

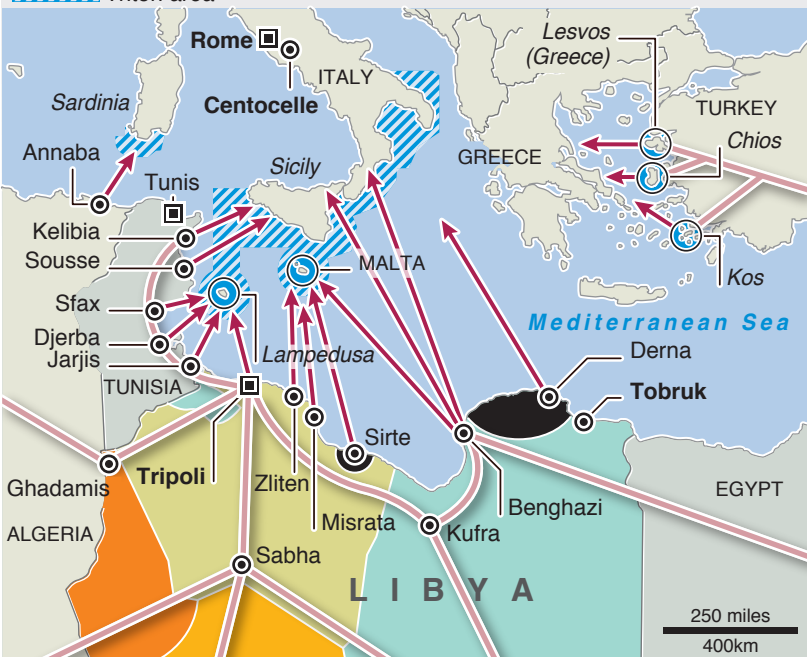
# Plan to counter Libya's people smugglers

The EU plans to mount a military mission to stop criminal gangs smuggling people to Europe by destroying their lucrative business model

Migrants crossing Mediterranean since January: 103,011 (to June 8)

Italy 54,000	Greece 48,000 Spain 920, Malta 91
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- Smuggling routes
- Libya's internationally recognised government
- Libya Dawn rival administration
- Operation Triton area
- Tuareg militia
- Toubou militia
- Islamic State



**Centocelle HQ:** Military operation run by **EU Naval Force – Mediterranean**. Eight warships and 14 patrol ships already in area as part of **Triton rescue mission**

**3 Destroy boats at sea:** Increase financial risk to smugglers. **Replacement cost of boat to carry 250 migrants is about €70,000**

**4 Ground operations:** Destroy boats in harbours, fuel dumps, embarkation and collection points. **Local warlords charge traffickers around €17,000 a month to use secure departure points and €4,500 a month to house migrants while they wait to depart**

**5 Libyan rivals:** High-level EU political engagement to bring rival governments in Tobruk and Tripoli together to form **Government of National Unity** and combine militias into force to counter smugglers

**1 United Nations:** **Federica Mogherini**, EU foreign service chief, has applied to UN Security Council for **Chapter VII mandate** to enable legal operation in Libyan territorial waters

**2 Naval blockade:** Intercept boats within 12 nautical miles of Libyan coast. Migrants returned to shore

