

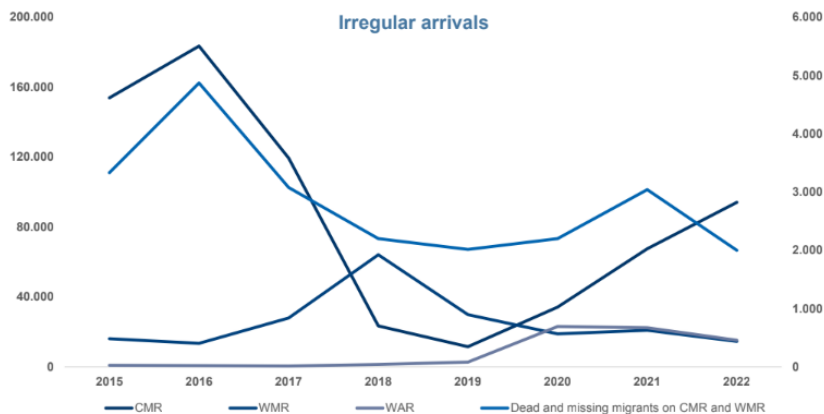
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Infopoint hybrid conference: Migration - Team Europe Initiative in Africa



On December 13, the EU and African partnership launched two Team European Initiatives (TEI) focused on the Western Mediterranean (AWEMED) and the Central Mediterranean (CMED) migratory route. Today, in the 'Infopoint hybrid conference on Migration- Team Europe initiative in Africa' different agencies forming part of the TEI presented these two initiatives.

They have started by exposing the main migration trends, stressing the big intra- continental migration and the big African diaspora in Europe. They have exposed a chart with the different irregular arrivals showing the peak in 2015, then going down in 2018, and from then on slightly growing. And within this context, they have shown the importance of the TEI initiative.



* Since 2019, data by nationality is not made available by Spain. No data available for the WAR.

* Source for arrivals: UNHCR, 'Sea arrivals', accessed [here](#). Data updated on December 4th for total arrivals, October 31st for nationalities. Source for deaths: IOM 'Missing Migrants Database', last updated mid-November.

** Source: Frontex, 'Detections of illegal border-crossings statistics', 2022. Since 2019, data by nationality is not made available by Spain.



The main objective of TEI initiative is to ensure safe and regular migration along the Central Mediterranean Route and the Western Mediterranean Route. It has 5 main components which are: (1) legal migration and mobility; (2) protection and asylum; (3) preventing and fighting smuggling and trafficking of human beings; (4) return, readmission, and reintegration; (5) tackle the root causes of migration. From now the TEI has allocated 1.1 billion euros to the CMED route and 900 million to the AWMED route.

Within this framework, all the participants have stressed the need to cooperate and coordinate among EU Member States which take part in the initiative to have a stronger voice. But on top of that, they have highlighted the importance of creating stable and trustful partnerships with different African countries to work collaboratively and fight the migration issue. They have emphasized that the action plan is very clear in migration knowing that there is a need to engage with all areas to be efficient.



After the tragic events that recently occurred in both Calabria and the Libyan coast, they have indicated that the launch of the TEI is timely and there is a need to move fast, especially to focus on the key pillar which is to ensure the possibility for migrants to migrate regularly and choose legal challenges. Aside from all the routes, they have also underlined the importance of protecting people with vulnerable situations across African countries with the different programs they have.

As conclusion, they highlighted that it's necessary to keep on working on those types of projects and create programs in accordance with different issues surrounding migration.