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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

Overview of the migration situation in the Western Balkans

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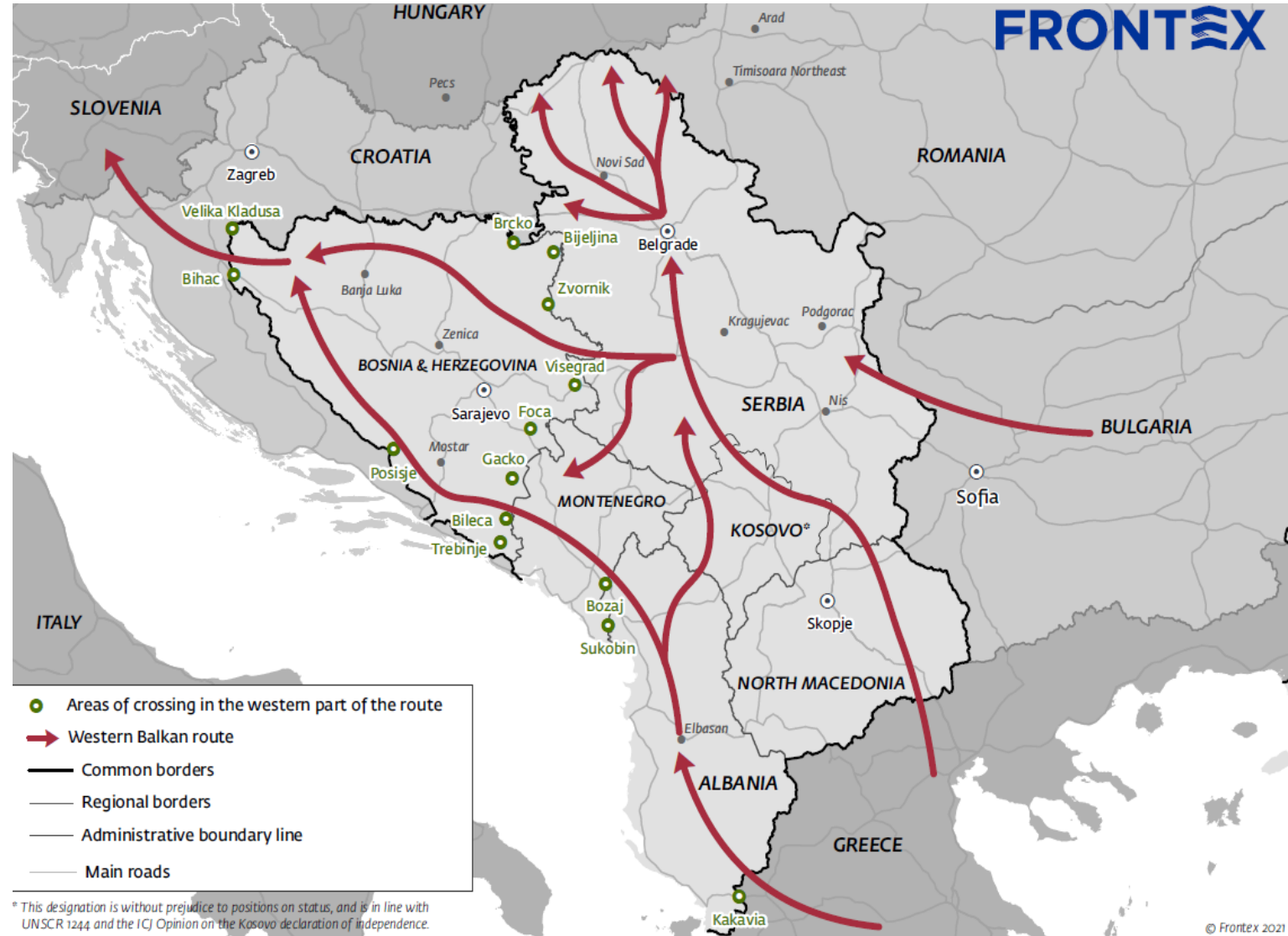
Main migrant movement directions

Two main routes across the Western Balkans

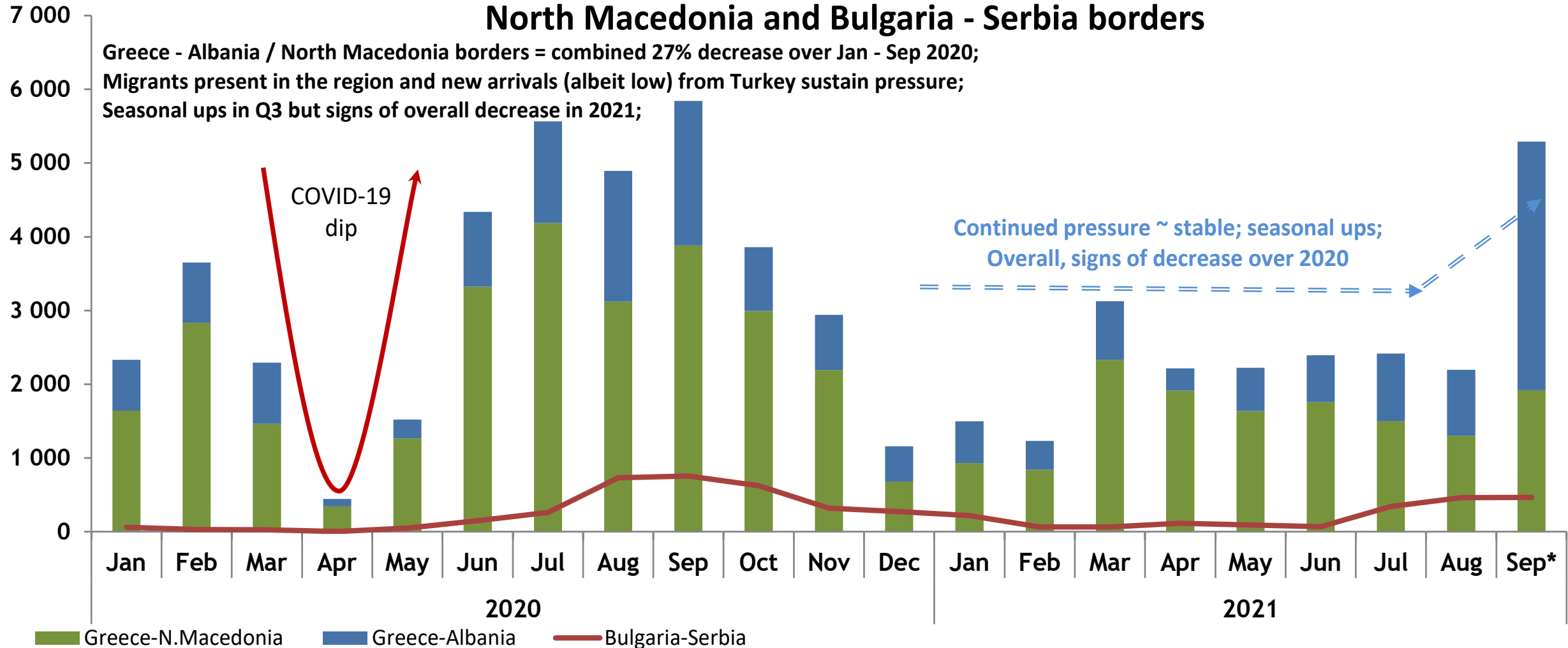
Enhanced controls continue to hinder transit

Accumulated migrants & new arrivals sustain pressure

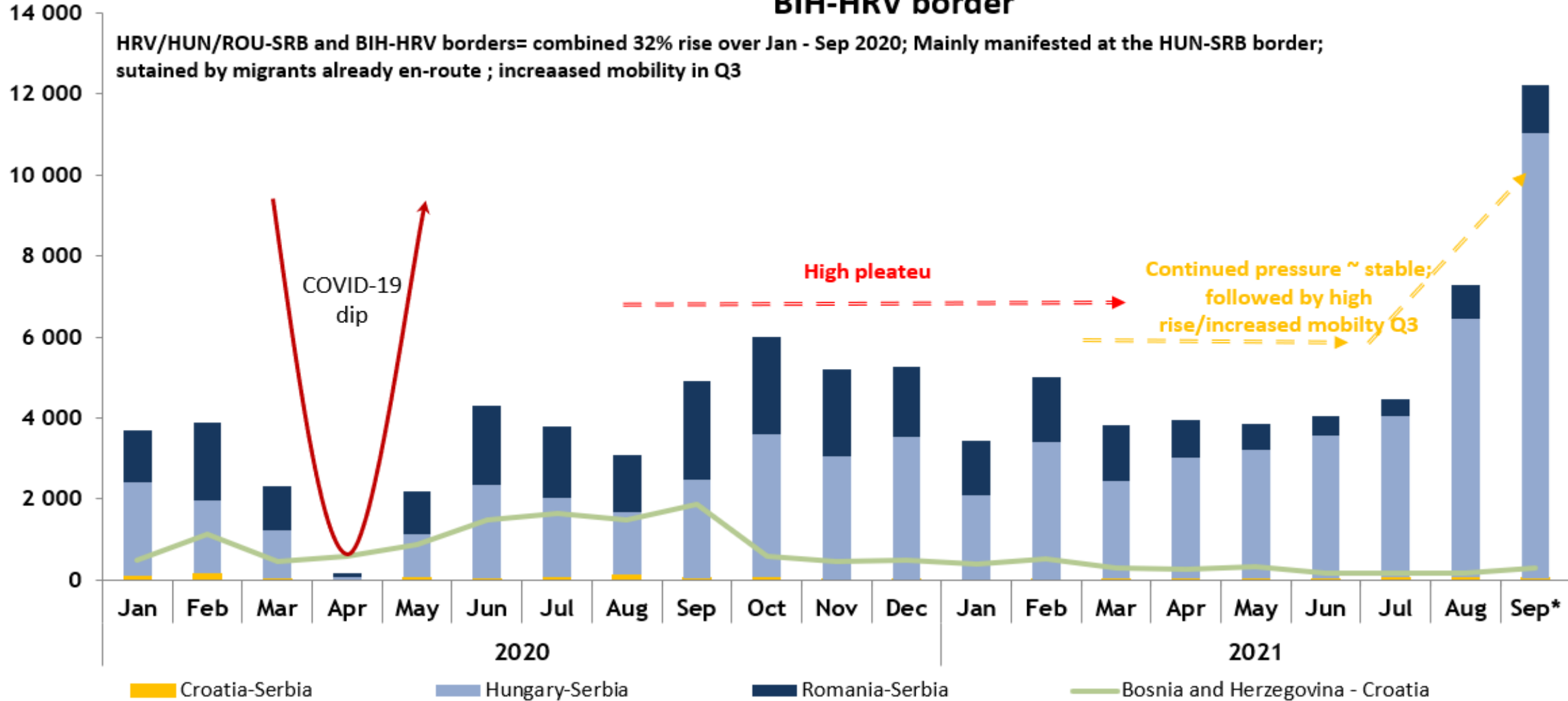
South to north movement directions



South of the region - IBCs by non-regional migrants at the Greece - Albania / North Macedonia and Bulgaria - Serbia borders



North of the region - IBCs by non-regional migrants at EU borders with SRB and at BIH-HRV border



Conclusions / Outlook

- Migrants present in the Eastern Med/WB region will maintain pressure; controls and seasonal factors will influence the overall level;
- Efforts in the Aegean and Turkey land border - can decrease the attractiveness of Eastern Med route;
- Some migrants may speed-up attempts to leave / by-pass Greece;
- If arrivals from Turkey remain low, pressure on the WB will decrease as migrants eventually manage to leave the region (after multiple attempts);
- Turkey's resilience / capacity to manage its borders will continue to play an important role for both, Eastern Med and the WB;
- Enhanced preparedness and cooperation remain necessary to pre-empt undesired developments stemming from areas of continued instability;

Thank you!