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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

## The Role of Human Smuggling Networks in Migration

*Special focus on the Western Balkan route*

**XXI. National Conference - 20 November 2018**

**Ministry of Interior**

9:30 – 10:00 Reception of participants, registration

10:00 – 10:10 Opening speech – **Dr. Gábor Tóthi** – Head of Department for European Cooperation

### **European policies on migrant smuggling and the situation in the Western Balkan route**

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10:10 – 10:50 **Gábor Balogh** (National Bureau of Investigation, Counter Illegal Migration Division): The changing nature of a traditional smuggling route – the Western Balkan route

10:50–11:30 **Abdessamad Belhaj** (Researcher, Migration Research Institute): Human smuggling in the context of migration

11:30 – 11:50 *Questions and Answers*

11:50 – 12:20 Coffee break

12:20 – 13:00 **András Ányos** (Europol): Europol's operative measures and the recent trends

13:00 – 13:40 **Ana Tomasevic-Petrovic** (Service for Combating Organized Crime, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia): In the middle of the pathway of the Western Balkan

13:40 – 14:10 *Questions and Answers and Closing remarks*

14:10 – 15:30 Lunch