

# *Refugee Smuggling into Europe a \$5 Billion Business in 2015*

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Brussels, May 21 (RHC)-- European authorities estimate that nine out of ten refugees and asylum seekers paid between \$3,400 to \$6,800 USD each to smugglers.

According to a new report by international crime-fighting agencies Interpol and Europol, people smugglers made over \$5 billion from the wave of migration into southern Europe last year.

About 90% of asylum seekers entering the European Union in 2015 relied on "facilitation services" -- mainly loose networks of criminals along the routes, and the proportion was likely to be even higher in 2016, the report said.

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