Migration, Turkey & Mediterranean Sea

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WHY DO PEOPLE MIGRATE?

Environment
- Climate
- Natural Disaster

Political
- War

Economic
- Work

Cultural
- Religious Freedom
- Education

Push Factors

Pull Factors

- Climate
- Natural Disaster
- War
- Work
- Religious Freedom
- Education
History of migration

- religious & ethnic persecution
- great financial opportunities
- natural disasters
- slavery
- famine
- war
- economic problems
Migration Today

Refugee population under UNHCR’s mandate | 1990 - 2015*

* 1990-2014 (end-year); 2015 (mid-year)
Turkey: The Bridge Between Europe and Middle East
Turkey as a target country

Number of Syrians at the Temporary Sheltering Centers: 272,925

Number of Syrians out of the Temporary Sheltering Centers: 2,460,359
Temporary Sheltering Centers

26 Temporary Sheltering Centers

272,925 migrants
Turkey as a Transit Country

EUROPE
- low-cost labour demand
- better life conditions

Middle East-Asia-Africa
- Political instability
- Ethno-religious conflict
- Economic problems
  - WAR
Irregular Migration by Sea

2014-2015-2016

Migration, Turkey & Mediterranean Sea
Mostly intensify around the regions where close-ranged Greek Islands to Turkish mainland take place.
Distances at Hot Spot Points

Küçükçay: 5 NM
Ayvalık: 8.7 NM
Bademli: 8.5 NM
Chios Island: 4.2 NM
Çeşme: 1 NM
Datça: 3.8 NM
Kuşadası: 10 NM
Lesbos Island: 1 NM
Rhodes: 3 NM
Samos Island: 1 NM
Datça: 3 NM
Symi Island: 10 NM
Kos Island: 4.2 NM
- Aegean Sea, inflatable boats heading for small islands
- Eastern Mediterranean, big merchant vessels heading for directly to Italy or Greece
Fight Against Irregular Migration
Fight Against Irregular Migration

5 Law Enforcement Support Team

Cooperation Between
Turkish Coast Guard Command SAR Center &
Joint Rescue Coordination Center of Hellenic Coast Guard
Challenges Turkey meets

Irregular Migration Resulting In DEATH

- Unseaworthy vessels
- Overloaded vessels (4-10 times of their capacity)
- No familiarity to the sea
- Severe weather/sea Conditions
- Unseaworthy life vests
- Locked Cabinets
- Migrants’ not knowing how to swim
- Migrants’ not being able to request help

- In 2015
  Deaths: 279
- In 2016 (Until now)
  Deaths: 171
Challenges Turkey meets

Human Traffickers

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Aegean Sea: Inflatable Boats

Mediterranean Sea: Fishing Boats, Pleasure Crafts, Dry Cargo Ships
Turkey’s Approach to Irregular Migration

Global

RCA (Root Cause Analysis)

Realistic Approach

Migration Management

Human Rights

Cooperation
Turkey’s Approach to Irregular Migration

- Budapest Process
  Chair since 2006

- Global Forum on Migration & Development
  GFMD 2015 Chairmanship

- FRONTEX

- Readmission Agreement
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