

European Union against Transnational Organized Crime

“EU’s actions against human trafficking in the context of the Syrian and Libyan conflicts”

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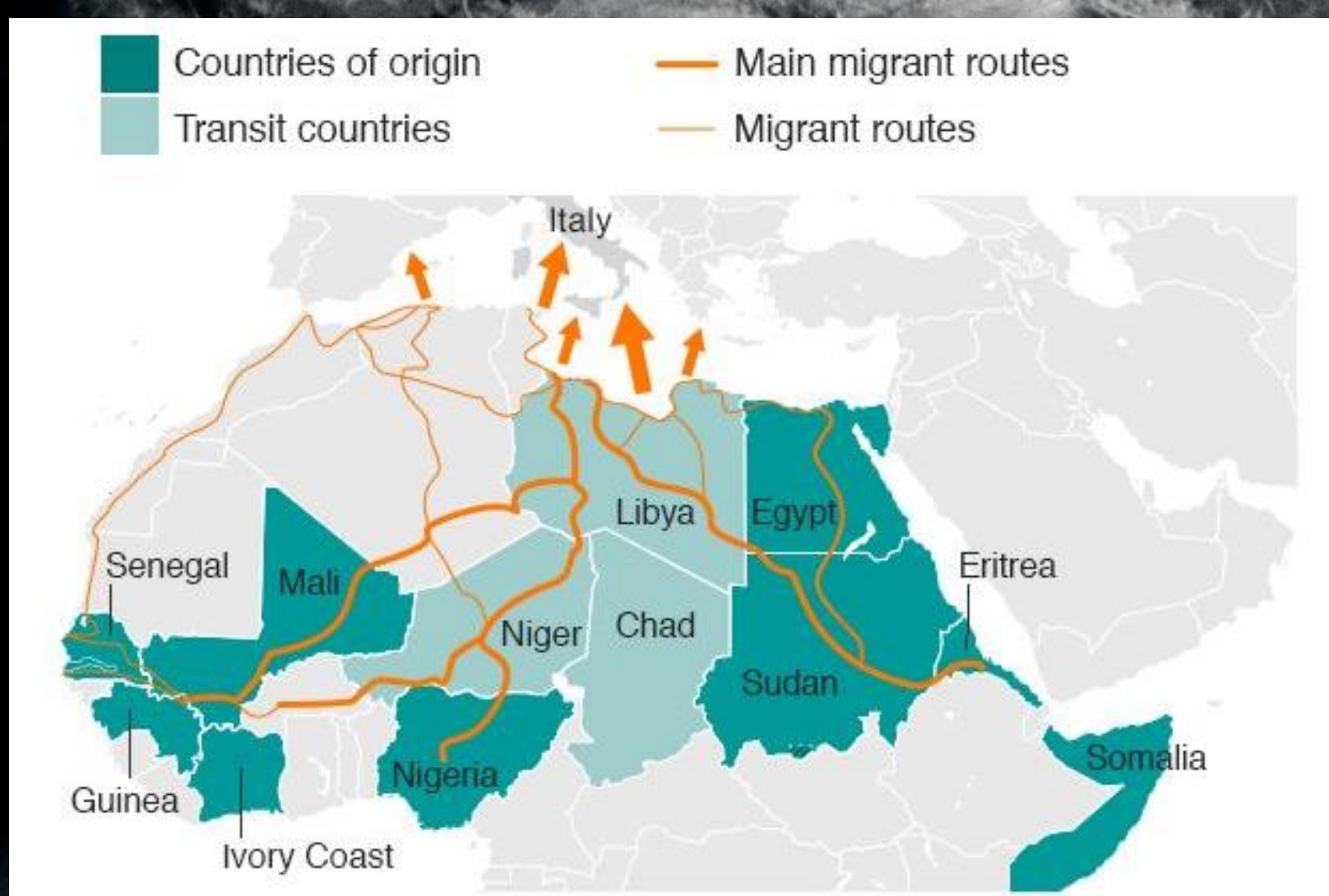
1. Introduction

Human Trafficking suppose one of the biggest challenges for the European Union. Year after year, the EU has set priorities and goals in order to tackle it. Nevertheless, there are many factors that had deteriorate the situation or made it almost impossible to control. The refugee crisis that struck Europe in 2015 is one of these factors. With both situations combined the EU had to act fast, depending mostly on cooperation with Member States and EU agencies.

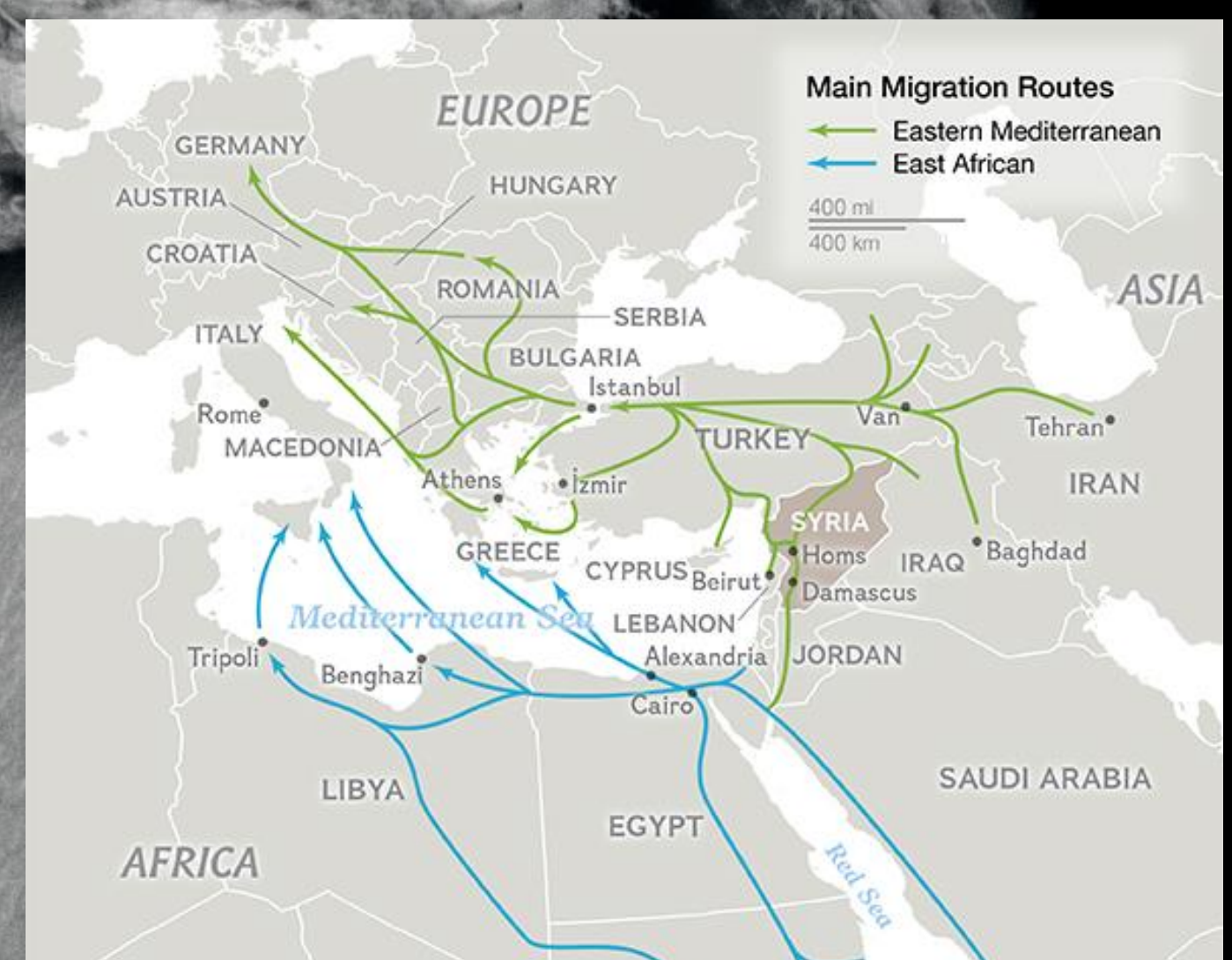
Define trafficking in human beings in a global context and in a European one.

Search for documents that engage human trafficking from 2012 until 2019.

Designate four categories that include the most important features.



Migration routes from Libya to Europe. Source: UNICEF



Migration routes from Syria to Europe. Source: ArcGis

Conceptual developments

- Gender-specific phenomenon
- Complex transnational phenomenon
- Interplay of supply and demand
- Serious form of organized crime

Creation of new tools

- Anti-trafficking Coordinator
- Website dedicated to HT
- EU rights for victims of trafficking
- Funded Projects

Reform of institutions

- Member States and EU agencies reorganize
- EUNAVFOR MED
- EU and UNODC

Redefinition of actors roles

- Member States responsible for every aspect of HT
- EU institutions play a more counselling role
- Victims fight for their rights
- Traffickers find new ways to attack

Conclusions

Human trafficking is a complex phenomenon, encloses many different processes. This is why it is hard to define, discuss, measure and stop. The main purpose of this analysis has been to identify the actions taken by the European Union in order to halt trafficking in human beings, taking in consideration the migration crisis of 2015.