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Different approaches to illegal migration
in North Macedonia and in the Western
Balkan countries:
consequences upon border security of
states and human security of migrants

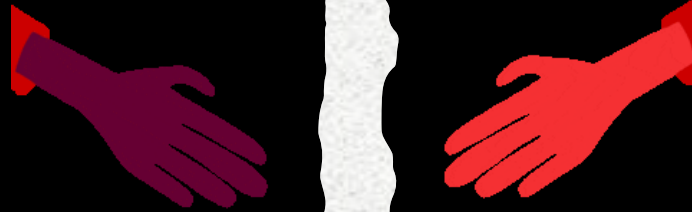
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1. National legislative framework + European integration process

- National Laws
- Chapter 24 (Freedom, Justice and Home Affairs)
- Schengen rules

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EU WB DIRECTIVE TRANSPOSITION

Country	Adopted WB legislation before 2019	Active transposition	Passive transposition
Austria	-	-	✓
Belgium	-	✓	
Bulgaria	-	✓	
Croatia	✓	✓	
Cyprus	-		✓
Czechia	-	✓	
Denmark	-	✓	
Estonia	-	✓	
Finland	-	✓	
France	✓	✓	
Germany	-	✓	
Greece	-	✓	
Hungary	✓		✓
Ireland	✓	✓	
Italy	✓	✓	
Latvia	✓	✓	

OVERVIEW OF THE MACEDONIAN LABOUR LEGISLATION



2. Bilateral police cooperation

- Donation of technical assistance and exchange of best practices
- 'guest police officers' from EU Member States deployed on the Greek-Macedonian border





3. Cooperation with Frontex

1. Working agreement
2. Status agreement

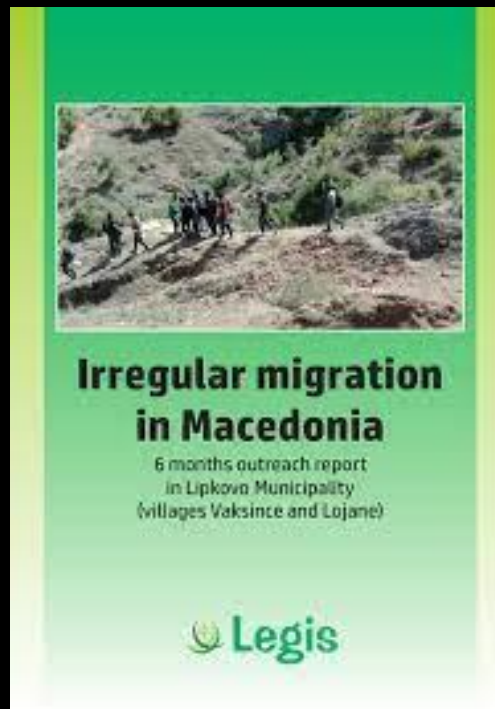


CONSEQUENCES UPON BORDER SECURITY

- Illegal migration in increase
- Villages Lojane and Vaksince (smuggling hubs)

Involvement of police officials and high profile politicians

Period	Illegal migrants
2021 (until sep.)	13962 (estimated 40000 in 2021)
2020	25549
2019	24601
2018	16895
2017	4129





Border Violence Monitoring Network

CONSEQUENCES UPON HUMAN SECURITY OF MIGRANTS




- Illegal detention of migrants
- Illegal pushbacks and border violence





NORTH MACEDONIA
ISSUES RELATED TO
IMMIGRATION DETENTION

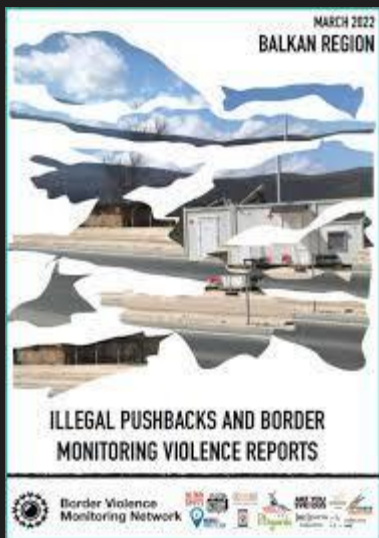


Joint Submission to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)
in Preparation for its Visit to North Macedonia

Submitted in October 2019



• Source: Border Violence Network Group, reports of pushbacks of illegal migrants from North Macedonia in the period August 2019 – January 2022



Period of observation year	Date	Place
2022	Jan 25	Near Gevgelija
2021	Dec 16	Near Gevgelija
2021	Dec 8	Near Gevgelija
2021	Dec 7	Near Gevgelija
2021	Nov 29	Near Gevgekuha
2021	Nov 28	Gevgelija
2021	Nov 19	Near Gevgelija
2021	Oct 22	Gevgelija
2021	Aug 6	Gevgelija
2021	May 11	Gevgelija
2021	May 8	Gevgelija
2021	May 7	Gevgelija
2021	Feb 10	Near Gevgelija
2020	Jun 15	Gevgeija
2020	Sep 8	Gevgelija
2020	Sep 4	Gevgelija
2020	Aug 21	Near Greek Border
2020	Aug 3	Predejci
2020	Aug 20	Near Gevgelija
2020	Aug 17	Gevgelija
2020	Aug 14	Gevegelija
2020	Apr 16	Kisava
2020	Apr 17	Lojane
2020	Jan 27	Gevgelija
2020	Jan 10	Gevgelija
2019	Sep 8	North of Greece
2019	Jul 13	Gevgelija
2019	Jul 10	10 km from Gevgelija
2019	Jul 22	Gevgelija
2019	Aug 4	Gevgelija, train station

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CONCLUSIONS:

1. LONG TERM POLICIES:

development, aid and cooperation with migrant producing countries

2. SHORT TERM POLICIES:

change Dublin rules



SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHILDREN
Minors should always be interviewed in a child-friendly manner by specially trained staff. Unaccompanied minors must have a guardian appointed. The guardian must be present during the interview and

As soon as applicants seek L entry must be fingerprinted and the documents checked against IL.

LINKS TO A PARTICULAR COUNTRY
It check ascertain if applicants seekers have family members, prior residency or undertake studies

A diagram showing a person sitting at a desk with a laptop, and a separate image of a fingerprint scanner. The scanner is connected to the person's hand, illustrating the process of biometric identification.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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