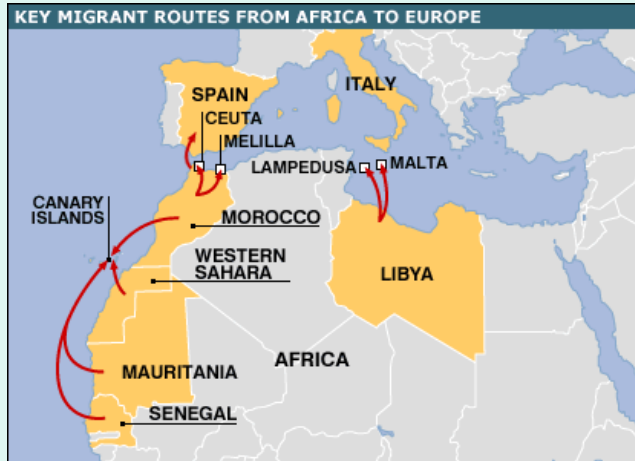


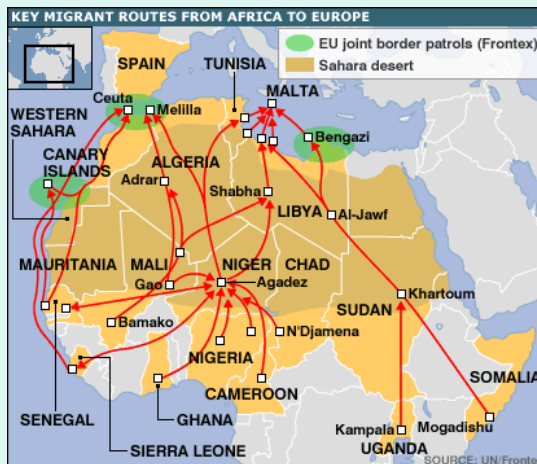
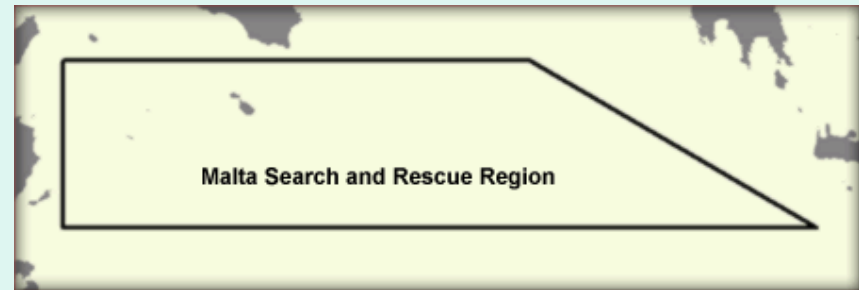
# **Needs-Based Approach**

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# Irregular Immigration/1



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- Malta: population 400,000
- Ca. 12,000 arrivals since March 4, 2002
- 2007: 1702 arrivals in 68 boats
- 2008: 2522 arrivals in 80 boats ...
- 2009: Around 900 arrivals so far ...

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- Departure Libya, destination mainland Europe
- Rescue/landing
- Immigration Police
- Detention
- Asylum Claim
- Open Centre
- Resettlement/return/integration



# OIWAS

1. Identification, development, management of reception centres
2. Identification, assessment, care of vulnerable asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection
3. Integration-oriented policy and measures

## **Identification, assessment and care of vulnerable asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection**

- = Families/single parents with minor children, unaccompanied minors, elderly, disability, victims of trauma
  - Referred by all stakeholders and assessed by OIWAS' Age Assessment Team or Vulnerable Adults Assessment Team
  - Fast track procedure to move from closed → open centre
  - Very complex issues surrounding the care of these persons.
  - Increasing in number in terms of arrivals/year



# Suspected trafficking within context of irregular immigration

- Main agencies involved: *Appoġġ* (National Welfare Agency) and Police.
- Malta is not considered to be a targeted route for trafficking, since irregular immigrants land on the island only after having failed to make it to the mainland.
- However, OIWAS refers even the slightest hint of trafficking to above-mentioned. *Appoġġ* and OIWAS provide safe house, Police investigate.
- OIWAS undertakes own assessment into of possible necessary action within immigration frameworks, e.g. referral for resettlement, integration support, etc, and to prevent exploitation.


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- Challenges:
  - Training
  - Identification of stakeholders for closest possible collaboration
  - Development of appropriate protocols
  - Facilities/resources to support victims
  - Legislation
  - Resolution within wider context of irregular immigration

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