



Humanitarian aspects of interregional crisis

Collective actions to face the humanitarian crisis in the Mediterranean

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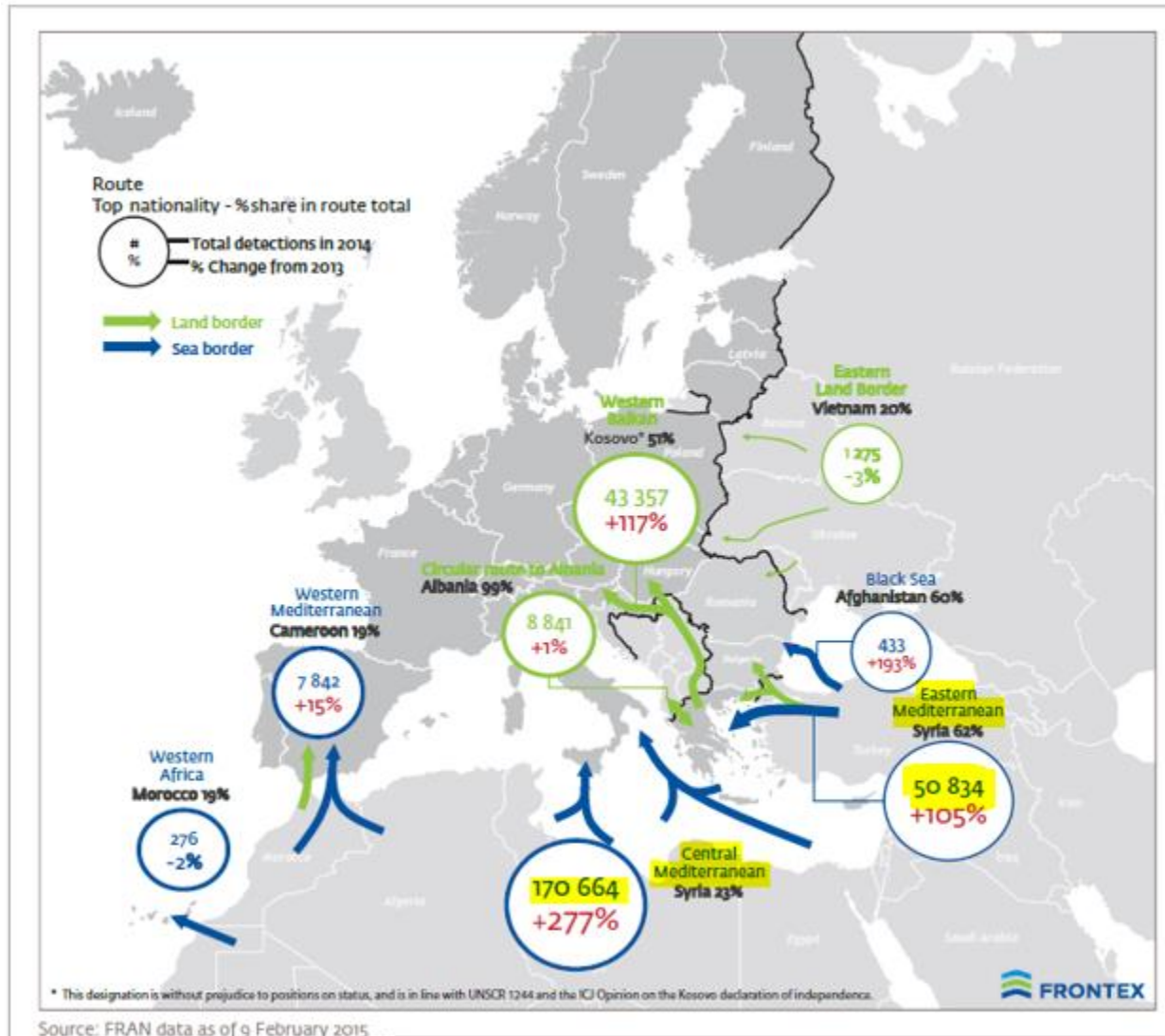
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Situational picture in the Mediterranean

Irregular border-crossing in 2014 by route



EU Commission's Agenda on Migration

Four pillars to manage migration better

Reducing the incentives for illegal migration

- Address root causes in 3rd countries
- Fight against smugglers and traffickers
- Ensure effective returns

Border Management - saving lives and securing external borders

- Reinforcement of Frontex activities
- Identification of risk trends
- Consolidation of border management practices and operational standards
- Smart borders
- Cooperation with 3rd countries

Europe's Duty to protect

- Monitoring of the implementation of the Common European Asylum System
- Reinforce role of EASO
- Reinforce Dublin mechanism

A new policy on legal migration

- Revision Blue Card Directive - students & researchers
- Facilitation of business travels
- Revision visa code

EU Commission's Agenda on Migration

Immediate action for Frontex

- Saving lives at sea → TRITON: +budget +geographical area +capabilities
- Targeting criminal smuggling networks → JOT MARE
- Frontex support in coordination of returns for those who are not in need of international protection

International Protection & border control

- Highest overall increase in the EU: 615.000 applicants (+41%)
- Main nationalities: Syria, Eritrea, Somalia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, as well as Western Balkans
- Role of border guards in ensuring access to procedures: information and referral (*Asylum Procedures Directive*)
- Challenges faced in situations of mass flows (reception, registration)

Frontex Joint Operations in the Mediterranean

Operational Objectives

TRITON
POSEIDON
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- ✓ Border surveillance
- ✓ Search and rescue
- ✓ Border checks
- ✓ Port vigilance
- ✓ Voluntary Debriefing activities
(+interpreters/ cultural mediators)

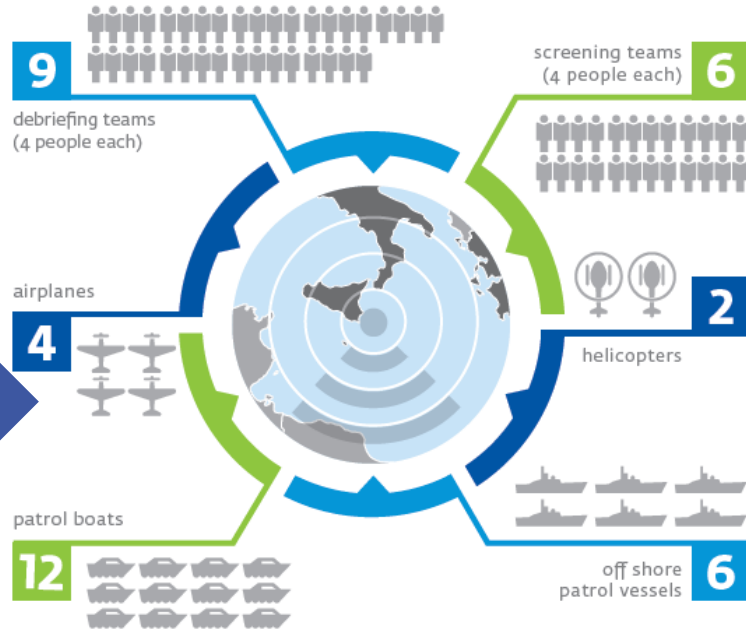
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- ✓ + Nationality Screening activities
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Frontex Joint Operations in the Mediterranean

OPERATION TRITON

Operational area:
138 NM south from Sicily



26 countries take part in operation Triton



Reinforcement of Frontex activities → EU Commission's Agenda on Migration (13 May 2015)

Fundamental Rights aspects of Frontex maritime operations

- New rules on maritime surveillance (REGULATION 656/2014)
 - ➔ *search and rescue and disembarkation*
- Fundamental rights in Frontex Operations: *international protection, THB, children*
- Cooperation with 3rd countries
 - ➔ *working arrangement and support integrated border manag projects*
- Cooperation with IIOO and NGOs: UNHCR, IOM, FRA, etc.
 - ➔ *reception & assistance and capacity building/training*
- EU Interagency cooperation
 - ➔ *FRONTEX/EASO/EUROPOL*



Thank you for you attention!

Any questions ?