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Résumé :

This thesis examines Humanitarian Corridors in Italy as a civil-society-led complementary pathway operating within a restrictive migration governance environment. Focusing on implementing organisations including FCEI, Sant'Egidio, and Diaconia Valdese, it draws on interviews and observations with CSO operators and beneficiaries to analyse how the corridors govern people from selection and pre-departure through arrival and reception. The findings show that CSOs do not simply facilitate safe and legal mobility: they assess vulnerability and deservingness, anticipate future integration, manage expectations, and establish support arrangements before arrival. These practices are simultaneously protective and regulatory, revealing tensions between humanitarian aims and political and institutional conditions. While the corridors challenge restrictive governance by opening legal routes and reaching people otherwise excluded from protection, they remain selective and subject to state control, while CSOs partly assume responsibilities they associate with the state. Emerging developments such as Community Sponsorship and Corridor Plus further show how humanitarian pathways incorporate broader migration-governance and integration-oriented logics.