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**Summary:** Between 2014 and 2023, the total length of border fences in the EU rose from 315 to 2,163km. Another 245km will go up this year. Unauthorised crossings accounted for just 0.13% of all external crossings in the EU in 2022. Most enter Europe via the Mediterranean, not the Balkans or the eastern land border. The EU has toughened its stance on migration over recent years. Funding for Frontex has surged. In December, member countries agreed on a new migration pact, which will make it easier to deport failed asylum-seekers. Related: Giorgia Meloni Calls For EU Help To Deal With Surge In Migrant Arrivals and The World Is Becoming More African and Demography Is Destiny in Africa

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