FIGURE 2. TRANSIT MIGRATION FROM TURKEY TO GREECE 2010-2017

The establishment of the South-eastern migratory corridor is a key driver in encouraging cooperation between the EU and Turkey in migration management. In 2010, irregular entry from Turkey to Greece through the land border peaked at 107,000 apprehensions. Gradual closer bilateral cooperation and enhanced presence of FRONTEX, led to a temporary reduction in apprehensions but also a shift to the maritime border. From 2014 onwards, the Aegean has become, once more, the main entry point to the external borders of the EU. The sharp reduction in 2016 and 2017 is largely attributed to the closure of the Western Balkan route, the EU-Turkey Statement of March 18th 2016 and restriction of movement of new arrivals to the Greek islands, as well as the offer of temporary protection to all Syrians registered in Turkey.

Main entrance points from Turkey to Greece 2010-2017 (Land and Sea Borders)

Main nationalities apprehended by Hellenic Police and Coast Guard (2010-2017)*

Apprehensions by nationality in absolute ...

Apprehensions of the Hellenic Police and Coast Guard for irregular entry and/or stay (2010-2017)

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