



Macron could solve the Channel crossings crisis in one fell swoop – but he won't

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85,000 sent to UK from France since records began five years ago – and rising exponentially



Illegal Channel migrant crossings are now at crisis-levels.

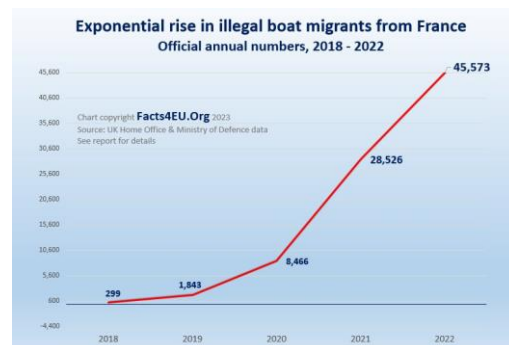
In a bid to address the emergency, we outline a New Year policy resolution for the government which we disclose in an exclusive report below.

Campaign for an Independent Britain - CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the oldest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – and its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** – presents a simple solution which would cut illegal immigration at a stroke.

EXPONENTIAL RISE IN ILLEGAL CHANNEL MIGRANT CROSSINGS

- 2018 : 299
- 2019 : 1,843
- 2020 : 8,466
- 2021 : 28,526
- **2022 : 45,573**

[Source: UK Home Office and Ministry of Defence official data, accessed on 02 Jan 2023.]



POLICY SOLUTION

1. UK Border Force could take the migrants back to France, if the French let them

A UK Border Force vessel intercepts a large inflatable boat in the English Channel. It takes the (mostly) young men on board and sets course for the nearest French beach with a floating pontoon. The migrants are then disembarked safely onto the jetty and are met by French gendarmes.

2. The French Border Force could take the migrants back to France

A French vessel from *La Direction Centrale de la Police Aux Frontières* (French border force) detects a large inflatable full of (mostly) young men who have set off from a French beach in the direction of England.

It takes them on board and heads back to the same floating pontoon used by the UK Border Force just a couple of hours earlier. There the illegal migrants are disembarked and dealt with by the waiting gendarmes.

Commenting, CIBUK's Communications Director Ben Philips said:

"If the government were serious about addressing the current crisis they would tackle it head-on in the way we have outlined.

As soon as migrants find themselves back in France after paying through the nose on a one-way round-trip to the place they left, word would soon spread and the illegal trafficking would dry up.

The only losers would be the people smugglers and Human Rights Lawyers in the UK. Even Macron could declare a political 'triomphe' – a French humanitarian act designed to prevent loss of life at sea."

The full report including the evidence we have collected can be read [here](#).

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