

Transnational Institute

1. Border Wars I:

While tens of thousands of refugees have died fleeing terrible violence and hardship to get to Europe, not everyone has lost out. This report exposes the military and security companies that have profited from the tragedy, winning contracts to provide the equipment to border guards, the surveillance technology to monitor frontiers, and the IT infrastructure to track population movements.

Link here to the full report, summary and updated version of the report called Border Wars II:
<https://www.tni.org/en/publication/border-wars>

2. Border Wars II:

This briefing updates the July 2016 report 'Border Wars: the arms dealers profiting from Europe's refugee tragedy'. It shows that the European policy response to the refugee tragedy continues to provide a booming border security market for Europe's arms and security firms, some of whom are involved in selling arms to the Middle East and North Africa and all of whom encourage European policies focused on keeping refugees out. It's a win-win for the security corporations, but the cost is a deadly toll for migrants forced into ever more dangerous routes as they flee wars, conflict and oppression.

Link to briefing: <https://www.tni.org/en/publication/border-wars-ii>

3. Expanding the Fortress:

The EU has made migration control a central goal of its foreign relations, rapidly expanding border externalisation measures that require neighbouring countries to act as Europe's border guards. This report examines 35 countries, prioritised by the EU, and finds authoritarian regimes emboldened to repress civil society, vulnerable refugees forced to turn to more dangerous and deadly routes, and European arms and security firms booming off the surge in funding for border security systems and technologies.

Link to Executive Summary and Full Report:

<https://www.tni.org/en/publication/expanding-the-fortress>

4. Building Walls:

Member states of the European Union and Schengen Area have constructed almost 1000 km of walls, the equivalent of more than six times the total length of the Berlin Walls, since the nineties to prevent displaced people migrating into Europe. These physical walls are accompanied by even longer 'maritime walls', naval operations patrolling the Mediterranean, as well as 'virtual walls', border control systems that seek to stop people entering or even traveling within Europe, and control movement of population.

<https://www.tni.org/en/publication/building-walls>

5. More than a Wall

This report examines the role of the world's largest arms (as well as a number of other security and IT) firms in shaping and profiting from the militarization of US borders. Through their campaign contributions, lobbying, constant engagement with government officials, and the revolving door between industry and government, these border security corporations and their government allies have formed powerful border-industrial complex that is a major impediment to a humane response to migration.

<https://www.tni.org/en/morethanawall>

6. The Business of Building Walls

Thirty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Europe is once again known for its border walls. This time Europe is divided not so much by ideology as by perceived fear of refugees and migrants, some of the world's most vulnerable people.

<https://www.tni.org/en/businessbuildingwalls>

7. Guarding the Fortress

The report focuses on 19 Frontex operations run by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (hereafter Frontex) to explore how the agency is militarising borders and criminalising migrants, undermining fundamental rights to freedom of movement and the right to asylum.

<https://www.tni.org/en/guarding-the-fortress>