# THE (RE)MATERIALIZATION OF THE SOUTH-ALPINE BORDERS

# (IN A CONTEXT OF MIGRATION POLICY CRISIS)

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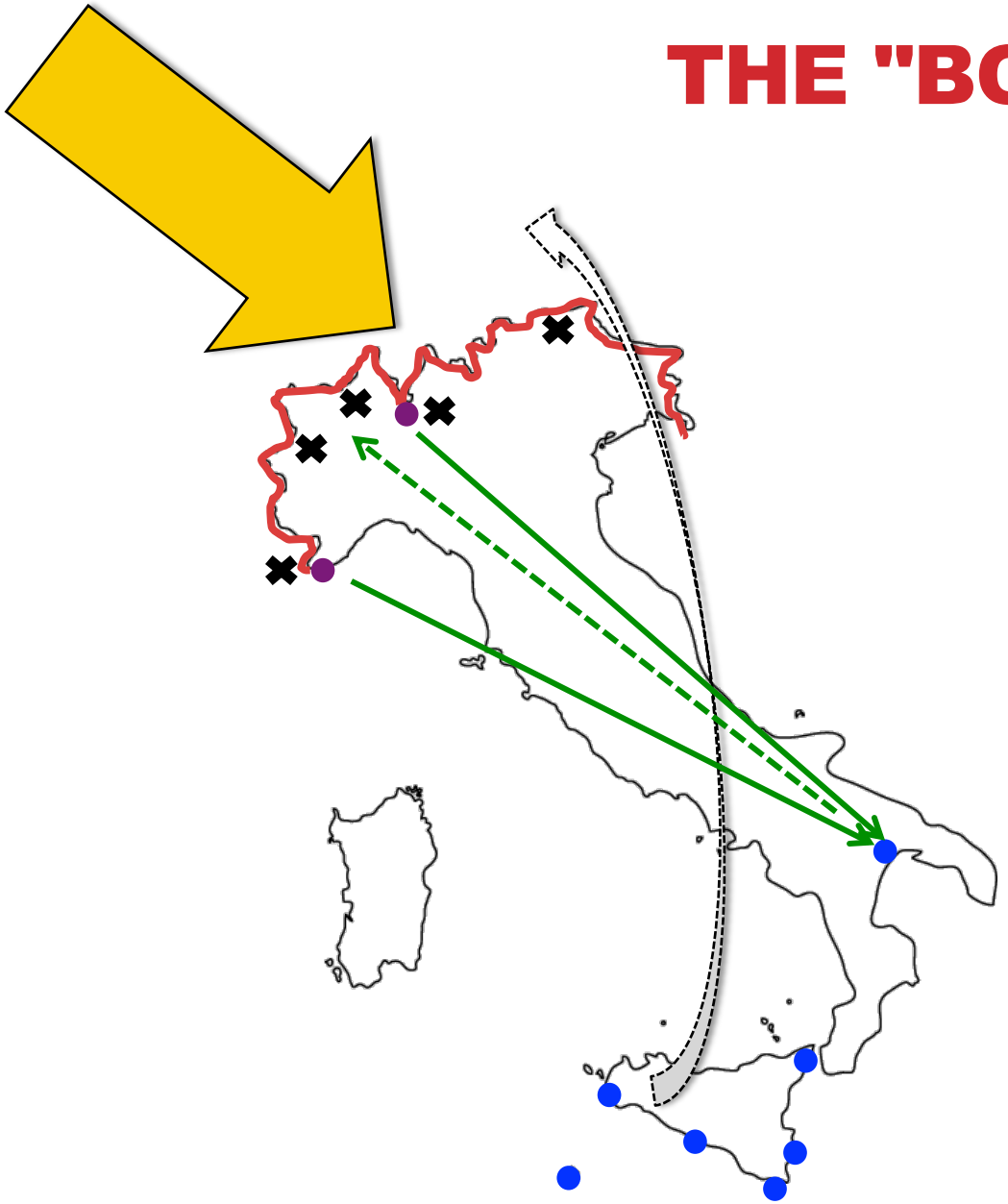
# ALPINE BORDERS: OPEN FOR SOME, CLOSED FOR OTHERS

Map: Cristina Del Biaggio, 2018

# THE "BORDER" PUZZLE

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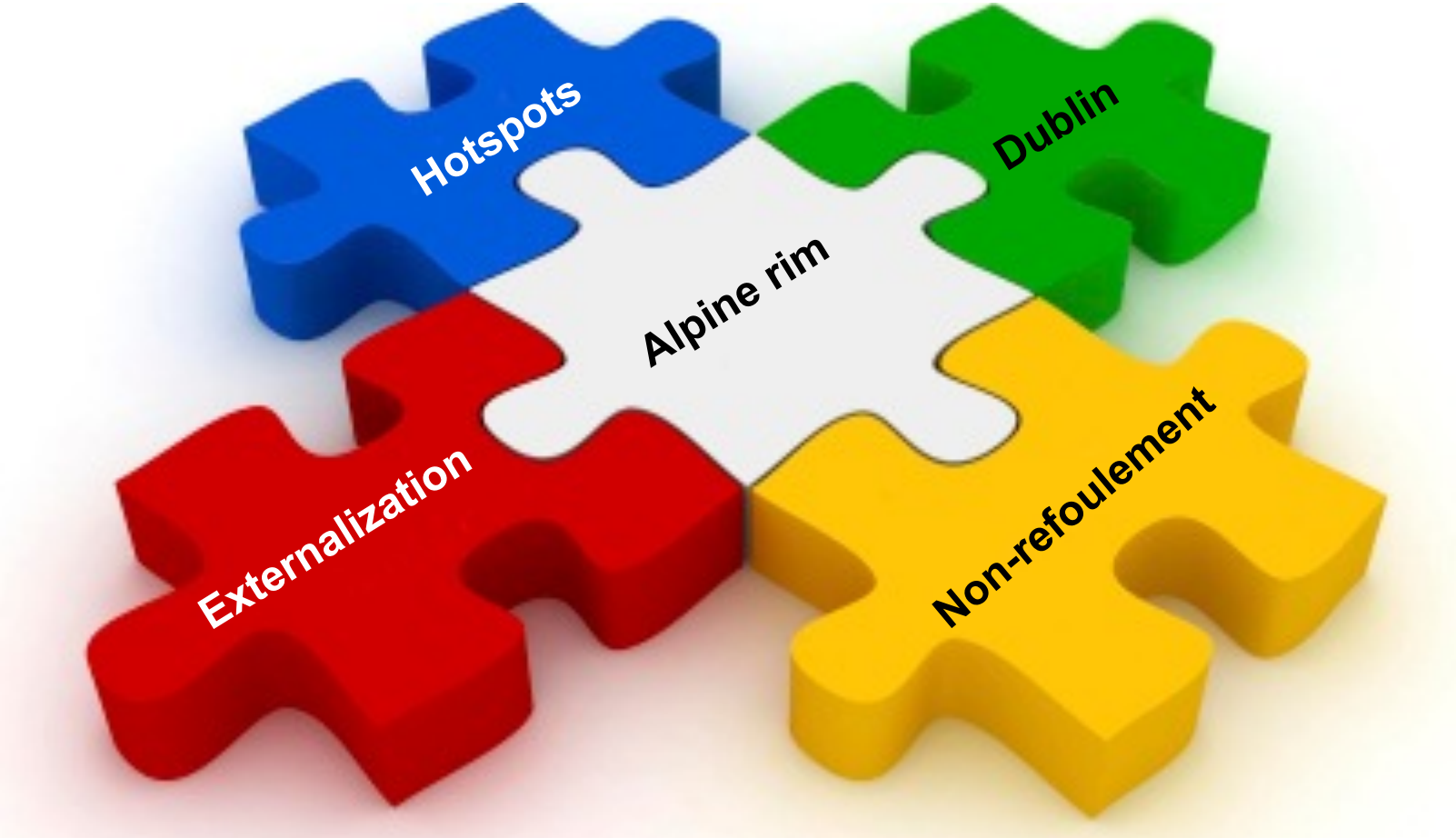
# EUROPEAN BORDER REGIME: A 5-PIECES PUZZLE



# PIECE NR 1: NON-REFOULEMENT

# REFUGEE CONVENTION & NON-REOULEMENT PRINCIPLE

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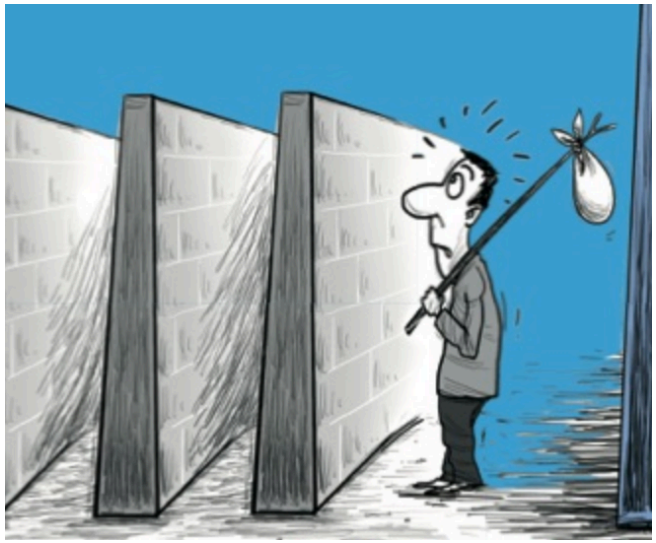
**Art. 33 Convention relating to the status of refugees:**

"**No Contracting State shall expel or return ('refouler') a refugee** in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion."



Dessin: Hani Abbas, paru dans *Vivre Ensemble*, 2016

# PIECE NR 2: EXTERNALIZATION OF BORDER CONTROLS

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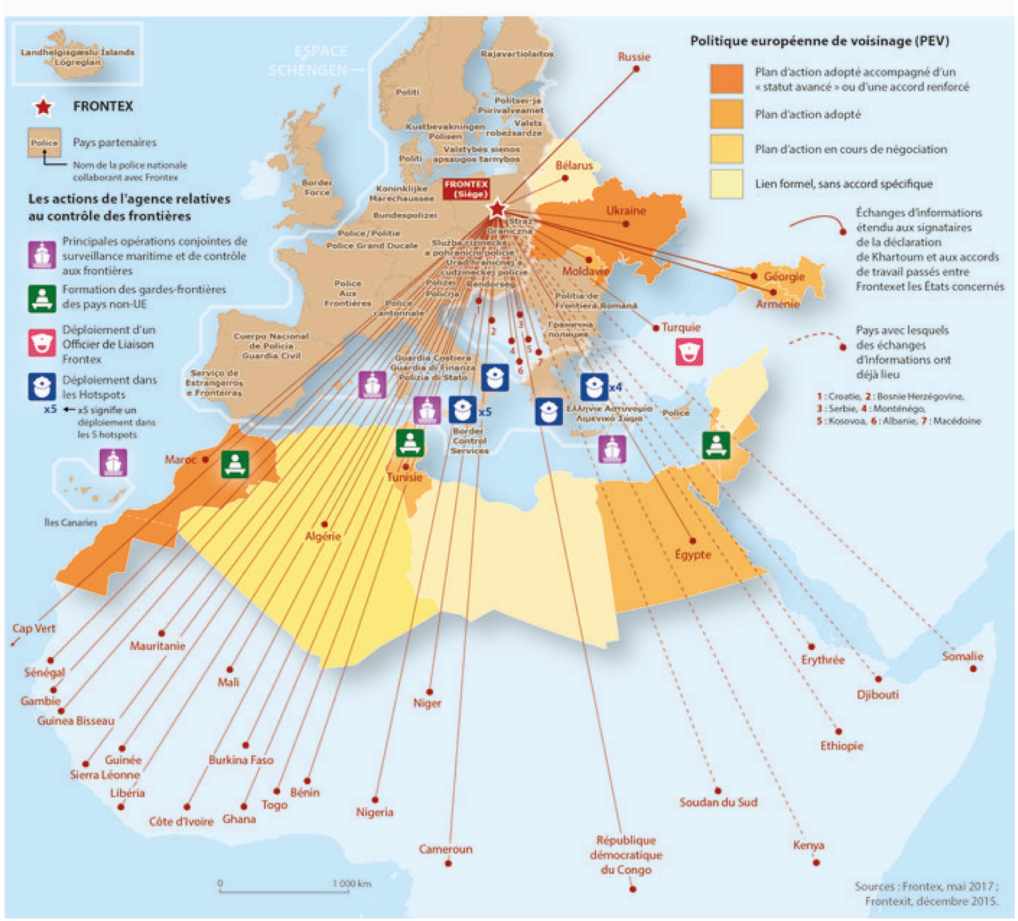


Map: Migreurop, 2017

# NON-ENTRÉE REGIME

"The non-entrée regime can be described as a series of policy measures introduced by western states from the 1980s onwards, aimed at **preventing asylum seekers from entering their territory and claiming asylum**."

(Afeef, 2006)

**Objective:** "Tenir les demandeurs d'asile à distance de leurs propres droits" (Piguet, 2017)

# PIECE NR 3:
# SCHENGEN & DUBLIN

# SCHENGEN: EUROPEAN EXTERNAL BORDERS

Source: ulsterguard.us

# FREEDOM TO CROSS BORDERS

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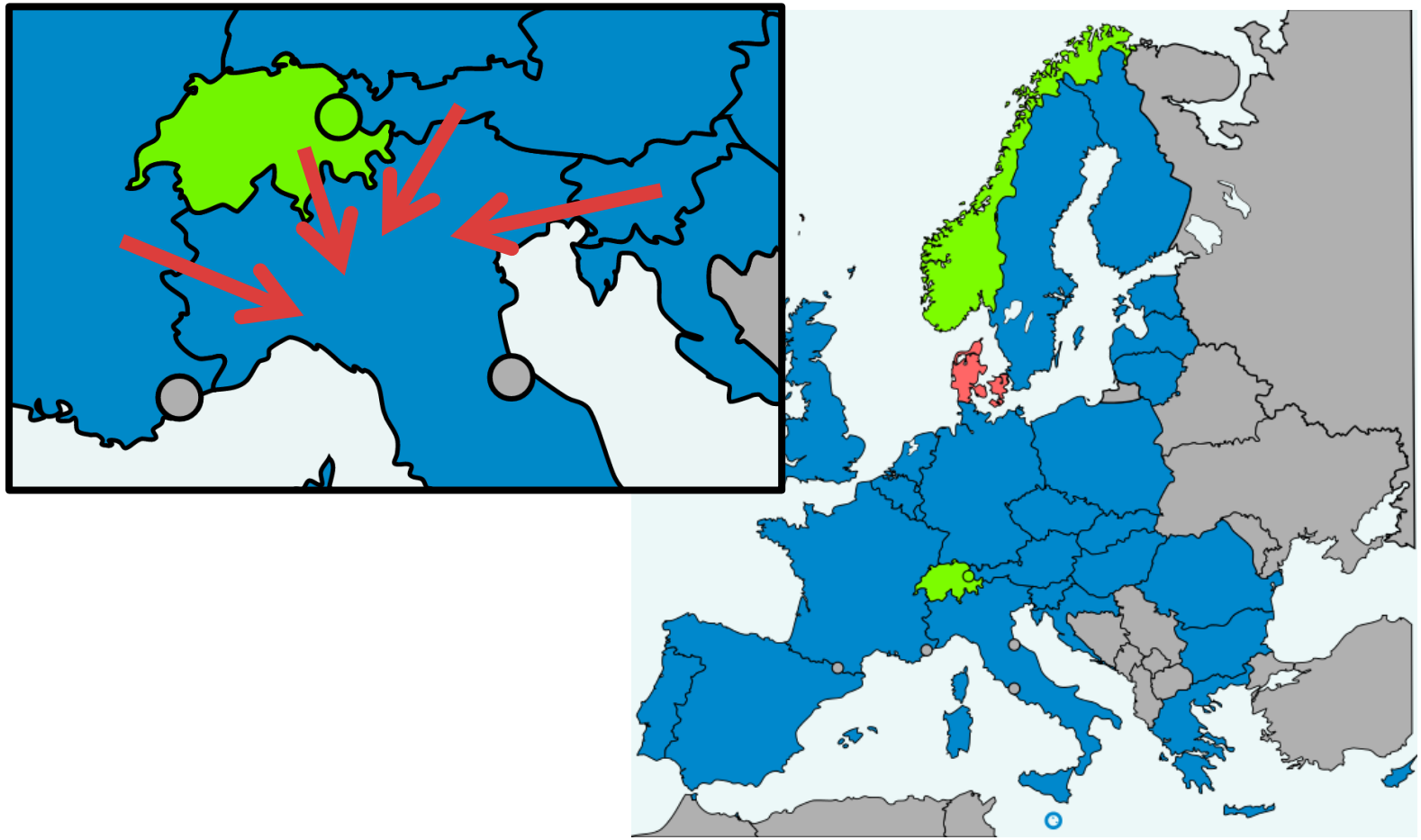
# DUBLIN REGULATION

Cartoon: Pancho

# DUBLIN REGULATION AND SOUTH ALPINE BORDERS





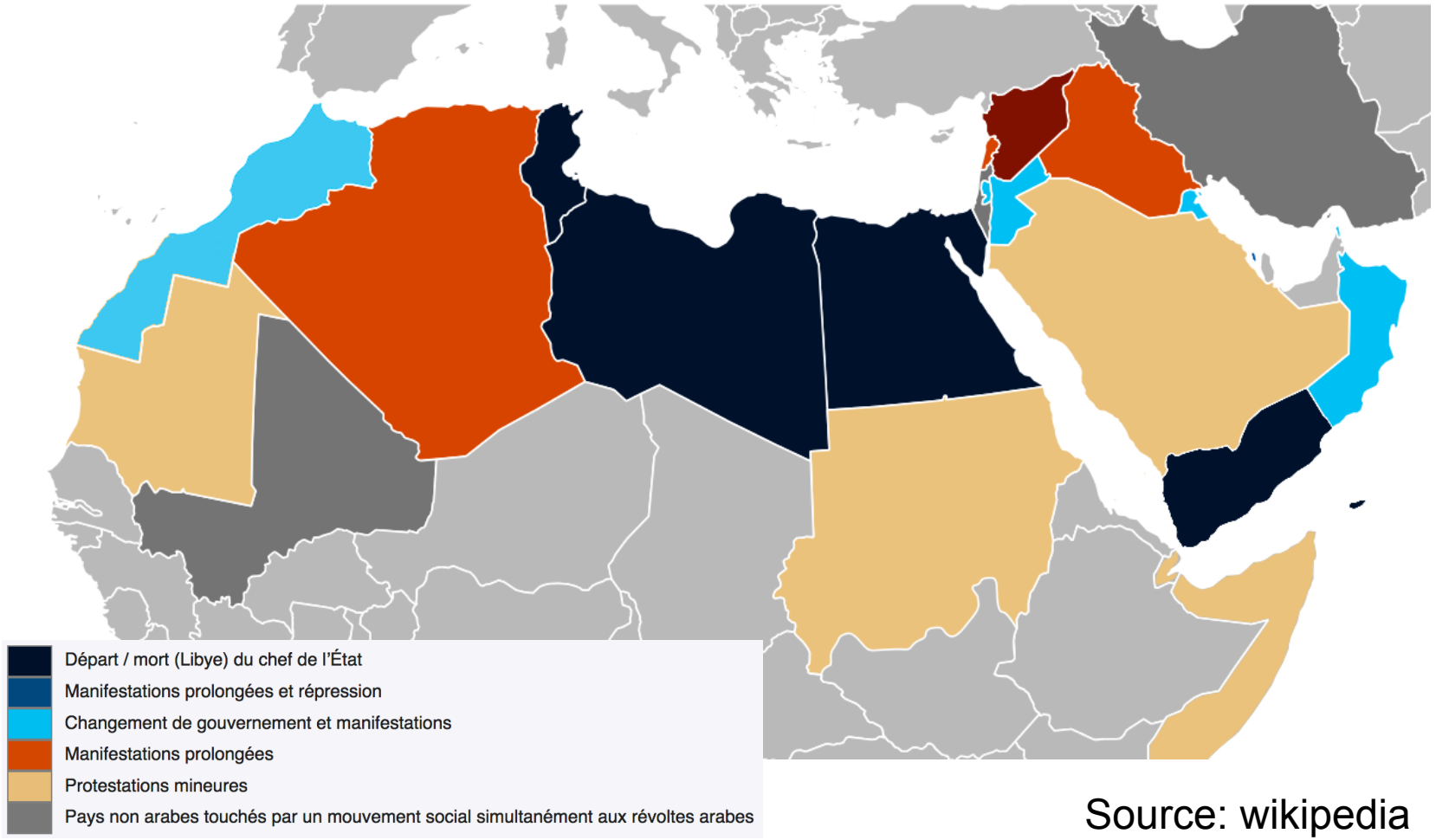
Map: "Dublin Countries", wikipedia

"To prevent [migrants] from filing applications in several EU countries, the regulation officiated that the asylum seekers first country of entry into the EU would be responsible for processing the asylum claims. As a result, **the Dublin Convention locked the EU's external and internal borders, land and sea, in a continuum for the purpose of migration management**."

(Heller & Pezzani, 2016)

# PIECE NR 4:
# HOTSPOTS & RELOCALISATION

# ARAB SPRING: THE SYSTEM COLLAPSES

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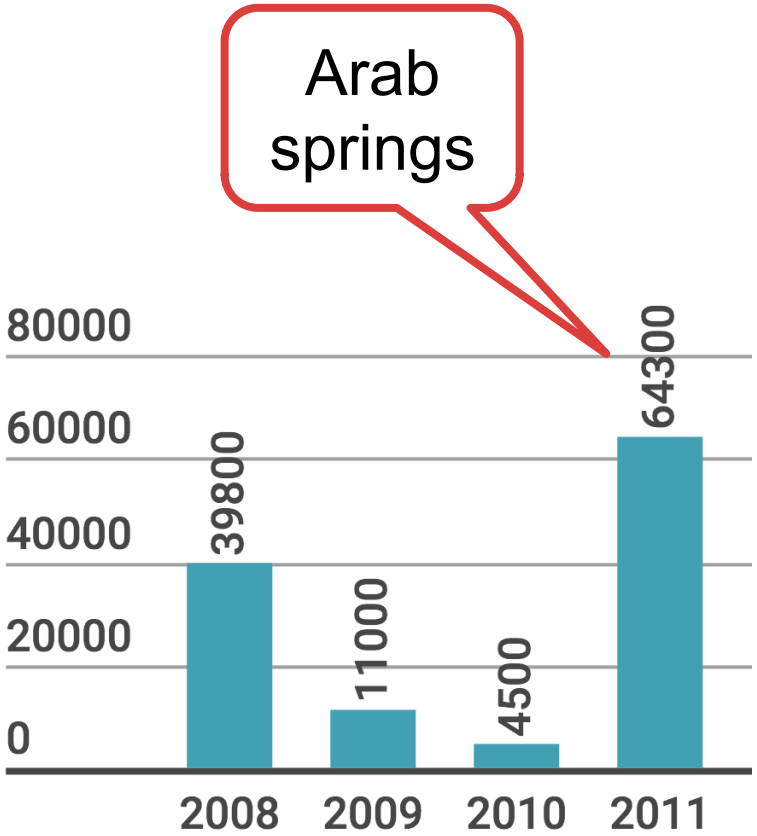
# ITALY: ARRIVALS BY SEA




Source: Frontex

# HOTSPOTS APPROACH

Hotspot Pozzallo (Italy)
Photo: Alberto Campi

# SORTING "ASYLUM SEEKERS" & "MIGRANTS"

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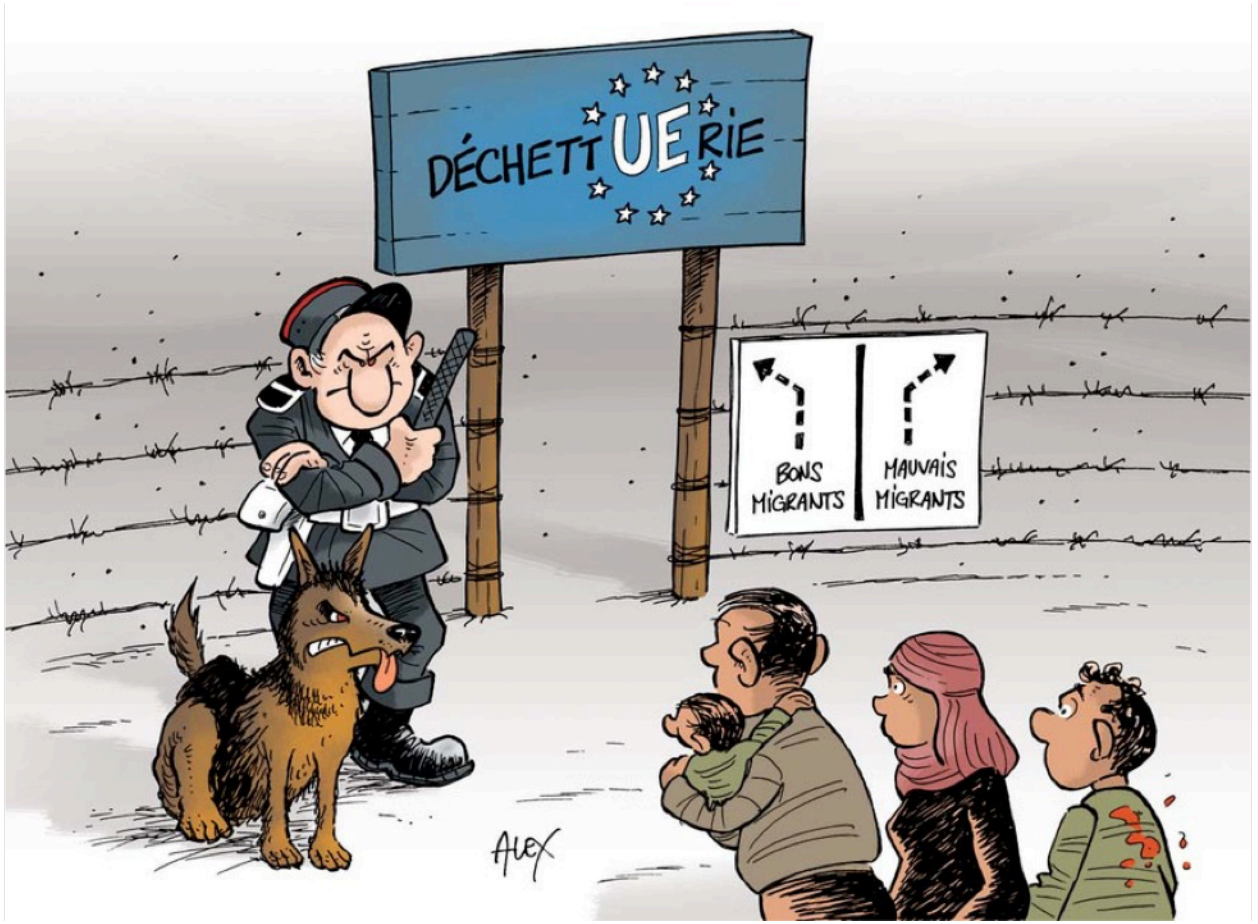


Dessin: Alex / *La Liberté*, 24.09.2015

# ITALY: FACTORY OF WANDERERS

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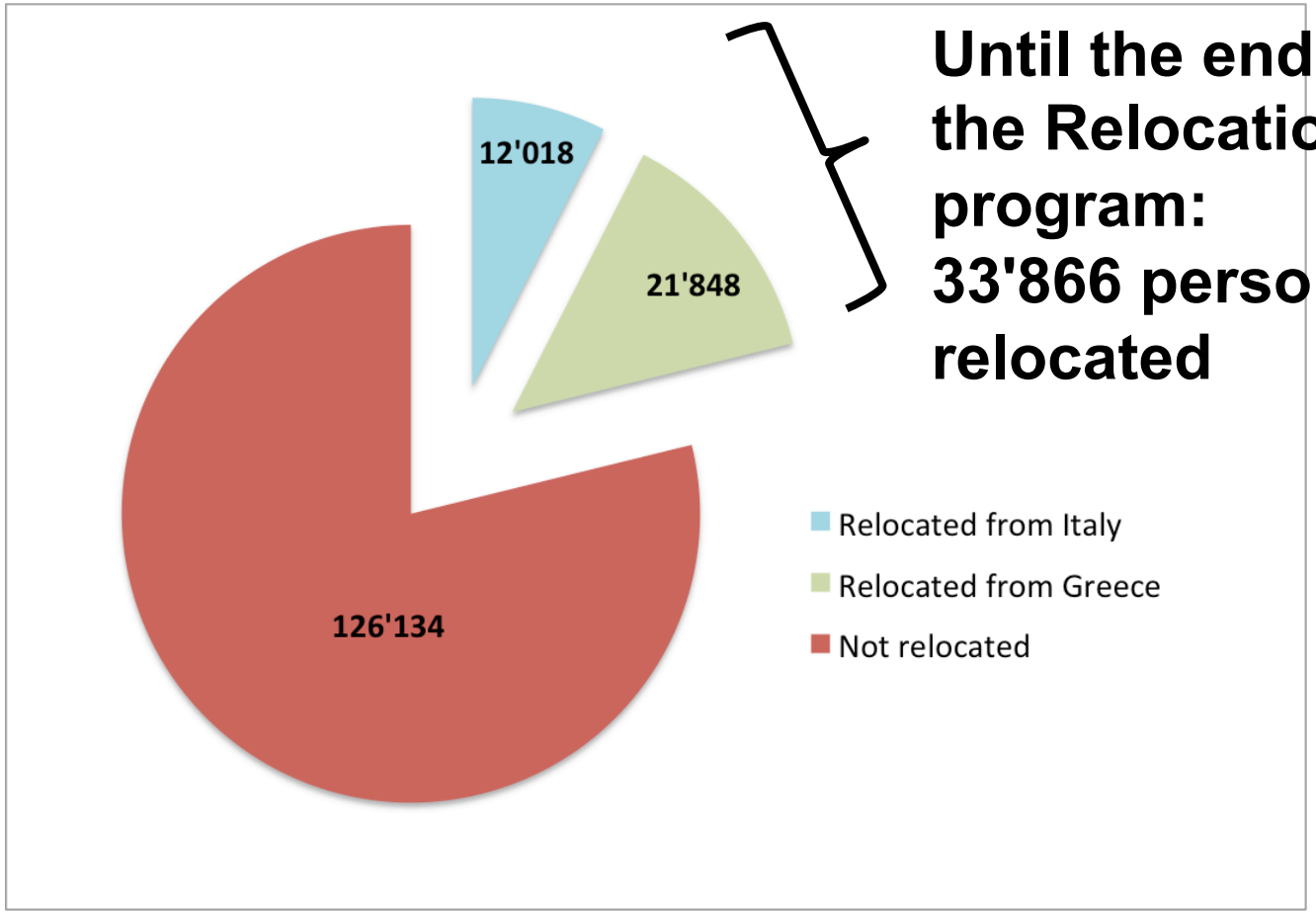
# RELOCATION: A BROKEN PROMISE




**Until the end of the Relocation program: 33'866 persons relocated**

Source: European commission
Elaboration: Cristna Del Biaggio

# PIECE NR 5: ALPINE RIM

# "SPATIAL DISOBEDIENCE"

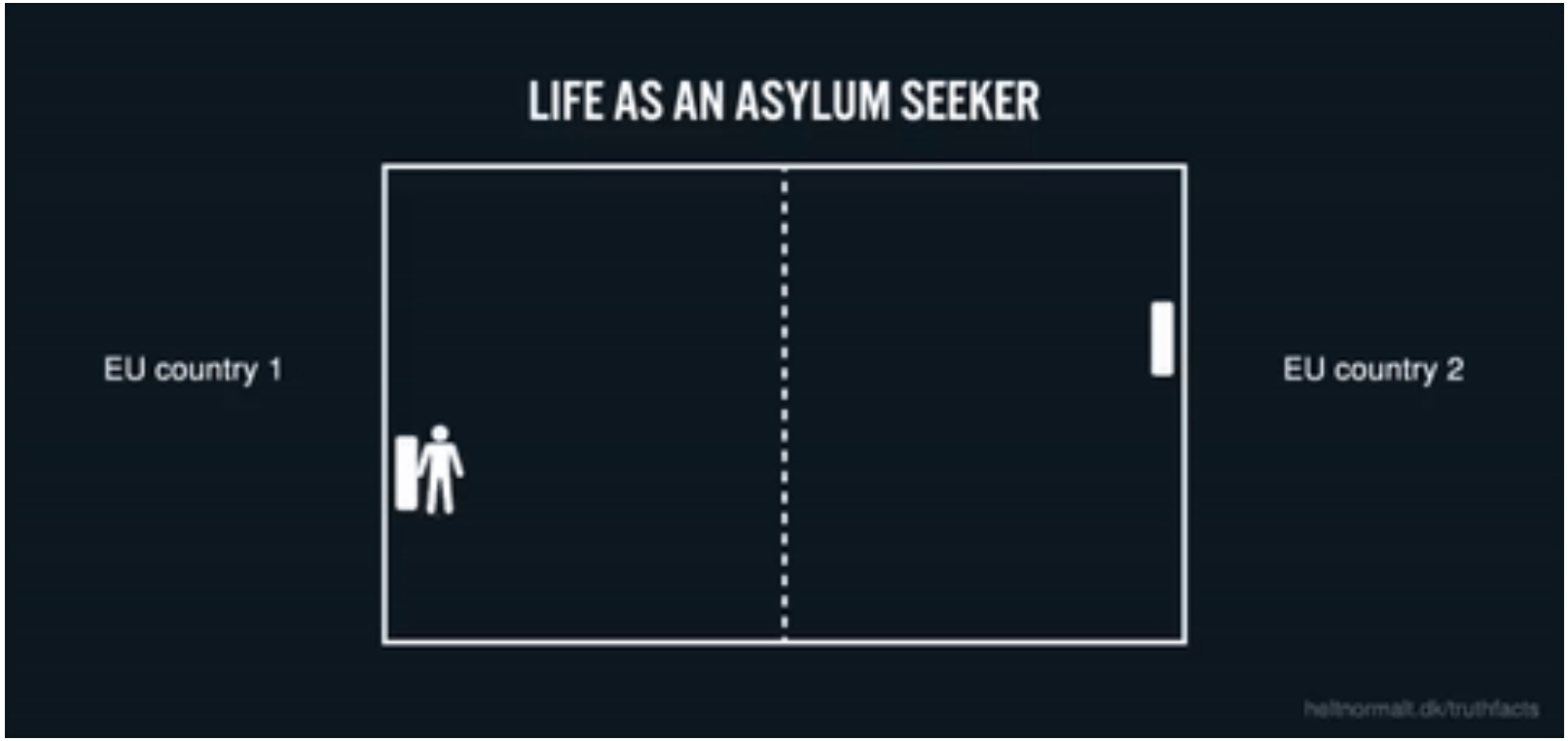
"Refusing the spatial traps of the Relocation Scheme and of the Dublin Regulation, [migrants] undermine the image of asylum seekers as subjects who cannot but accept protection under any condition, enacting **practices of spatial disobedience**."

They do so "by **moving on autonomously instead that within the slow and exclusionary institutional channels of relocation**".

(Tazzioli, 2017: 2)

# DUBLIN: A FACTORY OF WANDERERS



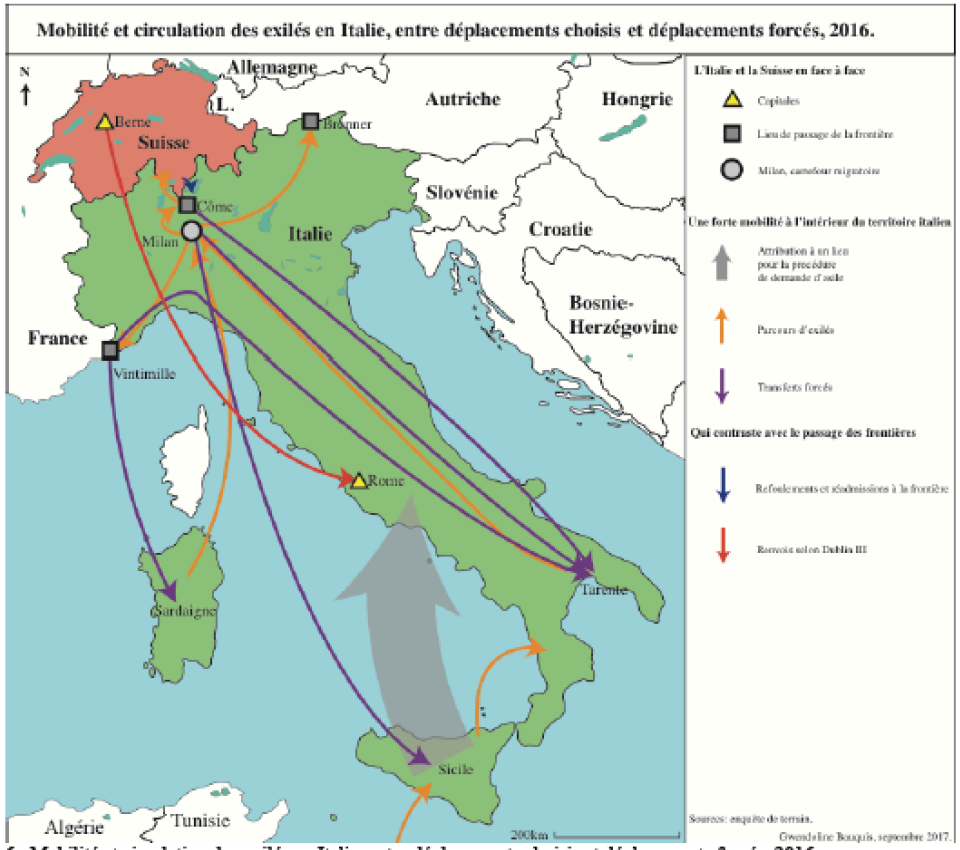


# CONSQUENCES AT THE SOUTH ALPINE BORDER

Map: Cristina Del Biaggio, 2018

# ITALIAN RESPONSE: "GOOSE GAME"






igure 6 : Mobilité et circulation des exilés en Italie, entre déplacements choisis et déplacements forcés, 2016.

Carte: Bauquis, 2017

# HOTSPOT IN TARANTO

"Particularly as regards **Taranto** among the 14,576 people transiting through the hotspot from March to October 2016**, only 5,048 came from disembarkations while the majority (9,528) were traced on Italian territory, mainly at border places in Ventimiglia, Como and Milan, and forcibly taken to Taranto to be identified**."

(aida Asylum Information Database, 2017)

# CLOSING BORDERS, EMERGING OF INFORMAL CAMPS, VIOLENCE & DEATH AT BORDERS

# VENTIMIGLIA

Camp in Ventimiglia, 2016. Photo: Fotomovimiento/Flickr

# COMO

Camp in Como, 2016. Photo: Alberto Campi

# DEATHS IN VENTIMIGLIA

Gli incidenti mortali da settembre 2016 a giugno 2017

FUORI MAPPA

**17 febbraio 2017**

Un migrante africano muore folgorato dal pantografo sul tetto di un treno in sosta alla stazione di Cannes "La Bocca"

**20 maggio 2017**

Un trentenne del Mali muore folgorato nel locale del quadro elettrico di un treno, trovato alla stazione di Cannes "La Bocca"

Carte: OpenMigration, 2017

# DEATHS IN COMO/CHIASSO

Tombe de Youssouf Diakite. Photo: Sébastien Anex

# VIOLENCE AT BARDONECCHIA/BRIANÇON

Cordée solidaire, December 2017, Briançon

# DEATH IN BRIANÇON

**Tous Migrants**
16 h ·

Elle s'appelait Mathew Blessing...

COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE
Lundi 7 mai, aux alentours de 5h du matin, un groupe composé de trois personnes étrangères, dont deux hommes et une jeune femme, marchaient en suivant la nationale 94 en direction de Briançon. La jeune femme marchait difficilement du fait de douleurs aux jambes et était souvent aidée par les deux jeunes hommes. À la hauteur du hameau de La Vachette, 5 policiers dissimulés dans les fourrés ont surgis brusquement sur la route nationale en allumant des torches électriques et en criant « police, police ». Les 3 personnes étrangères se sont alors enfuies à travers champ en direction du village où elles se sont dispersées, poursuivies par les policiers. L'un des deux hommes est interpellé vers l'Eglise. Les policiers sillonnent ensuite le village pendant plusieurs heures. La jeune femme ne donne plus aucune nouvelle d'elle depuis ce jour. En toutes hypothèses, les 5 policiers sont les dernières personnes à avoir vu vivante la jeune femme disparue. Mercredi 9 mai, le corps d'une jeune femme est retrouvée dans la Durance une dizaine de kilomètres plus en aval.

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