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Remove a nation's borders and a thousand fortresses will rise up in their place. As the European Union ponders the merits of borders as a response to migratory pressures, borders of a different, insidious kind have been erected in the very heart of Europe.

The German Bertelsmann Foundation recently warned the European institutions about the widening social and generational divisions in Europe.

The organisation reported that 26 million children and young people are at risk of poverty or social exclusion in Europe – a figure that has increased by 1.5% in the past eight years. In southern European countries (Spain, Italy, Greece and Portugal), youth poverty has risen by 5.1% and affects 1.16 million children and teenagers. In Hungary, which has been hit particularly hard by the influx of migrants, 41.4% of children are living in poverty.

Given that European children are increasingly at risk of poverty, that – as every good leader knows – ‘charity begins at home’, and that this approach is posited not on the imperative of exclusion, but on that of good governance, is the Commission considering imposing a moratorium on immigration into the EU?