

*** Which Routes do the refugees take?**

1. Eastern Mediterranean route.

This is the most traveled route in 2015. Refugees go across the land or go by boat to Bulgaria, Cyprus and especially Greece. Mostly through Turkey. There were almost 80.000 people in the first six months of 2015. Refugees boats come regularly to the Greek tourist islands. These islands aren't prepared for all these boats.

2. Central Mediterranean route.

This is the route from North-Afrika, across the Mediterranean Sea, to Italy and Malta. Since the beginning of the (Arabische lente = wij weten niet precies hoe we dit woord moeten vertalen zodat de andere studenten uit bijvoorbeeld Italië het goed begrijpen...) and the fights in Tunisia and Libya in 2011, is the total of people who take this route increased. People smugglers can do their work undisturbed because of the chaos in Libya. This route is also the most dangerous. A lot of people didn't make their destiny.

3. Balkan-route

This is a land route. The people who arrived in Greece or Bulgaria often want to travel further to Western Europe. They travel to Western Europe through the Balkan. They travel through Macedonia, Kosovo and Serbia to Hungary. This route isn't that dangerous as the sea route's but the route is very exhausting. Some Refugees have to walk day's or weeks through rough areas to avoid border controls.

4. Western-mediterranean route

This is a sea route from North-Afrika to Spain. This route isn't that much used than the Central Mediterranean route. A lot of Algerians, Moroccans and since a couple of years people from central Africa take this route. There are every year 5.000-9.000 people who take this route to Europe.

Which route the refugees take doesn't matter, Almost every time they have to pay people smugglers a lot of money but they get a life threatening route back. They have to take non-stable boats with too many people on one boat.

- **Why do refugees come to Holland?**

There are a lot of different reasons why refugees come to the Netherlands. The first reason and also the most important reason is the war in Syria and Iraq. This war started in 2011 when the people in Syria protested against their government and president. The second reason is the arrival of IS in 2013. Many people ran from their country to be save. They want to give their children an opportunity to grow up in peace and go to a school for good changes in their future. The refugees come to Europe because there are good changes for their future. A country where they could go is for example, Holland. The refugees come to the Netherlands because it is a prosperous and rich country. And also they've been told that Holland is a good place to go.

- **Do the refugees want to stay here.?**

A lot of refugees really want to go back to their country if the war is over. But the war won't be over in one year and the people don't have enough money to go back or build up their destroyed home. Because of this, the refugees want to stay in their new country, as Holland. But if they stay, depends much of the new culture.

Because, The most refugees don't like the culture of their new land. For example, Holland. It is to different from theirs. You can notice that because a lot of people coming here with different religions. But also, you can see people walking on the car road or the bicycle path. These refugees also need to get used to the food. We use for example a lot of different spices and we probably don't have all the necessities for their food. And of course, they do not understand us. You can talk with the refugees by an interpreter, English or communicate with hands and feet. But they don't like it if we talk to each other and they can't understand it.