



# Effective Cooperation in Irregular Migration Management

Croatian approach

Service for Illegal Migration



## Length of the border

- ▶ Total –3298 km
- ▶ External border –2260 km      68%  
(sea 865,7 km)
- ▶ Internal border –1040 km      32%

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The diagram is an organizational chart for the Ministry of the Interior. It features a hierarchical structure with boxes of different colors (orange, pink, blue, and dark orange) connected by arrows. The 'BORDER POLICE DIRECTORATE' box is highlighted with a red oval. The background has a blue and black decorative gradient at the bottom left.

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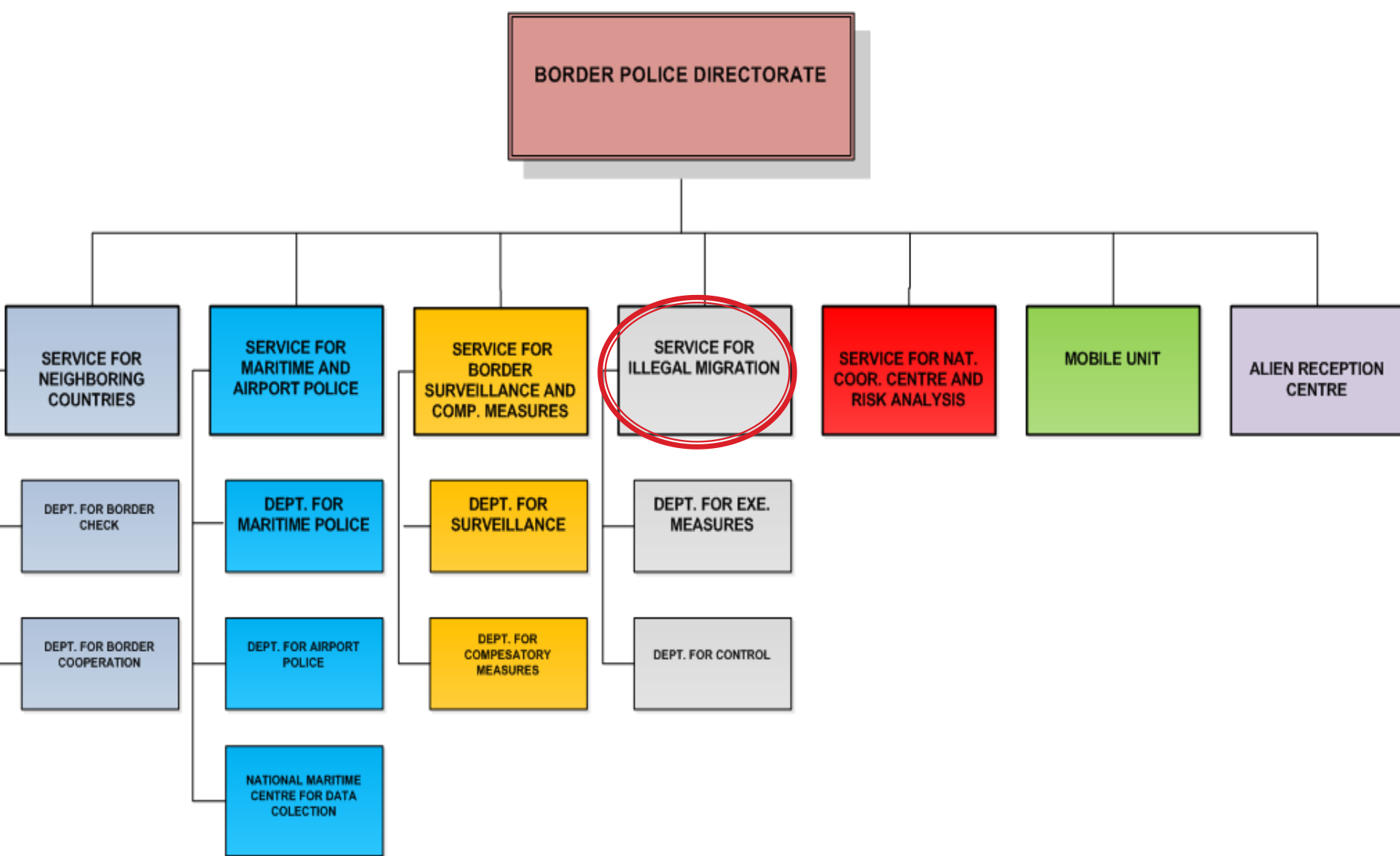
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SERVICE FOR  
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- ▶ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
  - ▶ MINISTRY OF DEMOGRAPHICS, FAMILY, YOUTH AND SOCIAL POLICY
  - ▶ MINISTRY OF HEALTH
  - ▶ MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION
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# REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

- 20 police administrations
- police stations
- 6000 border police officers
- 350 police officers for irregular migrations



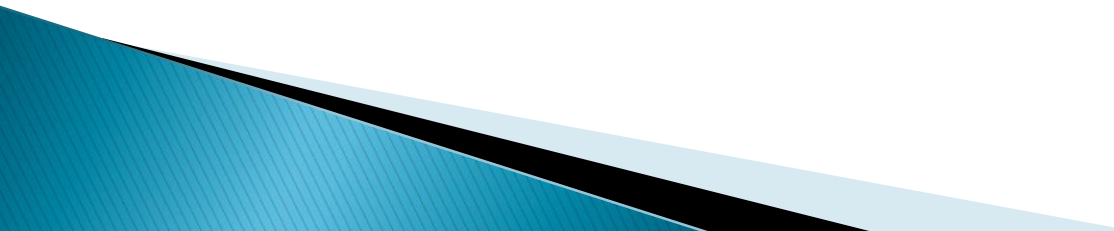


# LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- ▶ Law on Foreigners
  - ▶ Law on International and Temporary Protection
  - ▶ Interagency protocol of the Croatian Government on procedure with the Unaccompanied Minors
  - ▶ Law on Protection of State Border
  - ▶ Regulation on the Visa Regime
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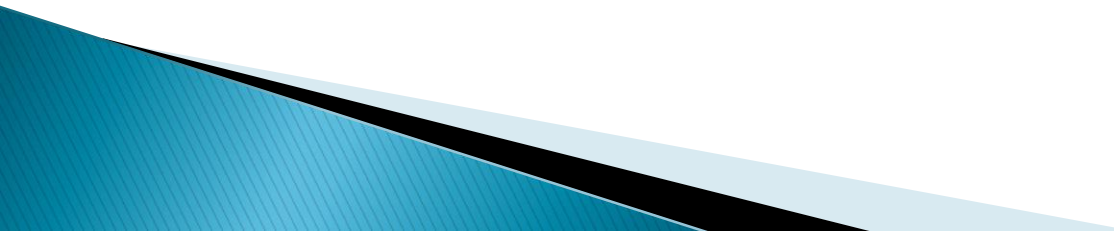


# MIGRATION SITUATION – CHANGES

- ▶ 2000–2010– over 90 % migrants from the region – cultural and language similarities – destination country for work
  - ▶ After 2010 – migrants from Asia and Africa
  - ▶ Until September 2015 – 5000 illegal migrants per year
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# MIGRATION CRISIS

## SEPTEMBER 2015 – MARCH 2016

- ▶ 16.09.2015 – 08.03.2016 – more than 650.000
  - ▶ 51 % Syria, 28% Afghanistan, 13 % Iraq
  - ▶ 1000 families reunited, 22 asylum requests, 6 newborns and 2 deaths
  - ▶ Cooperation with the Croatian Army, medical and social welfare staff
  - ▶ RED CROSS, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, SAVE THE CHILDREN
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# SEPTEMBER 2015 – MARCH 2016



# ILLEGAL MIGRATION PRESSURE

- ▶ **Land border**, eastern border with Serbia
- ▶ **Route**: Serbia – northern land border – Slovenia and Hungary
- ▶ **Transit country** – migrants near their destination, not likely to give up and return
- ▶ **Voluntary return rate** low for migrants from Asia and Africa; **high** from the countries from the region (from other EU MSs and from Croatia)

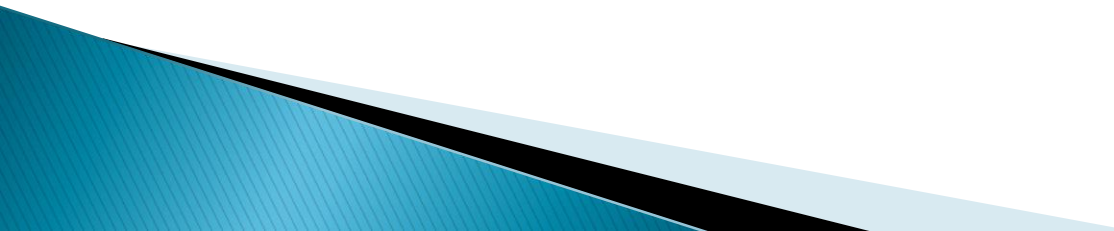


# Sea border

- ▶ Maritime country, long sea border
- ▶ Not affected by illegal migrations
- ▶ Only one case



# CURRENT SITUATION

- ▶ Croatia is still transit country for most of migrants
  - ▶ recent increase of illegal border crossing on border with Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - ▶ with or without help of facilitators
  - ▶ Foreigners with registered stay in EU members come to Croatia to facilitate migrants (family ties)
  - ▶ request asylum, and disappear from Croatia
  - ▶ Non-removable –still no AVR program
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# RECEPTION CENTRE FOR FOREIGNERS JEŽEVO





# RECEPTION AND TRANSIT CENTRE FOR FOREIGNERS TRILJ



# RECEPTION CENTRE AND TRANSIT CENTRE FOR FOREIGNERS TOVARNIK

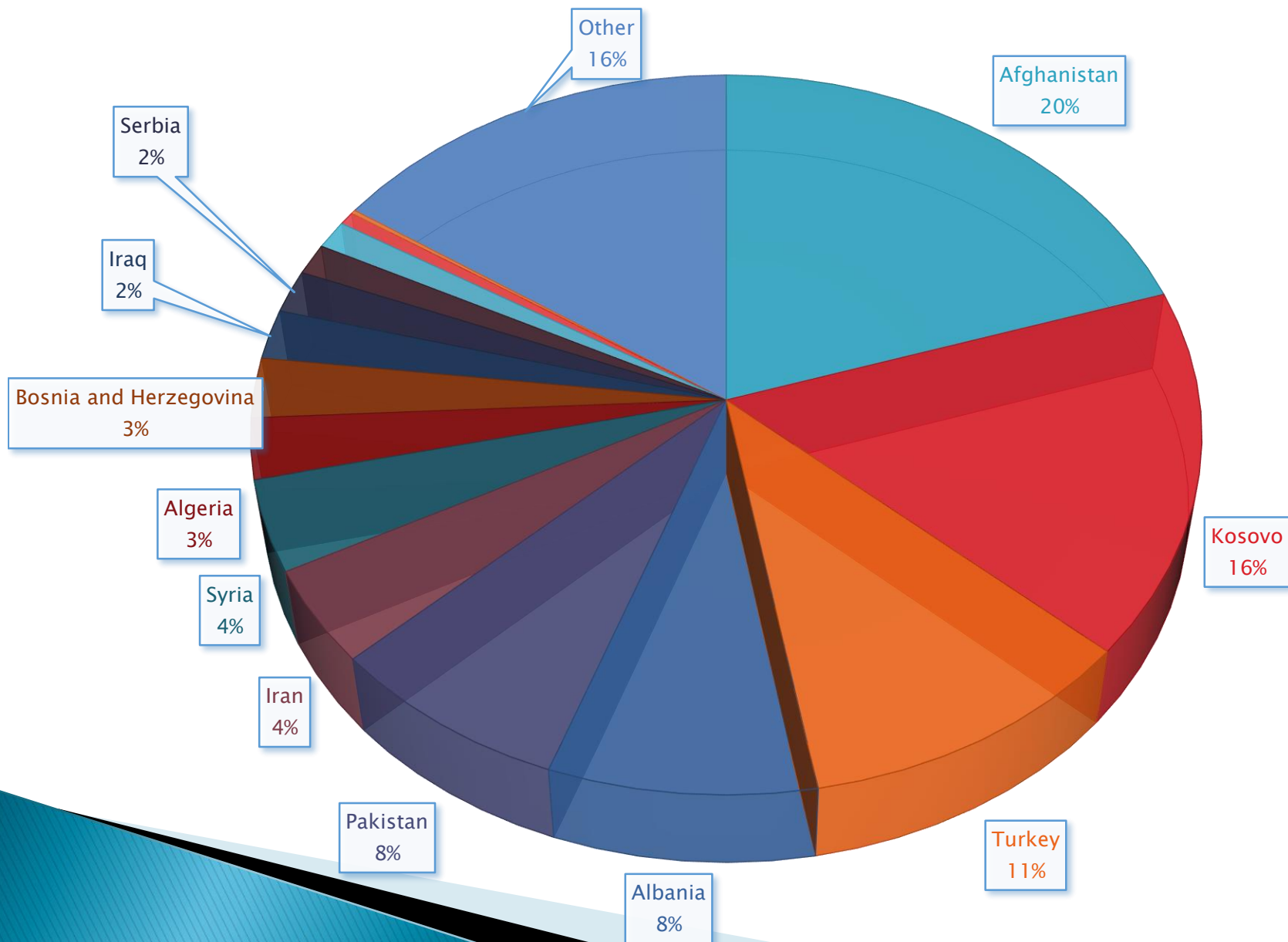


# ILLEGAL CROSSINGS

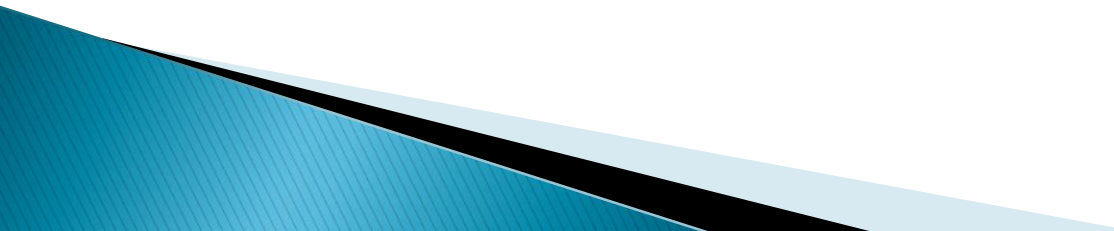
BORDER WITH	2016	2017
Slovenia	2.043	1.149
Hungary	16	25
Serbia	517	1.459
Montenegro	132	48
Bosnia and Herzegovina	572	359
Sea and Air Traffic	115	25
Unknown – found in depth	1.101	1.743
TOTAL	4.496	4.808



## Illegal crossings by nationality in 2017



# PRACTICES

- ▶ Full implementation of the Article 2, 2a of the Return Directive – external EU border
  - ▶ National decision given to TCNs in different languages; 72 hours
  - ▶ Recording exit of third country nationals from the EEA – informing other member countries
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THANK YOU!

