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# European Union: Legal Challenges in a Global Environmental Crisis Context

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#### **Abstract**

This article aims to present global environmental change as a problem that requires broader and systemic analysis. Based on the understanding of migration as a result, or as a consequence of adapting to these changes, the main objective is to present legal issues that permeate the situation of the European Union. Issues such as the lack of a protective apparatus for those leaving the country, and for those who remain, by choice or lack of choice. It is intended to make an analysis of the current panorama of the issue, emphasizing the role of the European agenda in the elaboration and implementation of migratory policies, and also about the lack of policies and their consequences on the non-migratory movements.

Global environmental change has generated inequalities and several socio-environmental problems. The progress of technology, the development of States and their relationship with the environment are all aspects of the same process. The scale of this contemporary phenomena related to environmental changes is unique in the history of Humanity, increasing the need and urgency to promote a great effort to try to solve the problem.

The demographic dynamics tend to vary in multiple ways, depending on social, economic, cultural, political and environmental variables and characterize each society and each historical period. Civil wars, political persecutions and environmental changes can cause migration; therefore migrations are widely present all over the world, although especially at the surroundings and borders of the European Union.

Nowadays, migratory movements are widely discussed and the development of various government programs has provoked debates among scholars, politicians and civil population. Recent migrations policies have changed the relation to the social-economic order of migrants in Europe, so the prevention, mitigation and adaptation of, and to these threats, are very important for the migration debate, as well as to find more efficient and humane ways to deal with migration issues.

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