporarily or permanently settle. Undeniably, Europe faces the largest uncontrolled migration from North Africa and the Middle East, which has caused the most severe refugee crisis after World War II.

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