**How has the involvement of the Italian mafia organizations in the smuggling of African and Middle Eastern refugees in to Europa changed over the last 10 years?**

Over the years the migration to Europe has become a real problem.

That there are a lot of refugees today in Europa will every one know, but how can it be, that there are so many refugees, and where are they all coming from?

According to the BBC[[1]](#footnote-1), has the conflict in Syria being the biggest driver for migration to Europe. The violence in the middle east today ensures that many people want a safe life, what they can find in Europe.

The most refugees go to Germany, Germany received more than 476000 Refugees so far.

But the question is: How do the Refugees get to Europe?

A lot of Middle Eastern refugees come with a boat to the coast of Greece or Italy, they are risking there one life, to have a better life in Europe. For this countries the immigration is a real problem, they are the first ones that come in contact with the refugees. For example:

‘Italy on track to surpass Greece in refugee arrivals for 2016, with nearly 160.000 arrivals so far in 2016, Italy had received almost the same number of refugees as Greece this year, and by year’s end it may surpass Greece as Europe’s new focal point for refugee flows, according to recent statistics from the United Nations High commissioner on Refugees.’[[2]](#footnote-2)

As above described Italy is a country that seems to have problems with the arrival from a lot of refugees. Beside the problem of Refugees these days, Italy have more problems. The famous mafia from the south of Italy, origin from Sicily are still active.

With the smuggling of refugees a lot of money is being generated, but what are the influence of the mafia in the South of Italy in the smuggling of refugees? Is there a bigger influence from the mafia in the smuggling of refugees because the amount of refugees increased? We will do research to the situation 10 years ago, and to the situation these days.

**What was the situation around refugees 10 years ago, and had the Italian mafia any influence?**

**What is the situation around refugees today, and what is the influence from the mafia?**

1. http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34131911 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/11/02/italy-on-track-to-surpass-greece-in-refugee-arrivals-for-2016/ [↑](#footnote-ref-2)