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Description

Based on the contributions of the border services of 19 Central and Eastern European states, the 2003 Yearbook on Illegal Migration, Human Smuggling and Trafficking in Central and Eastern Europe provides a unique compilation and overview of irregular migration trends in the region. Over the past eight years the Annual Yearbook on Illegal Migration, Human Smuggling and Trafficking in Central and Eastern Europe has come to be regarded as an authoritative source of information on recent border trends and in particular on the phenomena of illegal migration, human smuggling and trafficking. Compared to earlier versions of the Yearbook, this year’s edition features major improvements both in the quality of the analysis provided as well as in the coverage and comparability of quantitative data. Comprehensive statistical tables provide detailed indicators of illegal migration for all countries covered, while an expanded qualitative analysis gives the necessary background on the legal and institutional development of border management as well as detailed assessments on the structure and modus operandi of human smugglers and their operations. An overview chapter provides a summary of the main trends in illegal migration and human smuggling over the past 3 years in the region, including trends in border apprehensions, the changing geography of illegal migration and human smuggling, shifts in source countries, demographic characteristics of irregular migrants, the structure of smuggling organizations, smuggling fees, innovations in the modus operandi of smuggling organizations and much more. An indispensable source book for all scholars and practitioners interested in irregular migration.

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Human trafficking in Europe is a regional phenomenon of the wider practice of trade in humans for the purposes of various forms of coercive exploitation. Human trafficking has existed for centuries all over the world, and follows from the earlier practice of slavery, which differed from human trafficking in that it was legally recognized and accepted. It has become an increasing concern for countries in Europe since the fall of Communism. The transition to a market economy in some countries has led to