



SUMMARY

Ad-Hoc Query on prevention and information campaigns for transport companies and truck drivers

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Responses were received from **24 (Member) States out of 29**: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

Only **2 out of 24 (Member) States** (NL and UK) **reported having implemented prevention/information campaigns targeted at transport companies or truck drivers about the issue of irregular migrants entering vehicles**. These campaigns take the form of documents and web pages with specific information and advice for transport companies and their drivers - including practical guidelines to ensure safe transport or information on the drivers' responsibilities and on possible sanctions - as well as posters (UK).

A few (Member) States provided information about **other activities** they have implemented regarding irregular migration and transportation. These include, inter alia:

- letters to transport companies using international routes to provide them with information on irregular migration and to ask them to pay attention to the phenomenon (specific helpline number provided) (PL);
- information campaigns /trainings by Border Guard officers to employees of railway stations, major petrol stations and travel agencies selling bus tickets on international routes; as well as discussions between Border Guard officers and truck drivers (PL);
- official statements about transporting irregular migrants and the sanctions linked to it, addressed to taxi drivers (HU) or national citizens (PT);
- general guidelines drafted by the National Police Department on border/immigration control, also addressing the scenario of people hidden in vehicles (NO)
- improved cooperation with authorities from a third country to control and detect irregular migrants on trucks and ferries (ES)