Joint Debriefing Team
Current situation – Clandestine Finds January to March 2018.
In 2017, European countries recorded 209,756 asylum claims by children, including 50,325 newly registered asylum claims during the last quarter of 2017. This represents a 47% drop from 2016, when 396,740 children claimed asylum in Europe.

Children make up more than 30% of all asylum seekers across Europe. Half of all child asylum seekers came from just three countries: Syrian Arab Republic (27%), Iraq (10%) and Afghanistan (10%). A total of 42% of all child asylum seekers are girls.

Germany is still the top destination for refugee and migrant children, registering close to half of all child asylum applications in 2017 (89,205 children of whom 9,084 UASC). France, Greece and Italy also recorded large numbers of child asylum seekers (20,970, 19,790 and 16,309 respectively).

Greece also had the highest number of first-time applicants relative to the population.

* The difference in numbers of arrivals and asylum applications can be explained by the long waiting times before people can claim asylum, backlogs in national asylum systems, as well as the fact that applications can be submitted by persons who have arrived previously or did not necessarily come through the Mediterranean Routes.
Upstream flows

Key

- West Mediterranean
- Central Mediterranean
- East Mediterranean
- East Africa
- Other routes
- Principal hubs
- Secondary hubs
- Other cities
- Boat departure points
- Border fences

* Principal Route  Secondary Route
Western Route
Teenage migrants 'deliberately drowned' by smugglers in Yemen

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At least 29 teenage migrants were deliberately drowned by a people smuggler in Yemen, the UN's migration agency says.

They were among 120 people who were deliberately pushed from a boat into the sea by the smuggler who apparently feared arrest.
Refugee Camps Greece/Italy
Italy
Eastern Route

Migrant route to Germany

Source: UNHCR
Turkey Onwards
Romania / Hungary
Calais/Belgium
Dangerous Concealments
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Europol, the European Union's law enforcement agency, has confirmed that organised criminal gangs and opportunistic individuals based in the UK are involved in smuggling illegal immigrants into the country.
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