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European public opinion attitudes and the 2015 Refugee crisis in Europe: the Greek case 2015-2019

In 2015 the EU faced an unprecedented immigration and refugee crisis as thousands of people attempted to reach its external borders -mainly by the sea-. The EU's member states in the periphery, such as Greece and Italy, bear the brunt to complete the asylum procedures, facing chronic overcrowding. The immigration crisis had a major impact, both in the EU decision-making level and in the EU's public opinion, revealing sentiments of fear and anxiety. This paper explores both the political implications and public opinion attitudes during the 2015-2019 immigration crisis, with a special focus on the Greek case.