Migration, Turkey & Mediterranean Sea

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3. Turkey’s Conditions as a Mediterranean Country
4. Result & Expectations
5. Conclusion
Migration, Turkey & Mediterranean Sea
WHY DO PEOPLE MIGRATE?

Push Factors

Environment
- Climate
- Natural Disaster

Political
- War

Economic
- Work

Cultural
- Religious Freedom
- Education

Pull Factors

Pull Factor

Push Factor
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
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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

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Areas Where Irregular Migration Intensify

- Mostly intensify around the regions where close-ranged Greek Islands to Turkish mainland take place.
Distances at Hot Spot Points

- Küçükkuyu: 5 NM
- Lesbos Island: 8.7 NM
- Ayvalık
- Bademli: 8.5 NM
- Çeşme: 4.2 NM
- Chios Island
- Samos Island: 1 NM
- Kuşadası
- Bodrum: 3 NM
- Datça: 10 NM
- Symi Island
- Kos Island
- Rhodes
Mediterranean Sea

- 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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High income increased Human Trafficking
Challenges Turkey meets

### BOATS

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**AEGEAN SEA:**
- **INFLATABLE BOATS**

**MEDITERRANEAN SEA:**
- **FISHING BOATS**
- **PLEASURE CRAFTS**
- **DRY CARGO SHIPS**
Turkey’s Approach to Irregular Migration

Global

Migration Management

RCA (Root Cause Analysis)

Human Rights

Realistic Approach

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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