

# Introduction

This part of the report contains the key figures given to Myria by the stakeholders likely to play a role in a human trafficking or human smuggling case in Belgium. It presents the most recent data on human trafficking and smuggling, as well as a retrospective of the last few years, insofar as this is possible, in an effort to put this data into perspective.

The stakeholders who gave their figures to Myria are:

- the police, with information from the National General Database (NGD);
- the NSSO inspection department (Thematic Directorate for Trafficking in Human Beings, ECOSOC teams);
- the College of Prosecutors General, with information on the prosecutions made by the public prosecutors' offices and the labour prosecutors' offices;
- the Immigration Office (IO);
- PAG-ASA, Payoke and Sürya: centres specialised in the reception and support of victims;
- the Criminal Policy Service (CPS) of FPS Justice, with information on the final convictions.

In keeping with tradition, this chapter ends with an external contribution from the NSSO's inspection services.

## Please note:



- The figures in this report in no way reflect the true extent of the phenomenon of human trafficking and smuggling in Belgium. They only concern the acts, victims and perpetrators identified as such by the authorities. Nothing can be said about unidentified events.
- These figures and their evolution provide information about the action taken by the authorities to combat human trafficking and smuggling rather than about these phenomena as such.
- There is a lack of harmonisation between the figures from the various stakeholders and, therefore, there is no coherent and uniform image of these criminal phenomena. This limits the possibilities for policy evaluation, strategic analysis and reporting to the European institutions. It goes without saying that Myria collaborates with the above-mentioned stakeholders to collect figures of the best quality possible.