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Possible general indicators:

- Gender
- Nationality
- Age of traffickers and smugglers
- Occupation
- Education
- Criminal history (forgery, exploiting prostitutes, corruption, violation of immigration law)
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Who is/can be a SMUGGLER or TRAFFICKER?

- Member of international organised crime groups
- Small groups with loose structures, including family members
- Some groups/elements are specialised in different parts of the process (e.g. Transporting)
- The group or elements may belong to a specific ethnicity or nationality
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Who is/can be a SMUGGLER or TRAFFICKER?

- The person that carries the travel documents of the fellow travellers (with no plausible reason for that)
- The person that carries the cash, receipts and phone numbers
- The person acting as the spokesperson or intermediary for a specific group of migrants
- The person that knows more details about the journey/trip
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- The person that gives “orders” to the group, rather than speaking
- The person to whom the potential victim looks up when you ask them questions
- Someone in (unjustified) possession of money transfer receipts to countries of origin or destiny
- Someone with known connection to brothels, massage houses, female escort services
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- Someone who is trying to give the smuggled person instructions, hints, directions
- The driver of the vehicle
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How to proceed:

- Don’t allow the perpetrator to dispose of incriminating material
  - Gps
  - Mobile phones / satellite phones
  - lists of contacts
  - documentation about payments
  - migrants documents
  - other

- Isolate the Smuggler/Trafficker from the smuggled and/or (potential) victim - as soon as possible

- Respect the suspects’ rights
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

ANY QUESTIONS?