

WEBINAR

REBOUNDED SMUGGLING ACTIVITY ALONG THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE



Tuesday, 25 October 2022
15:00 – 16:00 CEST

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This is the second event based on the recently published report series: Human smuggling and trafficking ecosystems - North Africa and the Sahel covering changing dynamics in Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Niger, Chad and Mali.

This second event will present the main findings of research reports covering shifts in irregular migratory flows converging on the Central Mediterranean, with a focus on Libya, Niger and Chad. The presentation will tackle the period that followed the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions which has coincided with a substantial rise in human smuggling and trafficking activity along Libya's coast; in part as a result of pent-up demand but also due to the knock on effect from the deteriorating economy in the region following the pandemic and subsequently the war on Ukraine. Presenters will also provide assessments for the trajectory of irregular migratory flows in the short to medium term.

SPEAKERS

Mark Micallef, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

Mark Micallef is Director of the North Africa and Sahel Observatory at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. He is a researcher focused on smuggling and trafficking networks in Libya and the Sahel and an investigative journalist by background. His specialty is human smuggling and trafficking in Libya and bordering Sahelian states.

Alice Fereday, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

Alice Fereday is a Senior Analyst at the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime within the North Africa and Sahel Observatory, focusing on the Central Sahel. Alice Fereday is the author of 'Niger – Routes shift amid post-conflict increase in human smuggling' amongst other research reports.