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In the field of forced migration the European Union's contribution heavily depends on the cooperation and solidarity of the members. Hungary, the entry point on the Western Balkan route has chosen a radically restrictive and anti-EU policy in 2015-2016. The theories of securitization, identitarian populism and crimmigration offer a frame to the analysis, which will take apart law and policy, to re-assemble them around six key concepts which explain what Hungary in fact does: denial, deterrence, obstruction, punishment, free riding (lack of solidarity) and breach of law (domestic, EU and international). All these raise questions about the EU principle of loyal cooperation.

Professor Boldizsár Nagy read law and philosophy and received his PhD at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest and pursued international studies at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center. Besides the



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