

# TRAQ | Exploring the profiles of victims of migrant smuggling and their interactions with frontline services

**CONTEXT** | In Belgium, **victims of migrant smuggling** with aggravating circumstances may obtain a **residence permit** if they **cooperate with the authorities** in the investigation and prosecution of the crime. While the statements of these victims may prove decisive in the criminal procedure, the special scheme has **been used only rarely** since its introduction in 2007. For **frontline services**, it is **often challenging** to detect victims of smuggling, to gain their trust and to convince them to participate in the procedure. The **project TRAQ** (Trafic Analyses Qualitatives) aims to gain better insight into the profiles of these victims and their interactions with frontline services in order to improve the application of the victim status.

## OBJECTIVES



## STAKEHOLDERS



## TIMELINE



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