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Source: Latvians Abroad – Museum and Research Centre, Riga, Latvia

After World War II thousands of people were accommodated in displaced persons camps. This teddy bear was owned by a young Latvian girl who passed through many of these camps until her eventual arrival in the USA. She was one of 460 000 people accepted into the country. Her teddy bear was a childhood reminder of happier times before the war.



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It was forbidden, or very difficult, for people who lived in Eastern Europe during the period of Soviet control to travel to Western European countries. However, the hope of finding a better life in the West led many people to put their lives in danger in an attempt to get there. This diving suit was worn by a man who swam to freedom in West Germany, escaping communist East Germany in the 1960s.



Source: Artist: © Lihidheb Mohsen / Photo: © European Union, 2016

This image shows a baby's shoe displayed within a bottle. The shoe was picked up on a beach in Tunisia by the artist Lihidheb Mohsen in 2014. The artist later placed the shoe within the bottle. It is often the case that people making dangerous sea journeys from North Africa to Southern Europe place their personal and precious items in bottles to protect them from the seawater.