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SMUGGLING

## Objective 9 of the Global Compact for Migration

### Strengthen the transnational response to the smuggling of migrants



#### Inspiring practices from the Hub's Repository

##### Belgium

- An interministerial unit developed two action plans for 2021-2025 to address human trafficking and smuggling.
- Staff at reception centers are trained to detect signals and refer victims to specialized centres. Legal as well as medical and psychological support is also available.

The action plans were developed in an inclusive and participatory manner

##### Türkiye

- YIMER 157 is an emergency hotline for calls regarding human trafficking and migrant smuggling that is available 24/7.
- Support is available in 7 languages for a range of topics and a referral system alerts relevant law enforcement officers.

Services are also provided via social media, SMS, fax, and email



#### Key resources on the topic

##### [Toolkit to Combat the Smuggling of Migrants](#) - UNODC

*"The distinctions between smuggling and trafficking are often very subtle and they sometimes overlap...what begins as a situation of smuggling of migrants may develop into one of trafficking in persons."*

##### [Migrant Smuggling Observatory \(MSO\)](#) - Migration Policy Centre (MPC)

*"MSO draws from the expertise of a global network of researchers to provide accurate, reliable and data-driven research and forecasts concerning smuggling and its actors."*

##### [Smuggling of Migrants Knowledge Portal](#) - UNODC

*"This portal aims to promote the uniform interpretation and application of the international instruments [UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and specifically the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air] designed to tackle transnational crimes, and to broaden the knowledge of migrant smuggling crimes..."*

##### [Policy Brief "Mapping the Landscape for the Smuggling of Migrants"](#) - UN Network on Migration

*"There appears to be a growing trend of departing from the internationally recognized definition of the "smuggling of migrants", particularly by removing the requirement of financial benefit... This can cause other migration-related phenomena to be wrongly perceived as transnational crimes, leading to confusion among various relevant actors and practitioners, violation of migrants' rights, and hindrance in effective criminal prosecution."*

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