

Two typologies of migrant smuggling

1. Pay as you go

BOAT OPERATORS

Anyone with a boat can buy a group of migrants. Objective just to put them to sea. Most profit made here.

TRANSPORTERS

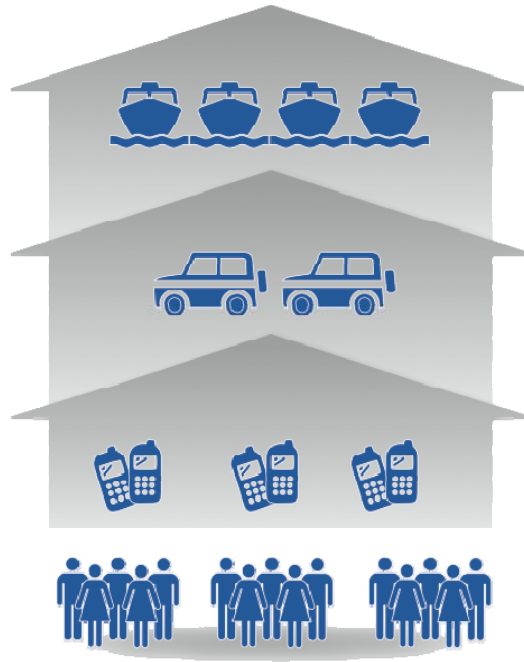
Specialized knowledge, e.g. how to cross the desert or difficult terrain. Contacts to local customs or border officers or agencies. Will protect convoys using violence.

BROKERS/RECRUITERS

Drawn from local communities. Recruit new migrants, organize their first leg of transport, make contact with smugglers for next leg of journey.

SOURCE COMMUNITIES

May initiate migration or be encouraged to migrate. Families select one member to migrate and send back remittances.



2. Full-package

CONTROLLER

A limited number of individuals who control most of the chain and bring pieces together.

CORRUPTORS

Individuals with networks to local state institutions to facilitate transit and border crossing.

SPECIALISTS

Document fraudsters, money handlers, procurers of weapons and security providers, providers of accommodation.

TRANSPORTERS

Individuals who arrange the means of transport (buy tickets, procure boat, coordinate land travel).

BROKERS/RECRUITERS

Smugglers who advertise their services like travel agents, based on promises of reliability and reputation for success.

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Frequently, full-package migration journeys are initiated by the migrant, and may include multiple family members travelling together.



SMUGGLING NETWORKS ARE MADE UP OF ACTORS WITH SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE



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