In 2018, the DTM Mediterranean team gathered 5,328 Flow Monitoring Surveys through a network of 30 DTM focal points and data collectors in 7 different countries on about 179 flow monitoring points located on entry, inside and on the exit points in Spain, Italy, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Montenegro and the Republic of North Macedonia. In 2018, DTM Mediterranean published 6 analytical reports with insight into the profile of the interviewed migrants and their experiences during the journey to Europe. The DTM information system also gathers statistical data on arrivals collated from national authorities and respective missions. Arrivals data are summarized on a monthly (and quarterly basis) and available for public use in the *Mixed Migration Flows in the Mediterranean - Compilation of Available Data and Information*. All published reports, analysis and datasets based on DTM Flow Monitoring data are available for download on [DTM Flows to Europe Geoportal](https://migration.iom.int).

DTM data has been widely disseminated and jointly used by media, academia, national governments, international agencies (e.g. UNHCR, UNICEF) and other counterparts. The recognized need for increased harmonization with regards to timely, disaggregate data and contextual information related to populations on the move, stranded, or seeking asylum, resulted in the first Inter-Agency Workshop on data and information management, held in November 2018 in Vienna. The Regional Information Management Working Group organized the workshop with the objective of taking stock of information management practices (IM), IM products and other best practices regarding refugee and migrant response in Europe. The workshop gathered 33 IM officers and staff working on data from UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM from eight different countries along the different Mediterranean routes.
There were 144,166 new arrivals to Europe between January and December 2018 - a 23% decrease compared to 186,788 reported in 2017, and a 63% decrease compared to the 390,456 reported in 2016. The main origin countries of migrants and asylum seekers who arrived to Italy, Greece and Spain (96% of all arrivals) were the Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, Iraq, Tunisia and Morocco. In 2018, more than 200,000 migrants and asylum seekers were accommodated in Italy, Greece, the Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Kosovo (UNSCR 1244) and Romania. DTM data shows significant increases in irregular entries to Albania (752 vs. 3,399), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1,166 vs. 23,848) and Montenegro (807 vs. 4,645) between 2017 and 2018 respectively.

1 In March 2018, DTM established a Flow Monitoring Point in the north of Albania to capture outgoing flows towards Montenegro. Data on Albania includes both the number of exits and entries in the country.

Overview Map - Migrants Present in Europe as of December 2018

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