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Countering Organized Crime and Corruption: Macedonian military perspective for Illegal Human Trafficking

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Organized crime&corruption



- Organized crime: A group of three or more persons that was not randomly formed; existing for a period of time; acting in concert with the aim of committing at least one crime punishable by at least four years' incarceration; in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit
- Organized crime rule: **performance, profit, power**
- Corruption: Corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. It can be classified as grand, petty and political, depending on the amounts of money lost and the sector where it occurs **TI**

Human trafficking



- Modern expression for slavery
- Serious crime that endanger basic human rights
- Second biggest source of organized crime profit, after illegal drug trafficking
- Main forms:
 - Smuggling people (illegal migration)
 - Forced labor
 - Commercial sexual exploitation
 - Illegal organ trade
 - Child trafficking

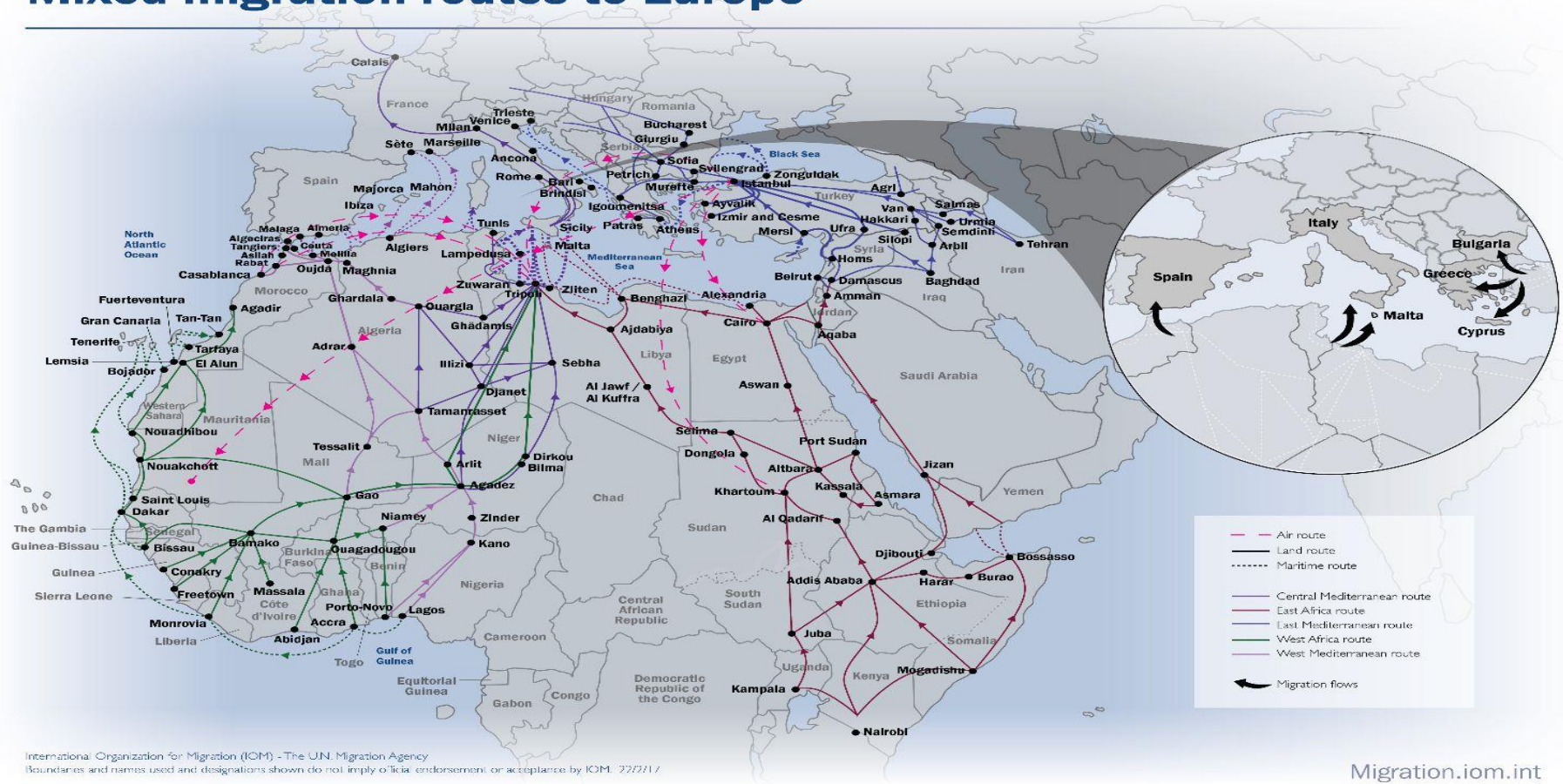
Military role in Human trafficking



- NATO initiative for zero tolerance in illegal human trafficking - Istanbul summit 2004
- NATO is not a primary organization fighting IHT, but contribute in those field through Mediterranean dialogue & Istanbul initiative + Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Columbia, Mongolia, Singapore etc.
- ISAF 2001 – 2014 up to 20.000 international forces
- Human trafficking feed corruption among security services such as police and military

Illegal migration in Europe

Mixed migration routes to Europe



Illegal migration in Republic of Macedonia

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

19.08.2015 – Due to increased number of entries, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia declared state of crisis

- Still ongoing



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Gevgelija

**South
west**

Bogdanci

**South
east**

South



Mexitlija

South



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- **LEGAL FRAMEWORK (cont.)**
- Article 36 of CML: “Directive on operational and other activities of the Army in support of the police in case of state of crisis” (2006), MoD
- **Mission:**
- **Securing the state border;**
- **Tasks:**
- **Closing all illegal entry routes;**
- **Dealing with the uncontrolled movement and entry in the territory of MKD of the migrants from the middle eastern and other countries;**
- **Directing the migrants to the MoIA check points;**
- **Gathering and transferring the migrants to the MoIA officers;**
- **Exchange of intelligence data**
- **Search and rescue**
- **Air support (landing, transportation)**
- **Engineer support**

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South border

Type of fence	Length	Area
Two - row	11 KM	BS 62 – BS 47
One - row	20 KM	BS 69 – BS 62 κ. Old Dojran - lake Dojran BR 26 – κ. Nikolic BS 158 – BS 153 (Medzitlija)
Corridor	5 KM	Tabanovce

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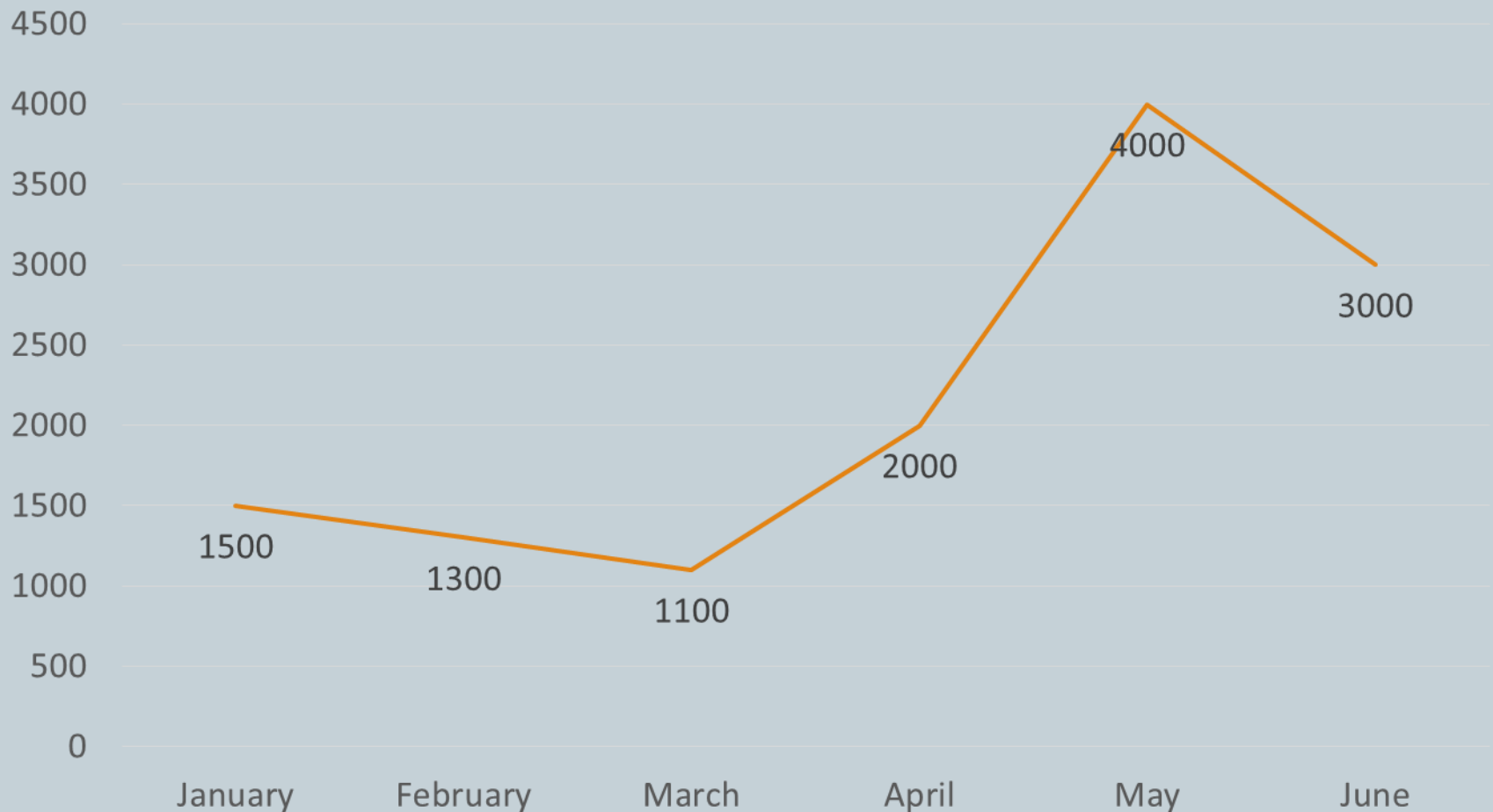
Legal and illegal crossings

Legal, until the closing of the Balkan route (07.03.2016)	Illegal (until the closing of the Balkan route)	Illegal (after the closing of the Balkan route)	TOTAL
507.925	20.906	11.079	540.824

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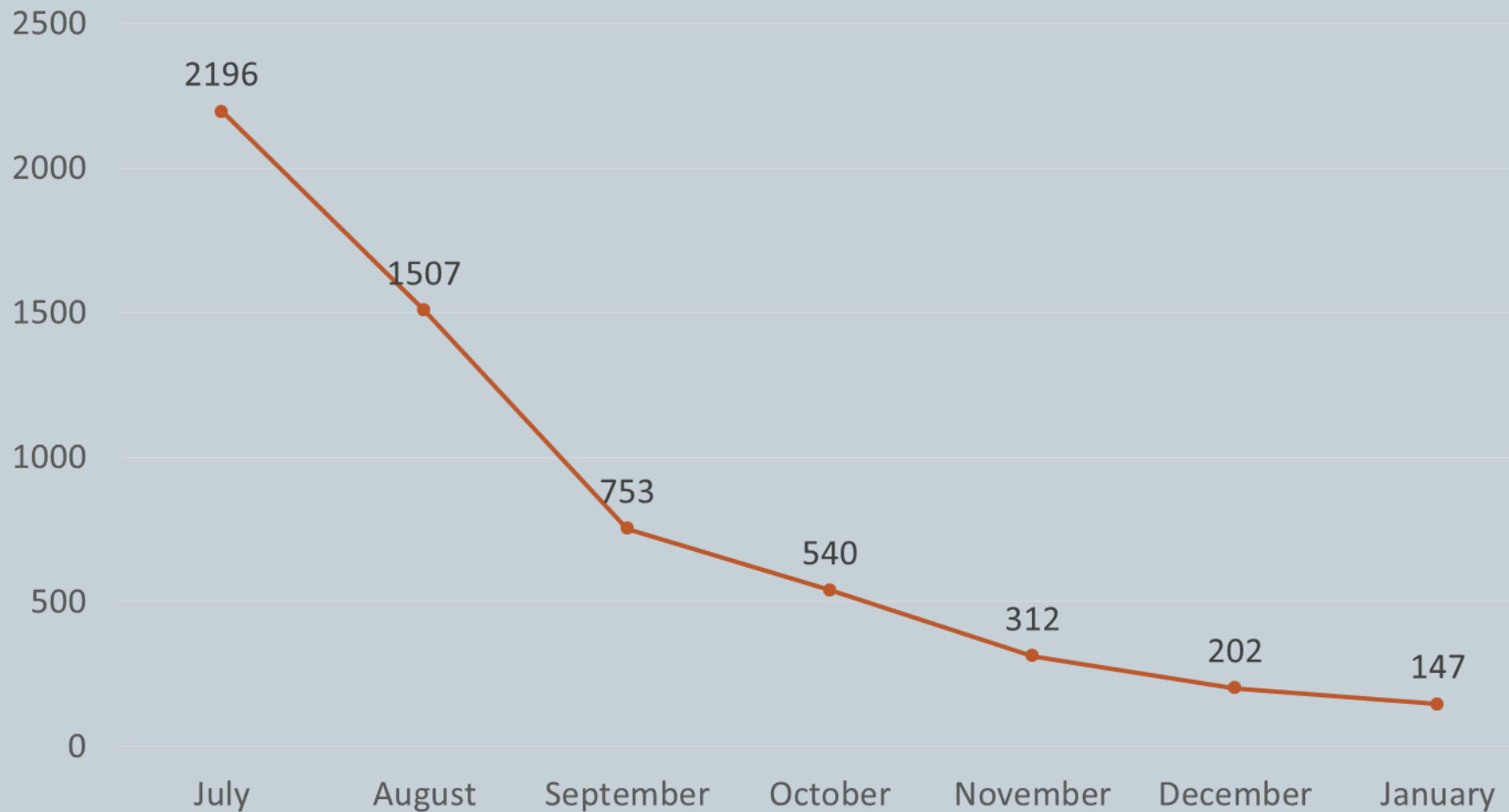
Illegal crossings JAN-JUN 2016



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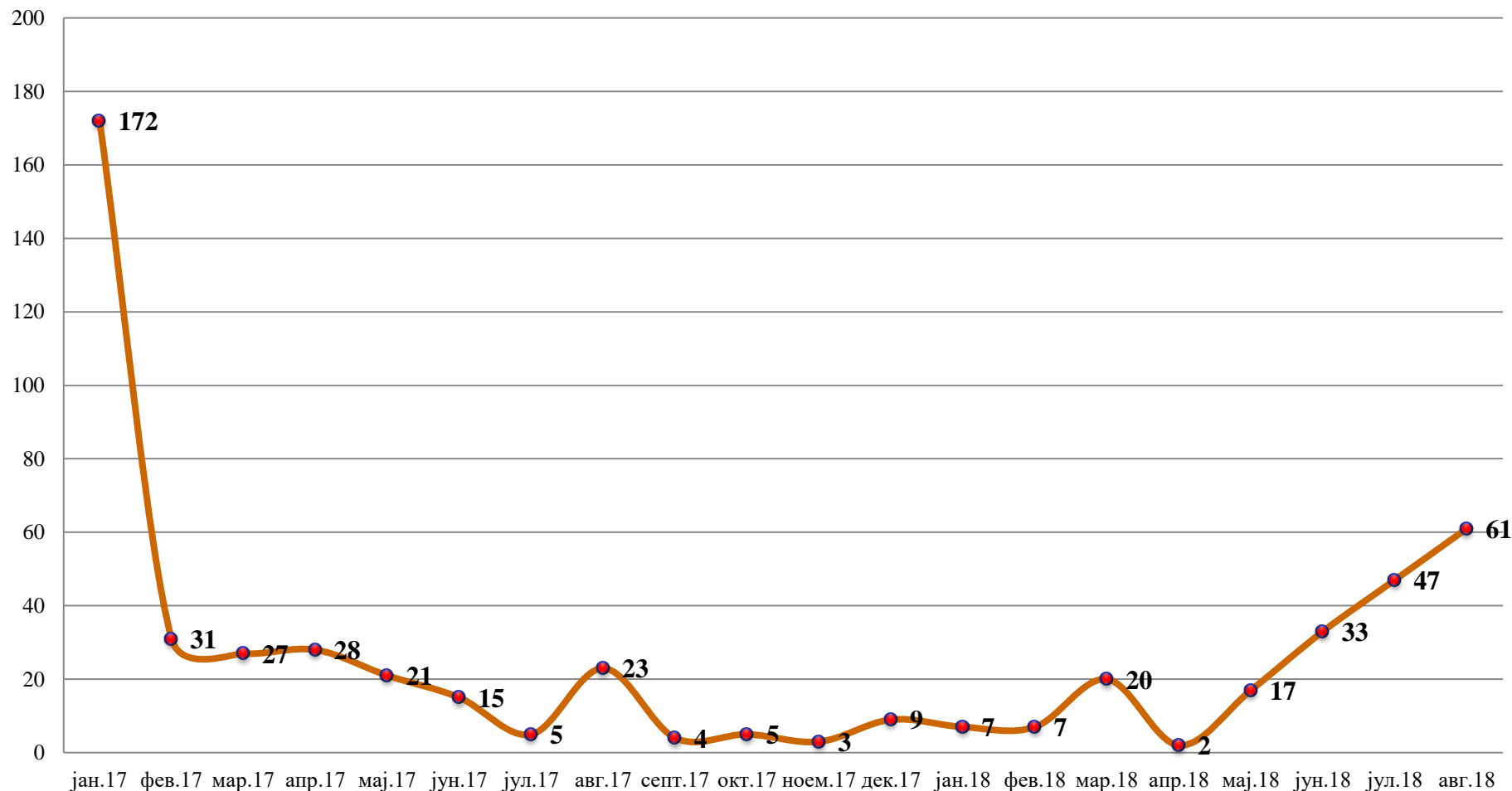


Illegal crossings JUL-DEC 2016



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Illegal Crossings Jan 2017 - Aug 2018



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Challenges

- Implementing of new TTP and possible consequences of using military as “soft” force
- Information **sharing** between countries
- Information collection from civilians / huge amount of information (difficulties in **processing**)
- Human rights vs military rules of use of force
- National law vs International law

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Lessons learned

- No state, religion, ethnicity or other borders for the organized crime and smugglers
- Training and equipment for non military operations for our forces
- Lack of sophisticated equipment and vehicles for surveillance and patrolling
- Intel Data collecting by Smugglers using local population
- Always be prepared

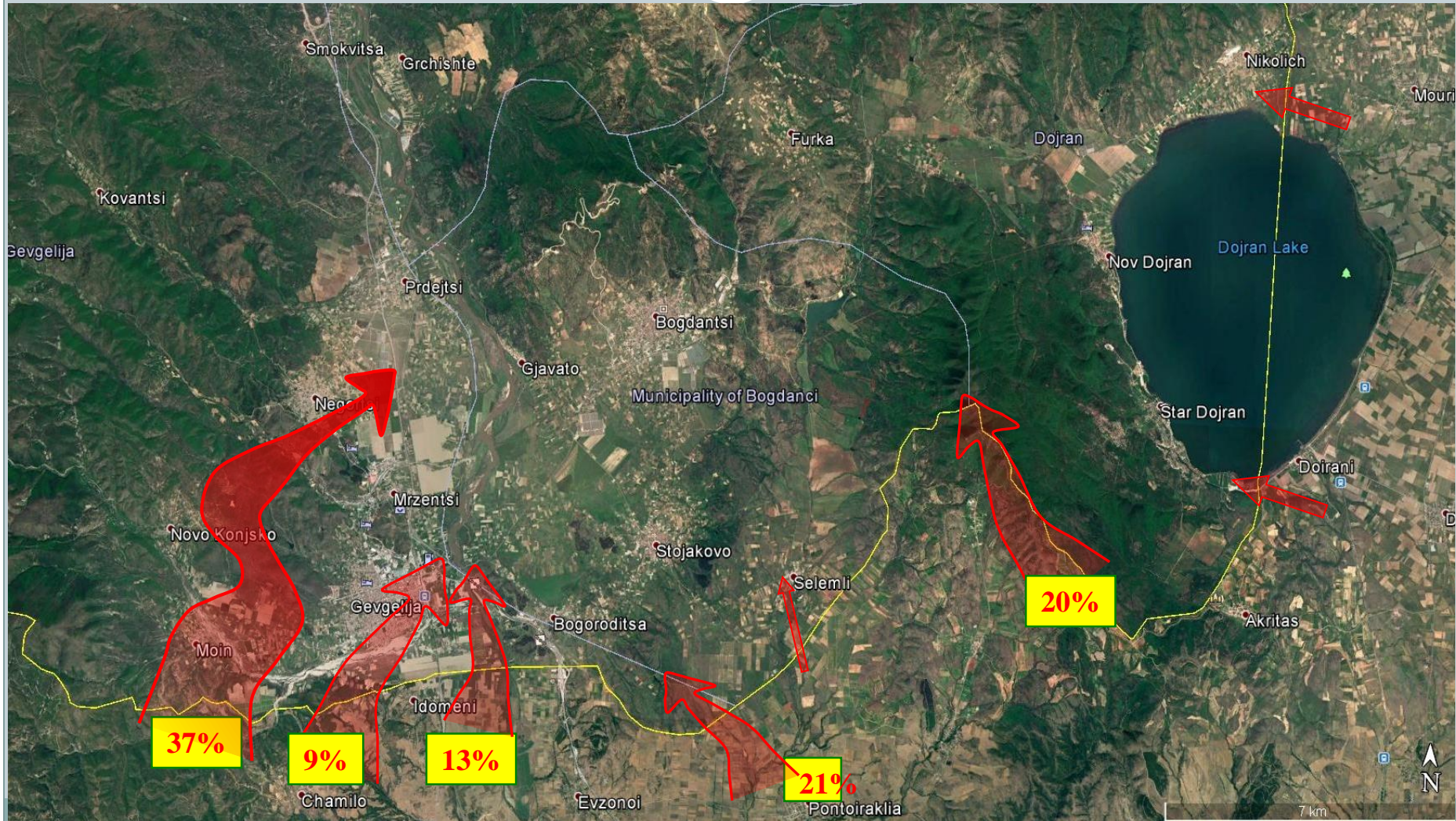
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Lessons learned



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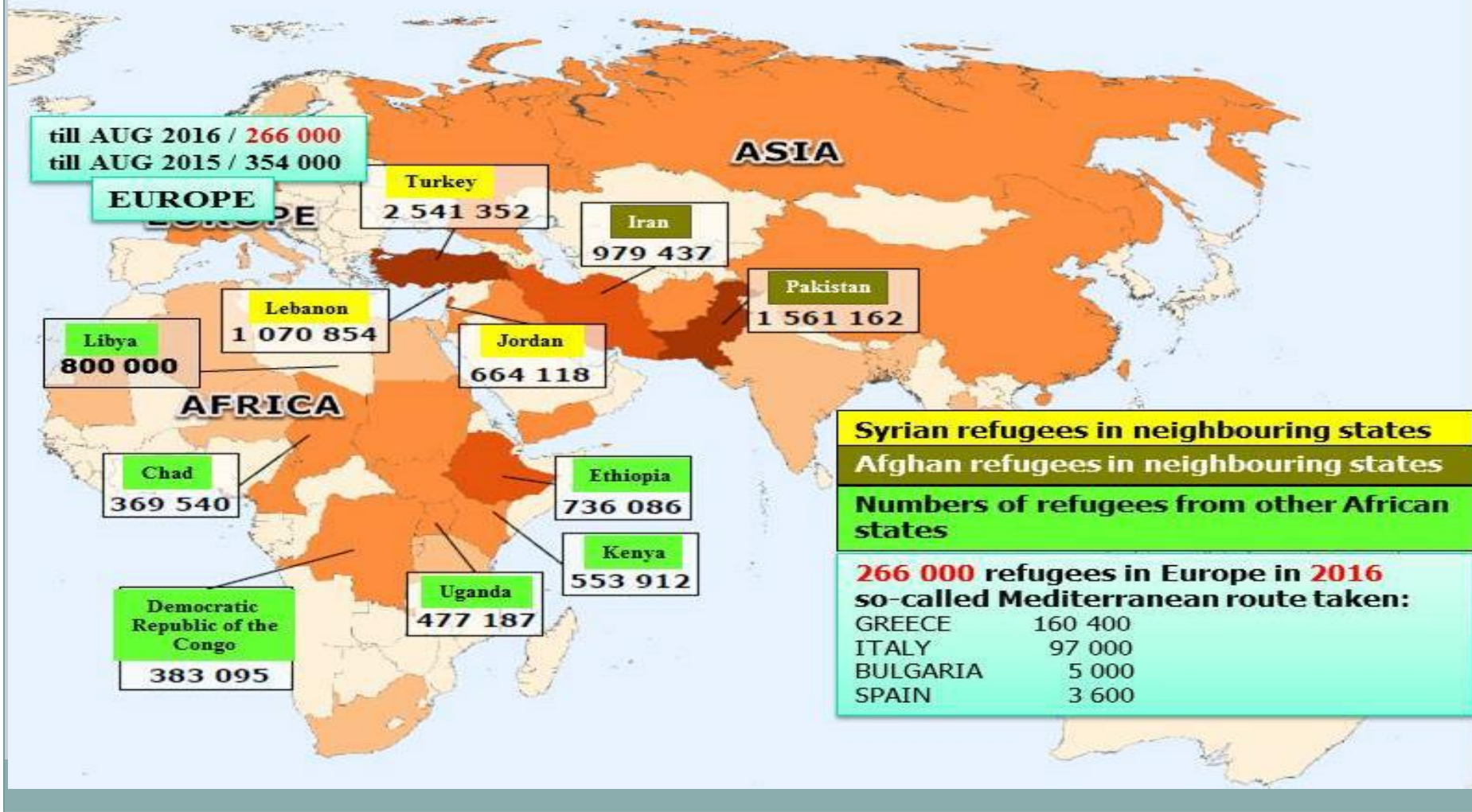
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- Total immigrants in less than
50-100 km of the Macedonian border
approximately 3500
- Total in Greece in last few months
approximately
90 000

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Refugee Potential for Illegal Migration





THAT'S END MY DISCUSSION

THANK YOU