

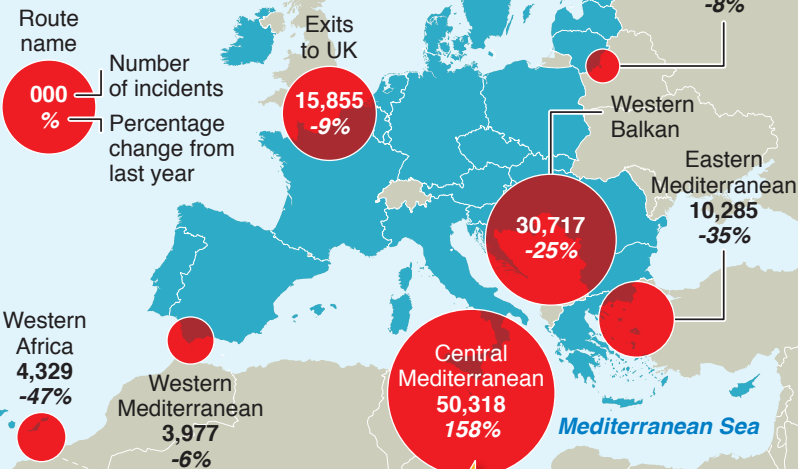
Central Med migrant crossings double

The number of migrant crossings through the central Mediterranean to the European Union more than doubled in 2023 compared with the same period last year, the EU border agency Frontex says



NUMBER OF IRREGULAR BORDER-CROSSINGS

(Jan-May 2023)



■ Total number of entries: 102,000, a 12% increase over a year ago

Central Mediterranean remains main migratory route into EU, accounting for nearly half of all entries in 2023