



- **New EU migration plans with Egypt and Tunisia**
- **USA seeks bilateral deals for biometric data**
- **Rwanda off, Albania on**

And: New infographics on the use of AI for border control and surveillance

Over the last fortnight we have been beaver away hard at our ongoing research projects, and have just two news stories for you - but below you will also find a comment from our Director on the defeat of the UK's Rwanda plan and the announcement of Italy's Albania plan. Our friends at *EuroMed Rights* have also produced a series of [infographics on the uses of AI for border control and surveillance](#), based on [the report we published with them earlier this year](#).

EU planning new anti-migration deals with Egypt and Tunisia, unrepentant in support for Libya

The European Commission wants to agree “new anti-smuggling operational partnerships” with Tunisia and Egypt before the end of the year, despite longstanding reports of abuse against migrants and refugees in Egypt and recent racist violence endorsed by the Tunisian state. Material and financial support is already being stepped up to the two North African countries, along with support for Libya.

Full story [here](#).

USA seeks bilateral deals for access to European “criminal, terrorist, and identity records”

The USA’s proposed Enhanced Border Security Partnerships would entail “systematic and continuous” exchanges of sensitive personal data between participating states. The European Commission has indicated that its working group with the USA has stopped operating, and that plans are instead being negotiated bilaterally between member states and the USA.

Full story [here](#).

Rwanda off, Albania on

Comment by Chris Jones, Statewatch Director

Human rights advocates everywhere – and migrants’ rights advocates in the UK in particular – have been celebrating this week. On Wednesday, the country’s Supreme Court ruled the plan to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda unlawful. This has not stopped the government, of course, with prime minister Rishi Sunak saying he will

introduce “emergency legislation” to make sure the plan goes into action. The far-right in the Conservative Party and sections of the UK media are calling for all manner of extreme responses, but whatever the government does will undoubtedly face fierce opposition. Here at *Statewatch* we will do what we can to support it.

However, another migrant outsourcing plan has been announced, as if there is some sort of inhumane, Europe-wide version of the fairground game whack-a-mole going on. As soon as one is knocked down, another pops up. Italy's far-right government has concluded an agreement that will see the Albanian authorities host two migrant “processing centres”. It is hard to see how the plan complies with EU law or the European Convention on Human Rights. That may be of little concern to the Italian government, but campaigners in both countries will no doubt be seeking to challenge the plan in the weeks and months to come.

We will continue to monitor developments in the UK, Italy and other cases of asylum and immigration outsourcing and externalisation across Europe.

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Upcoming events

Online, 29 and 30 November

[Legal Seminar 2023, EU Law and Undocumented Migrants on “Racial Profiling, Policing and Immigration Control”](#)

New material

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Asylum, immigration and borders

Getting the Voice Out, 15 November

Belgium: [Seven young men from Burundi national youth handball team are detained in a detention centre](#)

“In August 2023, the Burundi national youth handball team travelled to Croatia to participate in the Men’s Youth World Handball Championship 2023.

During this event, some of the players fled to Belgium and applied for international protection, fearing for their return to Burundi because of a “general human rights crisis” there (2 and 3). They are now in detention centre.”

UK Home Office, 15 November

[UK opens electronic travel authorisation scheme](#)

“The UK’s electronic travel authorisation (ETA) scheme has opened for Qatari nationals, who can now benefit from cheaper and smoother travel.”

Background: [Nationality and Borders Bill: Biometric 'permission to travel' scheme will affect tens of millions of people](#) (Statewatch, 20 September 2021)

InfoMigrants, 15 November

[Finland considers closing border crossing points with Russia](#)

"Finland has proposed closing its border with Russia, which it accuses of turning a blind eye to undocumented migrants crossing into the nordic state.

Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said Tuesday (November 14) that he believed Russia was allowing migrants to cross into Finland, despite not having proper travel documents."

Altreconomia, 15 November

[Inchiesta sul gestore del Cpr di Milano: tra falsi protocolli e servizi non erogati](#)

Investigation on the Milan CPR's management: between false protocols and services that are not provided. Altreconomia investigation uncovers irregularities.

InfoMigrants, 15 November

[Spain: Criticism of age assessment tests for young migrants](#)

"Organizations that work with migrants and refugees in Spain have criticized the government's reliance on biometric tests to determine age, calling them "discriminatory and illegal." But in the absence of tests, many arriving on the Canary Islands claim to have been wrongly assessed as adults."

Free Movement, 15 November

[UK: Supreme Court finds Rwanda is not a safe country to which refugees can be removed](#)

"The Supreme Court has today held that Rwanda is not a safe country and that it would be unlawful for refugees to be removed there. The government's appeal against the Court of Appeal's judgment has been dismissed."

And see:

- **[Supreme Court judgement: R \(on the application of AAA and others\) \(Respondents/Cross Appellants\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \(Appellant/Cross Respondent\)](#)**
- **[Supreme court rules Rwanda plan unlawful: a legal expert explains the judgment, and what happens next](#)** (The Conversation, 15 November)
- **[In the defeat of the Rwanda plan, the entire Tory project lies in tatters](#)** (The Guardian, 15 November)

La Gisti, 14 November

[France: Projet de loi asile et immigration : la palme de l'inhumanité et de la déraison revient à la majorité sénatoriale \[Communiqué interassociatif\]](#)

"Le projet de loi « Pour contrôler l'immigration, améliorer l'intégration » sera adopté en première lecture par un vote solennel du Sénat ce mardi 14 novembre avant sa transmission à l'Assemblée nationale dans les prochains jours. Alors que la majorité sénatoriale a considérablement accentué la gravité d'un texte déjà très préoccupant, plus de 30 associations, collectifs et syndicats appellent à un sursaut général des forces citoyennes et politiques pour la défense de l'État de droit et de la dignité humaine."

EuroMed Rights, 13 November

[AI Act: No EU loopholes for migrants' protection!](#)

"The European Union is leading the way when it comes to the regulation of Artificial Intelligence. In the words of the European Parliament, the future "AI Act" will set-up an "analysis and classification system of AI tools according to the risk these systems pose to users. The different risk levels will mean more or less regulation". This Act brings forward important and unprecedented safeguards in the use of Artificial Intelligence."

Border Criminologies, 13 November

[Shades Of Carcerality? Reflections On Asylum Accommodation In Italy, France And The UK](#)

"In recent years, Europe has witnessed a proliferation of types of accommodation for asylum seekers and refugees, including army barracks, schools, hotels, ships, rural houses, public housing apartments, containers, tents and purpose-built centres. These facilities accommodate but also confine people in ways that break down neat distinctions between carceral and non-carceral spaces. This blog post explores the shades of carcerality that emerge."

The Guardian, 11 November

['Unthinkable cruelty': Kenyan expert working at Bristol University denied visa for six-year-old daughter](#)

"Dr Doseline Kiguru, a Kenyan expert in world literature, was overjoyed when she secured a permanent position at Bristol University. But that all changed last week when the Home Office refused to allow her six-year-old daughter to join her."

Kathimerini, 10 November

[Independent inquiry launched into shipwreck that left hundreds of migrants feared dead](#)

"Greece's state ombudsman said Thursday that it's launching an independent investigation into the coast guard's handling of a maritime tragedy in June in which hundreds of migrants trying to reach Europe in an overloaded boat are feared to have drowned."

InfoMigrants, 9 November

[Migrants allege forced and 'extremely invasive' body searches at EU borders](#)

"Migrants have alleged they were forced to undress and were subjected to genital searches at the Greek border, as well as being subjected to violence and had their belongings stolen."

The Guardian, 9 November

UK: [**Failure to save 27 lives in Channel exacerbated by confusion and lack of resources**](#)

“Attempts to save 27 people who drowned in the deadliest Channel disaster for more than 40 years were compromised by confusion, lack of resources and poor communication between the UK and France, a report has found.

A failed operation to reach a stricken dinghy on 24 November 2021 identified the wrong boat, the report says. A Border Force cutter rescued 98 people in three other boats that night, but not those on the dinghy carrying the 27 who died.”

UK government, 8 November

UK: [**Government expands list of safe countries allowing more removals**](#)

“The Government will add India and Georgia to a list of safe states to speed up process of returning people who have travelled from either country illegally.”

STA, 8 November

Slovenia: [**Poklukar urges Bosnia to sign deal with Frontex as illegal migration discussed**](#)

“Interior Minister Boštjan Poklukar urged closer bilateral cooperation to fight illegal migration and called on Bosnia to sign an accord with Frontex so that the EU agency could help it protect its borders, as he met Bosnian Minister of Security Nenad Nešić in Ljubljana on Wednesday. He said that security in Europe is at stake.”

InfoMigrants, 8 November

[**Unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in the UK left in limbo**](#)

“For most of this year, figures have shown that the UK asylum backlog has been reaching record highs. At the beginning of autumn, government figures showed it stood at over 175,000 people. Among them are thousands of unaccompanied children waiting for answers.”

European Centre for Press and Media Freedom, 7 November

[**"It's sad that human life appears to have a relative value" – Reporting on migration in Europe**](#)

“Giorgos Christides is a Greek journalist with bylines in outlets including Der Spiegel, the Guardian, BBC, and Solomon. His recent work includes a joint investigation into the circumstances which led to the catastrophic shipwreck off the coast of Pylos, in south-western Greece, which left an estimated 600 migrants dead. In October 2023, the investigation won the Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism.”

L'Unita, 7 November

[**Rotta balcanica, Piantedosi lancia le brigate antimigranti**](#)

The Minister of the Interior Matteo Piantedosi has announced the establishment of "mixed [police] brigades" to be "made stable over time" patrolling the Italian-Slovenian border.

Legal Centre Lesvos, 7 November

[PRESS RELEASE: WHERE IS THE FILE OF BARIŞ BÜYÜKSU?](#)

“Barış Büyüksu, who was a citizen of the Republic of Türkiye, was found unconscious in a life raft by the Turkish Coast Guard together with 15 Palestinian migrants off the coast of Bodrum on 22 October 2022, following an apparent pushback operation by Greek authorities. Representation of the family of Barış Büyüksu has now been taken on by the Progressive Lawyers Association (Çağdaş Hukukçular Derneği) and the Legal Centre Lesvos, but one year after Barış’ death, we still have no clear information on the location of the criminal file, or status of any investigation into the causes of his death. Following a press conference held on 3 November 2023 in Izmir, Türkiye, we release today a joint press release together with ÇHD, demanding justice for Barış’ family, the full text of which can be found linked below in English, Turkish, and Greek.”

InfoMigrants, 7 November

[Libya deports 600 undocumented Egyptians](#)

“Tripoli-based authorities are sending hundreds of migrants back to the border with Egypt on buses. Libya has become a popular transit country for migrants on the central Mediterranean route seeking to reach Europe.”

Associated Press, 6 November

[France’s parliament is debating a bill that would speed up the deportation process. Activists say no](#)

“Senators in France opened debate on Monday on an immigration bill intended to strengthen the country’s ability to expel foreigners considered undesirable. Advocacy organizations criticized the measure as a threat to the rights of asylum-seekers and other migrants.”

InfoMigrants, 6 November

[Migrant reception center in Turin calls for urgent solution for underage migrants](#)

“The coordination council for the group of CAS emergency reception centers in Turin has called for urgent solutions to help tackle the problems underage migrants are facing in Italy.”

InfoMigrants, 6 November

[Syrian migrant shot by Polish soldier](#)

“A man reported to be Syrian migrant about 22 years old has undergone surgery after being shot by a Polish soldier while trying to cross the border from Belarus.”

Balkan Insight, 6 November

[Albania Agrees to Host Centres Processing Migrants to Italy](#)

“Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and her Albanian counterpart, Edi Rama, on Monday in Rome signed an important memorandum of understanding under which Albania has agreed to host centres managing thousands of would-be migrants to Italy rescued at sea.”

And see:

- [Migration experts say Italy's deal to have Albania house asylum-seekers follows worrying trend](#) (El País, 7 November)
- [Un Protocollo d'intesa con l'Albania, opaco, disumano e privo di basi legali](#) (ADIF, 7 November)
- [Translation of the protocol by the Odysseus Network](#) (pdf)
- [Italy-Albania agreement adds to worrying European trend towards externalising asylum procedures](#) (Council of Europe, 13 November)
- [German Chancellor Scholz to examine Italy-Albania asylum deal](#) (InfoMigrants, 13 November)

La Cimade, 6 November

[**Loi asile et immigration : les associations dénoncent des atteintes sans précédent aux droits des personnes exiles**](#)

Press statement: Asylum and immigration law: associations criticise the unprecedented threat to the rights of people on the move.

Border Criminologies, 6 November

[**Media Deterrence Campaigns: Border Externalisation and Neoliberal Belonging**](#)

"In 2022, the UK spent more than £90,000 on social media campaigns aimed at deterring migrants from attempting to cross the Channel. Social media posts targeted people in Northern France with messages emphasising that they might drown if they attempted to cross to the UK, and that smugglers are not to be trusted. That same year, the number of people crossing the Channel reached a record high. Did media deterrence campaigns have any effect on border crossings?"

Evening Standard, 5 November

UK: [**Braverman says 'huge amount to learn' from Greece on migrant deterrence**](#)

"Suella Braverman said there is a "huge amount to learn" from Greece in how the European country has cut the numbers of asylum seekers arriving on its shores via unauthorised routes."

Maldusa, 4 November

[**The arbitrariness of control and the border regime. Snapshots from Lampedusa**](#)

Vignettes reflecting on key events and incidents in October.

The Guardian, 4 November

[**Revealed: UK coastguard downgraded 999 calls from refugees in days before mass drowning**](#)

"UK coastguards downgraded 999 calls from refugees pleading for help as they headed to England days before the worst Channel disaster for decades, new internal documents reveal."

EU Fundamental Rights Agency, 3 November

[The European Border and Coast Guard and fundamental rights](#)

“Fundamental rights are an important consideration in European border management. Virtually all activities can have an impact on rights – from risk analysis to training, border checks and border surveillance. Safeguards in laws regulating European border management aim to protect rights. This report is a contribution to the first review of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 that offers an opportunity to reflect on how best to improve the fundamental rights situation at the external borders of the EU.”

Financial Times, 2 November

[UK to ease post-Brexit travel rules for French school trips](#)

“The UK government is to sharply reduce post-Brexit border bureaucracy for French school trips as part of plans to revamp educational exchanges with Europe, which have plummeted since Britain left the EU.”

Stampa Libera, 2 November

[MESSINA: Non erano scafisti, assolti tre bengalesi](#)

Messina: They were not smugglers, three Bangladeshis acquitted. On yet another case in which three people accused for boat driving were acquitted because the facts do not constitute a crime.

migration-control.info, 1 November

[Migratory Situation in Mauritania](#)

“This note from the European Council Presidency to the Working Party on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration introduces Mauritania as “a key country for stability in the Maghreb and the Sahel”, noting Mauritania’s longstanding cooperation in EU migration control and stressing its general geostrategic significance.”

The Big Wall, 27 October

[Golpe in Niger: quale futuro per il laboratorio Ue per le migrazioni?](#)

Coup in Niger: what future for the EU migration policy externalisation laboratory? On the possible effects of the 26 July coup in a key partner state to limit people’s mobility.

European Papers, 27 September

EU: **[Let’s Call It what It Is: Hybrid Threats and Instrumentalisation as the Evolution of Securitisation in Migration Management](#)**

“The Insight assesses whether a fundamental shift has occurred and if it warrants an exceptional response to safeguard the Area of Freedom Security and Justice, Schengen, and the Common European Asylum System. It offers an “insight” contributing to the ongoing scholarly conversation by providing a timely analysis of the legal implications of the instrumentalisation of migration, considering it as a continuation of the securitisation paradigm rather than a paradigm shift requiring an exceptional emergency response, as exemplified by the proposed Instrumentalisation Regulation.”

Civil liberties

The Guardian, 14 November

UK: [**Spain's People's party urges EU to intervene over Catalan amnesty law**](#)

"Spain's conservative People's party (PP) has urged the EU to weigh in on the controversial Catalan amnesty law tabled by the ruling socialists, claiming it demands the kind of action the bloc has previously taken when concerns over the rule of law have arisen in Poland, Hungary and Romania."

Jacobin, 11 November

[**Undocumented Workers Are Challenging France's Olympics Juggernaut — and Winning**](#)

"Paris's flashy new venues for the 2024 Olympics depend on the rather less glamorous labor of undocumented migrant workers. Their recent strike action showed how much the Games depend on them — and won them the right to regular migration status."

Reporters Without Borders, 10 November

[**RSF and 16 partners unveil Paris Charter on AI and Journalism**](#)

"The first of its kind, the Paris Charter on AI and Journalism defines ethics and principles that journalists, newsrooms and media outlets around the world will be able to appropriate and apply in their work with artificial intelligence. It was created by a commission initiated by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) and chaired by journalist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Maria Ressa."

The Arrested Lawyers, 10 November

[**Repression Beyond Borders: Turkey's 'Night and Fog' Regime**](#)

"[Ayten Ozturk] was apprehended on 8 March 2018, at Lebanon Airport by Lebanese police, subsequently handed over to Turkish authorities with a sack over her head, and forcibly brought to Turkey after six days of incommunicado detention on 13 March 2018. On the same day, she found herself in an undisclosed detention center, where she endured severe forms of torture, including intense beatings, electrification, and other instances of sexual violence. She was finally handed over to the police at midnight after enduring six months of such treatment, on 28 August 2018. While abduction is typically associated with men, Ozturk is a notable exception, being the only known woman subjected to abduction and torture during the post-coup period in 2016."

ESWA, 8 November

[**Sex worker-led networks support UN Working Group position paper**](#)

"Statement of Support for the UN Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls regarding their Position Paper on Eliminating Discrimination Against Sex Workers and Securing their Human Rights"

EuroMed Rights, 7 November

Tunisia: Reject Bill Dismantling Civil Society

“The draft law on associations submitted by 10 parliamentarians to the Tunisian Parliament on 10 October 2023 would violate the right to freedom of association and endanger civic space in Tunisia if adopted as currently formulated, 8 rights groups said today.”

The Observer, 4 November

Revealed: plan to brand anyone ‘undermining’ UK as extremist

“Government officials have drawn up deeply controversial proposals to broaden the definition of extremism to include anyone who “undermines” the country’s institutions and its values, according to documents seen by the Observer.”

The Independent, 3 November

UK: Government prepared secret dossier on academic’s BLM, ‘militant leftism’ and Israel war posts

“The Government prepared a secret dossier on an academic’s social media posts supporting transgender rights, Black Lives Matter, lecturer strikes and criticisms of No 10 amid a free speech row with universities, i can reveal.

i has seen an 11-page internal Government dossier cataloguing three years’ worth of one academic’s posts on X, formerly Twitter, alongside their likes, retweets, academic literature and events they are due to host in the coming months.”

The Guardian, 3 November

‘Designed to distress and deter’: the impact of Slapp lawsuits on journalists and free speech

“Eliot Higgins found out two weeks before Christmas 2021.

The news came in a seven-page letter sent by lawyers acting for the head of Russia’s Wagner militia group. It informed Higgins, the founder of the Bellingcat media group, that he faced defamation proceedings in the English courts.”

Electronic Frontier Foundation, 29 September 2023

The Growing Threat of Cybercrime Law Abuse: LGBTQ+ Rights in MENA and the UN Cybercrime Draft Convention

“In the digital age, the rights of the LGBTQ+ community in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) are gravely threatened by expansive cybercrime and surveillance legislation. This reality leads to systemic suppression of LGBTQ+ identities, compelling individuals to censor themselves for fear of severe reprisal. This looming threat becomes even more pronounced in countries like Iran, where same-sex conduct is punishable by death, and Egypt, where merely raising a rainbow flag can lead to being arrested and tortured.”

Military

CPJ, 16 November

Journalist casualties in the Israel-Gaza war

“The Israel-Gaza war has taken a severe toll on journalists since Hamas launched its unprecedented attack against Israel on October 7 and Israel declared war on the militant Palestinian group, launching strikes on the blockaded Gaza Strip.”

Policing

Disclose, 14 November

The French National Police is unlawfully using an Israeli facial recognition software

“In 2015, law enforcement secretly acquired surveillance video image analysis software from the Israeli company Briefcam. For eight years, the Ministry of the Interior concealed the use of this tool, which enables facial recognition.”

UK government, 14 November

UK: New bill gives police more powers to take zero-tolerance approach to crime

“A new Criminal Justice Bill will protect the public from ruthless criminals and empower the police to take a zero-tolerance approach to cut crime and keep neighbourhoods safe.

The bill, introduced in the House of Commons today (14 November), will be focused on keeping violent criminals locked up for longer and making sure victims’ voices are heard.”

Wired, 9 November

Police Use of Face Recognition Is Sweeping the UK

“A Beyoncé gig, the coronation of King Charles, and the British Formula One Grand Prix all have one thing in common: Thousands of people at the events, which all took place earlier this year, had their faces scanned by police-operated face recognition tech.”

EDRi, 9 November

A coalition of 6 organisations takes EU’s dangerous terrorist content regulation to court

“On 8 November 2023, a coalition of six organisations filed a complaint before the French supreme administrative court, the Conseil d’État, against the French decree implementing the Regulation on addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online.”

New European Journal of Criminal Law, November 2023,

The future of data driven investigations in light of the Sky ECC operation

“This article addresses how the Sky ECC operation interferes with the right to privacy and the right to a fair trial. We examine whether or not, and on what terms, there is a future for data driven criminal investigations. Our main research question is therefore how data driven criminal investigations can be (better) regulated in order to be in line with case law of the European Court of Human Rights.”

The Guardian, 7 November

UK: [**Met police chief defies calls to ban pro-Palestine Armistice Day march in London**](#)

“The Metropolitan police commissioner, Sir Mark Rowley, has defied calls for a ban on a pro-Palestinian march through London on Armistice Day as he insisted on the independence of his force amid intense government pressure to act.”

Security Architectures in the EU, 6 November

Hungary: [**Prosecution against international Antifas in Budapest started, arrest warrants requested for 14 more**](#)

“The public prosecutor’s office in Budapest has filed charges against three activists for attacks on Nazis. Their organisation was founded in Germany, the authorities claim.”

Novara Media, 3 November

UK: [**Who Is the Tory Counter-Extremism ‘Expert’ Labelling Pro-Palestine Protests ‘Antisemitic’?**](#)

“The government’s commissioner for countering extremism is Robin Simcox. Apparently, he is a leading expert on the subject rather than some kind of headbanging demagogue. Nonetheless, writing for the Times on 19 October, Simcox wrote in no uncertain terms what he thought about the hundreds of thousands who marched to demand Israel end its occupation and apartheid rule over Palestine: “They are successfully exploiting one of our proudest British values, freedom of expression, to pursue a shameful extremist agenda, the normalisation and promotion of antisemitism.””

DSA Observatory, 1 November

[**The extraterritorial implications of the Digital Services Act**](#)

“As the enforcement of the Digital Services Act (DSA) is gathering speed, a number of non-EU based civil society and research organizations have wondered to what extent the DSA can have an impact on their work. This blog post provides a concise overview of the areas and provisions within the Digital Services Act that are most pertinent to the issue of extraterritorial application of the Regulation.”

New Journal of European Criminal Law, October 2023

[**The dangerous increasing support of Europol in national criminal investigations: An additional layer of complexity**](#)

“This paper analyses the amendments made to the Regulation and explores Europol’s increasing role of in national investigations and the associated dangers of it.”

INQUEST, 30 October

UK: [**Chris Kaba: Met police shooter will be named**](#)

“The Metropolitan Police officer charged with the murder of Chris Kaba has been denied anonymity for the continued criminal proceedings, at a hearing at the Old Bailey today.”

Privacy and data protection

European Data Protection Supervisor, 8 November

[Study on the Essence of the fundamental rights to privacy and to the protection of personal data](#)

“This background paper explores the requirement of respecting the ‘essence’ of the rights to respect for private life and of right to the protection of personal data whenever these rights are limited under European Union (EU) law.”

European Law Blog, 7 November

EU: [Are personal data always personal? Case T-557/20 SRB v. EDPS or when the qualification of data depends on who holds them](#)

“...five shareholders filed a complaint before the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) on the ground that they had not been informed of their personal data being transferred to a third-party. Without digging into too much detail, the EDPS agreed with the complainants that their personal data had been processed by Deloitte while they had not been informed of any transfer of their data by the SRB. SRB, for its part, claimed that data processed by Deloitte were not personal data. Basically, the General Court had to determine whether the comments held by Deloitte could be considered personal data.”

EurActiv, 6 November

[Frontex illegally processing migrants' data, EU watchdog says](#)

“The EU border agency Frontex is processing personal data of migrants in breach of EU law and its own mandate, according to a letter by the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), seen by Euractiv.”

Racism and discrimination

Border Violence Monitoring Network, 15 November

[Joint Civil Society Statement on Article 5 of the EU Screening Regulation](#)¹

“Despite widespread racial profiling in the EU, legislators are considering measures that would increase it”

Institute of Race Relations, 9 November

UK: [Anti-Palestinian racism and expanding the definition of extremism](#)

“Another feature that the calendar on anti-Palestinian racism draws attention to is the fact that a new policy seems to be in draft here to expand the definition of extremism, which has been a pet project of Michael Gove (currently Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities and author of Celsius 7/7) since at least 2006.”

The Guardian, 8 November

UK: [**Met police detective who sent racist messages allowed to keep her job**](#)

“A Metropolitan police detective who was found guilty of sending racist messages via WhatsApp has been allowed to keep her job, the Guardian has learned.

DS Victoria Teagle was investigated over the messages sent to her then partner, who eventually reported them to police professional standards’ investigators.”

Secrecy and transparency

Atlatszo, 2 November

[**Freedom of Information laws in Central Europe resemble a game of Whack-a-Mole**](#)

“Access to public information is one of the most important checks on power for journalists and citizens alike. In theory, all Central European countries have a transparency law, but in practice, they do not always serve their purpose.”

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