



Middle Eastern Migration

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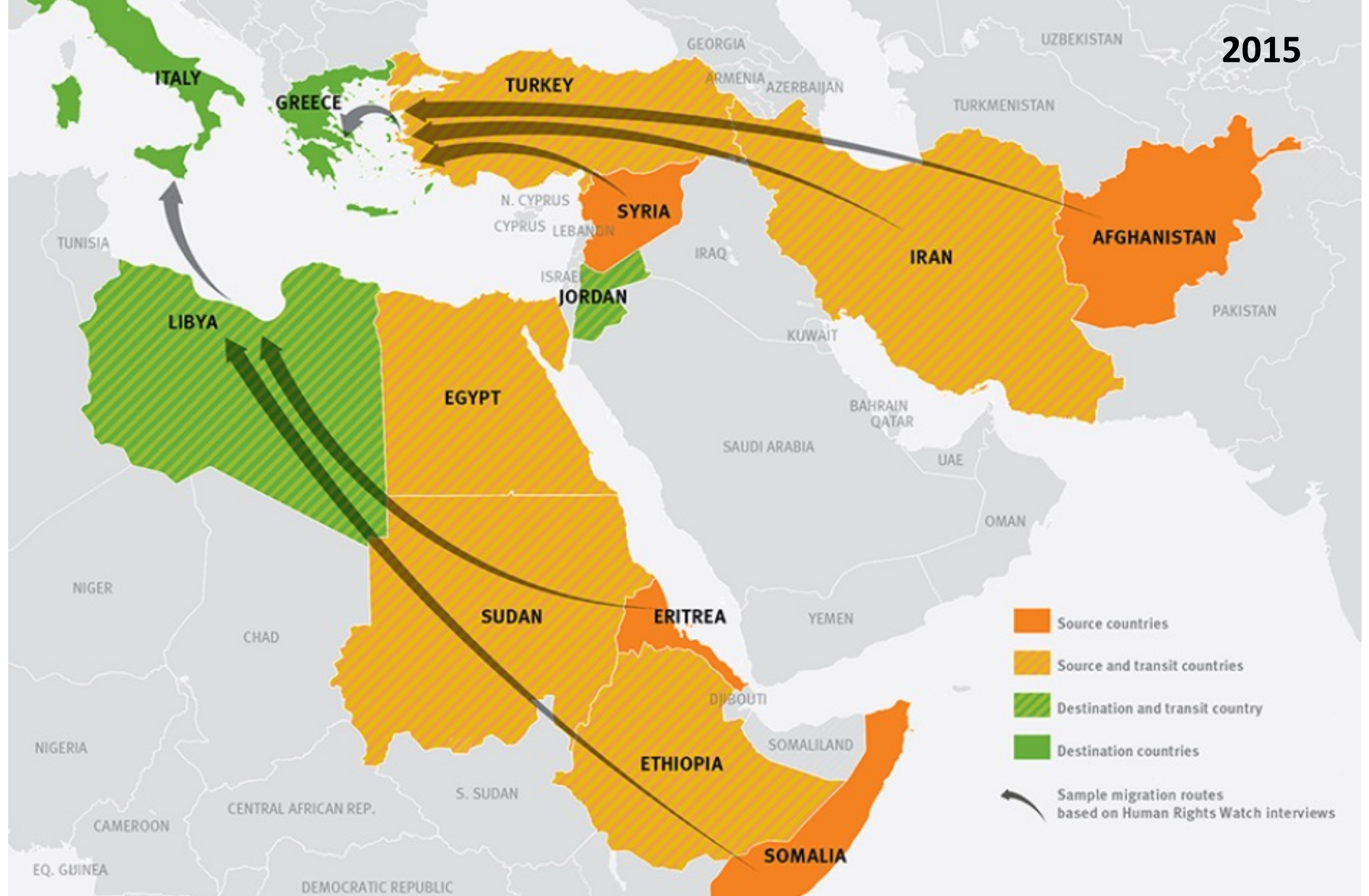
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WAR IN UKRAINE

2015



Middle East and North African (MENA) conflicts since 2001

- Afghanistan, 2001-
 - Iraq, 2003-
 - Syria, 2011- } Rise and expansion of the Islamic State in Iraq & Syria (ISIS), 2014-2017
 - Yemen, 2000s; 2011-
 - Libya, 2011-
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- In all of these countries, the USA and NATO have had a role in causing or intensifying existing conflicts to accelerate migration

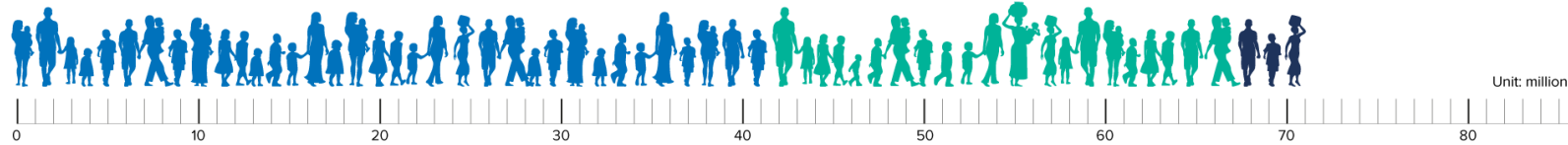
Disaggregating Migration

- **Refugees** -- A person who has fled their own country because they are at risk of serious human rights violations and persecution there. Refugees have a right to international protection.
- **Asylum seekers** -- person who has left their country and is seeking protection from persecution and serious human rights violations in another country, but who hasn't yet been legally recognized as a refugee and is waiting to receive a decision on their asylum claim. Seeking asylum is a human right.
- **Migrant** -- There is no internationally accepted legal definition of a migrant. Some migrants leave their country because they want to work, study or join family, for example. Others feel they must leave because of poverty, political unrest, gang violence, natural disasters or other serious circumstances that exist there. They are still entitled to have all their human rights protected and respected, regardless of the status they have in the country they moved to.

70.8 million

forcibly displaced people worldwide

2019



Internally Displaced People
41.3 million

Refugees
25.9 million

20.4 million under UNHCR's mandate
5.5 million Palestinian refugees under UNRWA's mandate

Asylum-seekers
3.5 million

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted



About 80 per cent of refugees live in countries neighbouring their countries of origin

57% of UNHCR refugees came from three countries

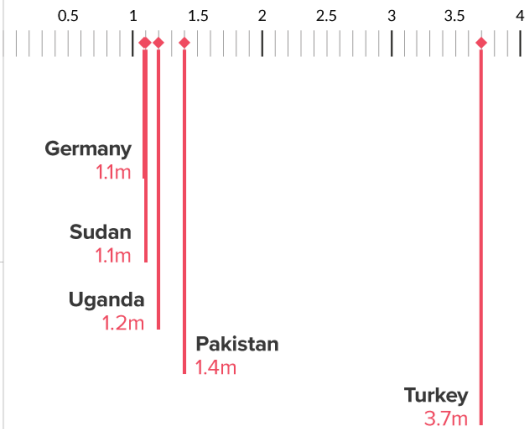


341,800
new asylum seekers

The greatest number of new asylum applications in 2018 was from Venezuelans



Top refugee-hosting countries



UNHCR has data on

3.9 million
stateless people
but there are thought to be millions more



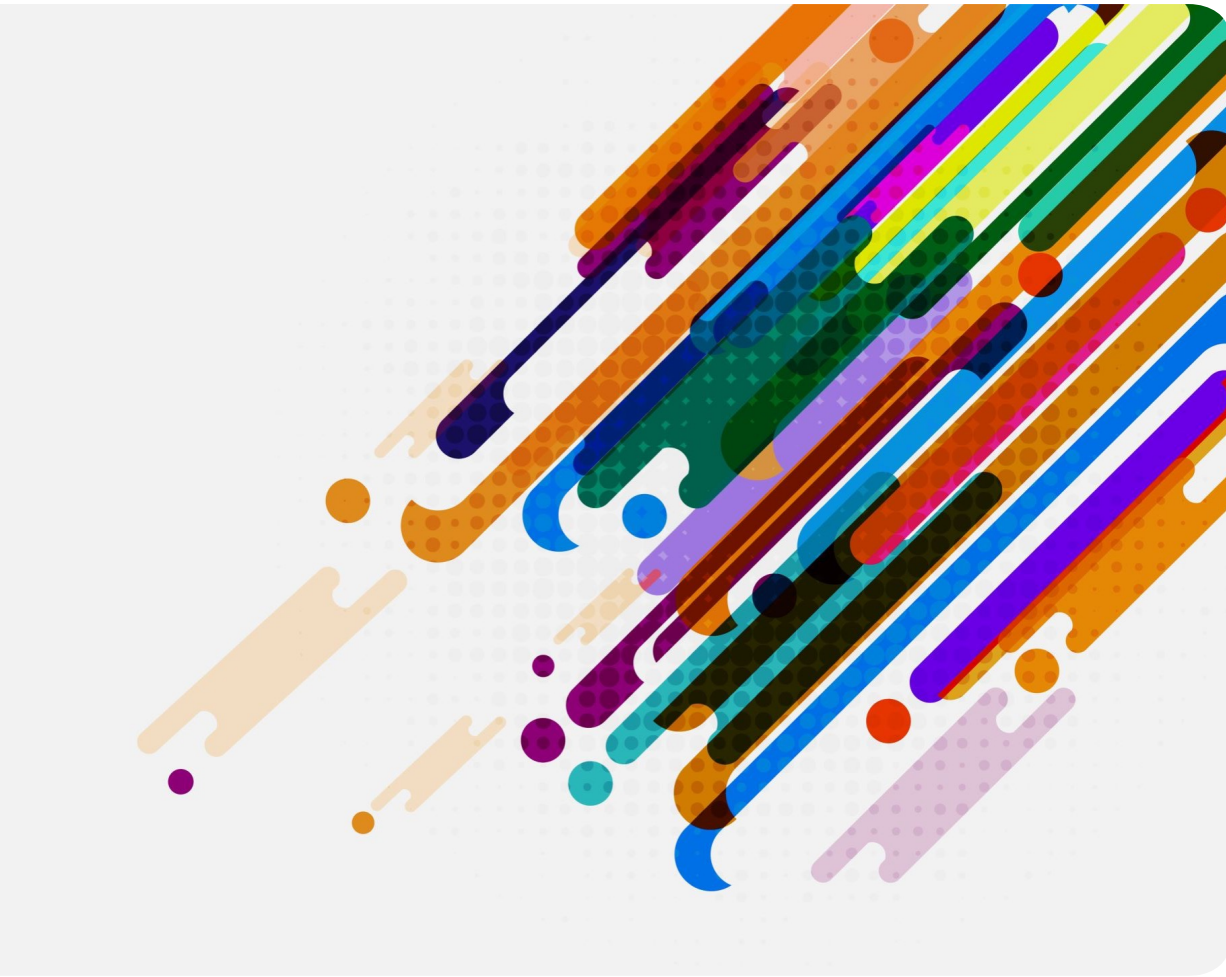
92,400
refugees resettled

37,000 people
a day forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution

16,803 personnel
UNHCR employs 16,803 people worldwide
(as of 31 May 2019)

134 countries
We work in 134 countries (as of 31 May 2019)

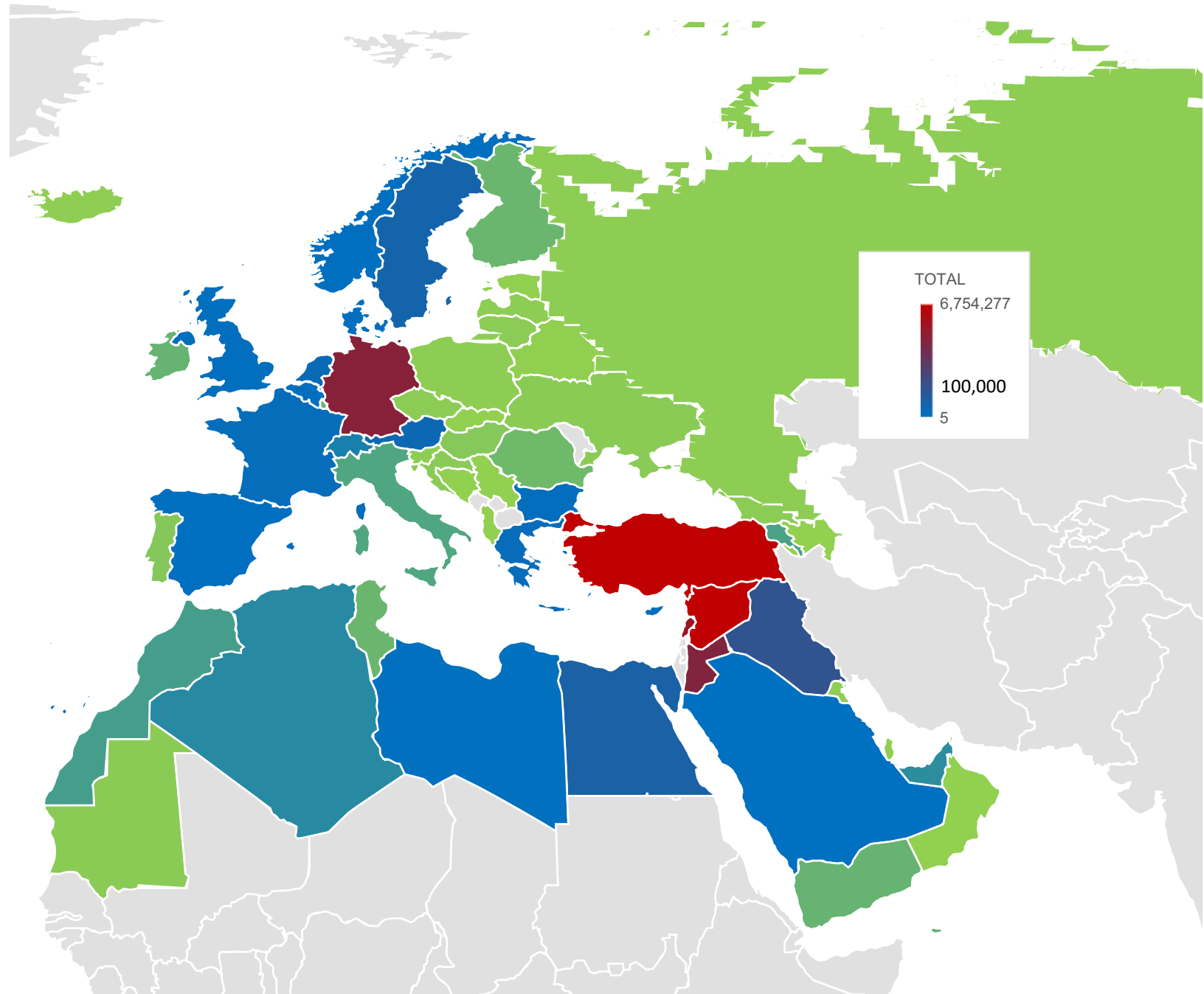
We are funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions, with 86 per cent from governments and the European Union and 10 per cent from private donors



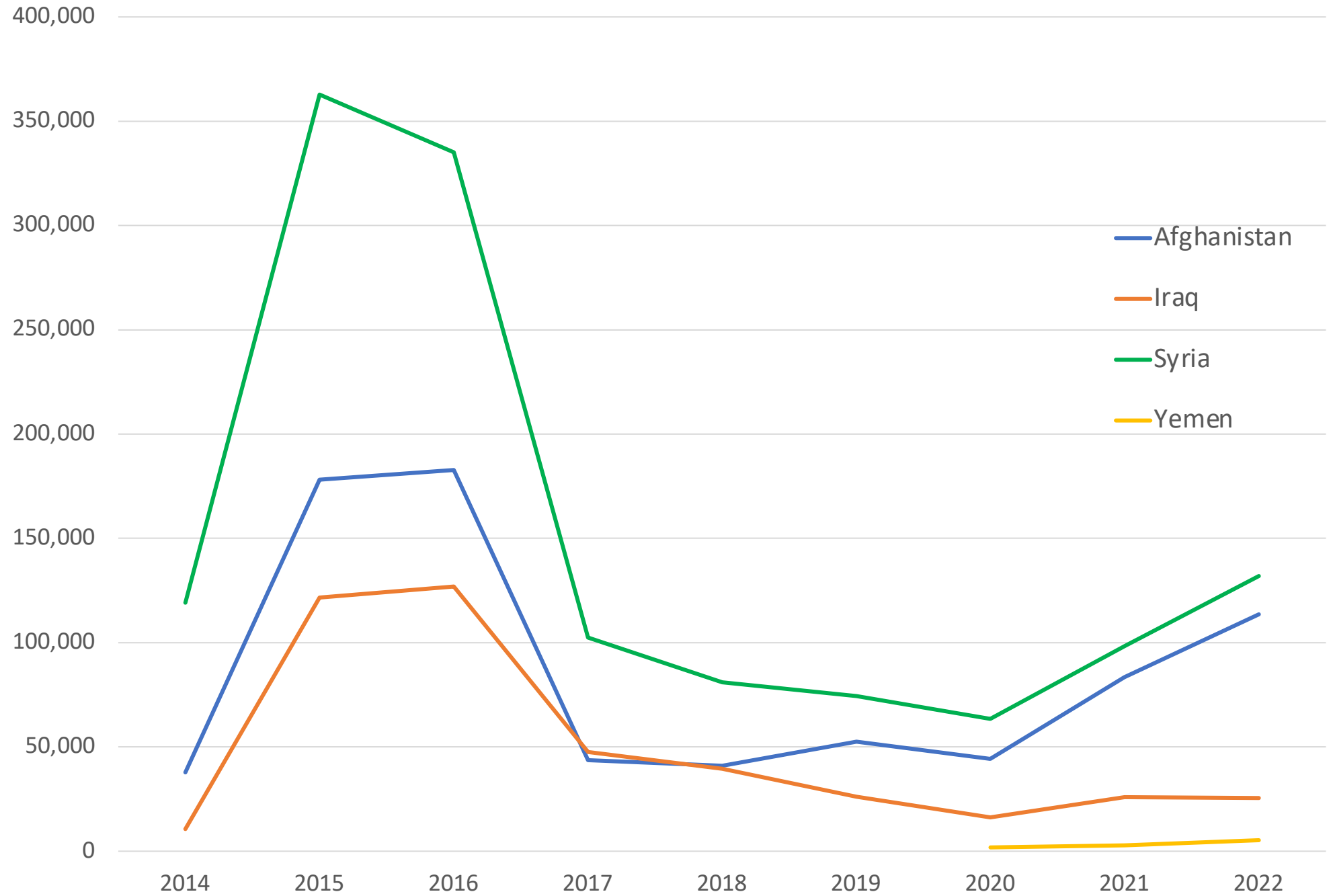
Where do
MENA refugees
go?



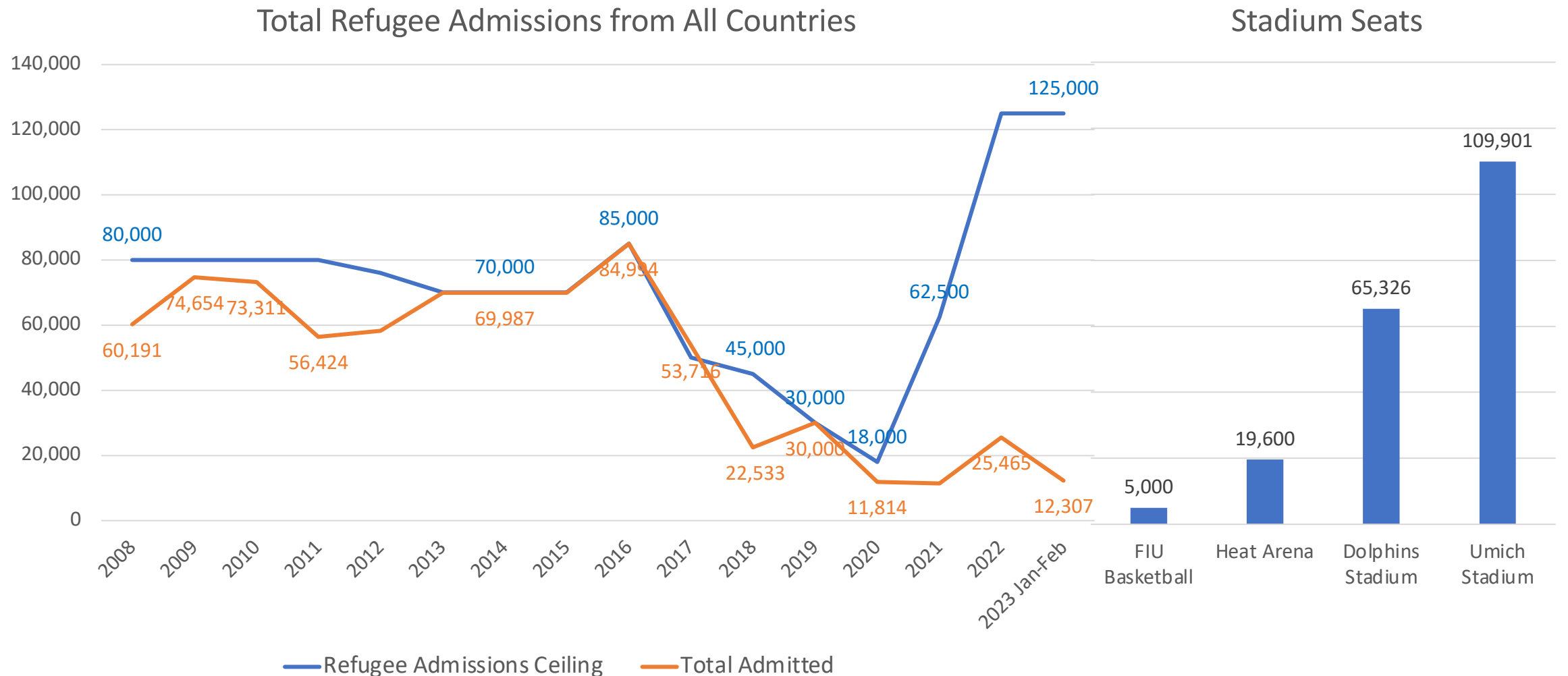
2022 Syrian Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and IDP



First Time Asylum Applicants in the EU From Middle Eastern Countries



Refugee arrivals to the USA in comparison



Reception in Europe

- Mixed reception
- Remarkable mobilization of individuals and civil society action in addressing humanitarian needs
- Uneven state actions in accepting asylum claims, let alone taking applications in the first place (compare Germany vs. Hungary or Poland)
- Compounding domestic fiscal crises in states like Greece and Italy



Impacts

- Securitization of migration
 - Simply put – The Other
 - Rhetoric of exclusion not restricted to right-wing politics
- Right-wing resurgence and migration fears
 - Most notably in Hungary and Poland
 - Brexit
 - And the US
- Lack of efforts to address causes of migration
- Incomplete and incoherent plans of addressing migrant arrivals and settlement





MENA Refugees in the wake of the Ukraine War

- Continued inattention to conflicts in MENA that spur migration
- Reduced assistance to MENA countries hosting the most refugees
- Reinforced civilizational or racial language
- Magnified by February 6 earthquake on the Turkish-Syrian border

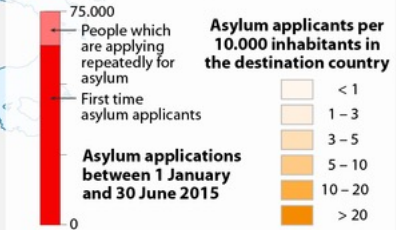
European Migrant Crisis 2015

Top Countries of Origin



Quellen:
 • Asylum applicants:
 eurostat dataset migr_asyapptzm
 • Migratory routes:
 FRONTEX Migratory Routes Map
 • Population data:
 eurostat dataset tps00001
 Data extraction date was 12 Sept. 2015

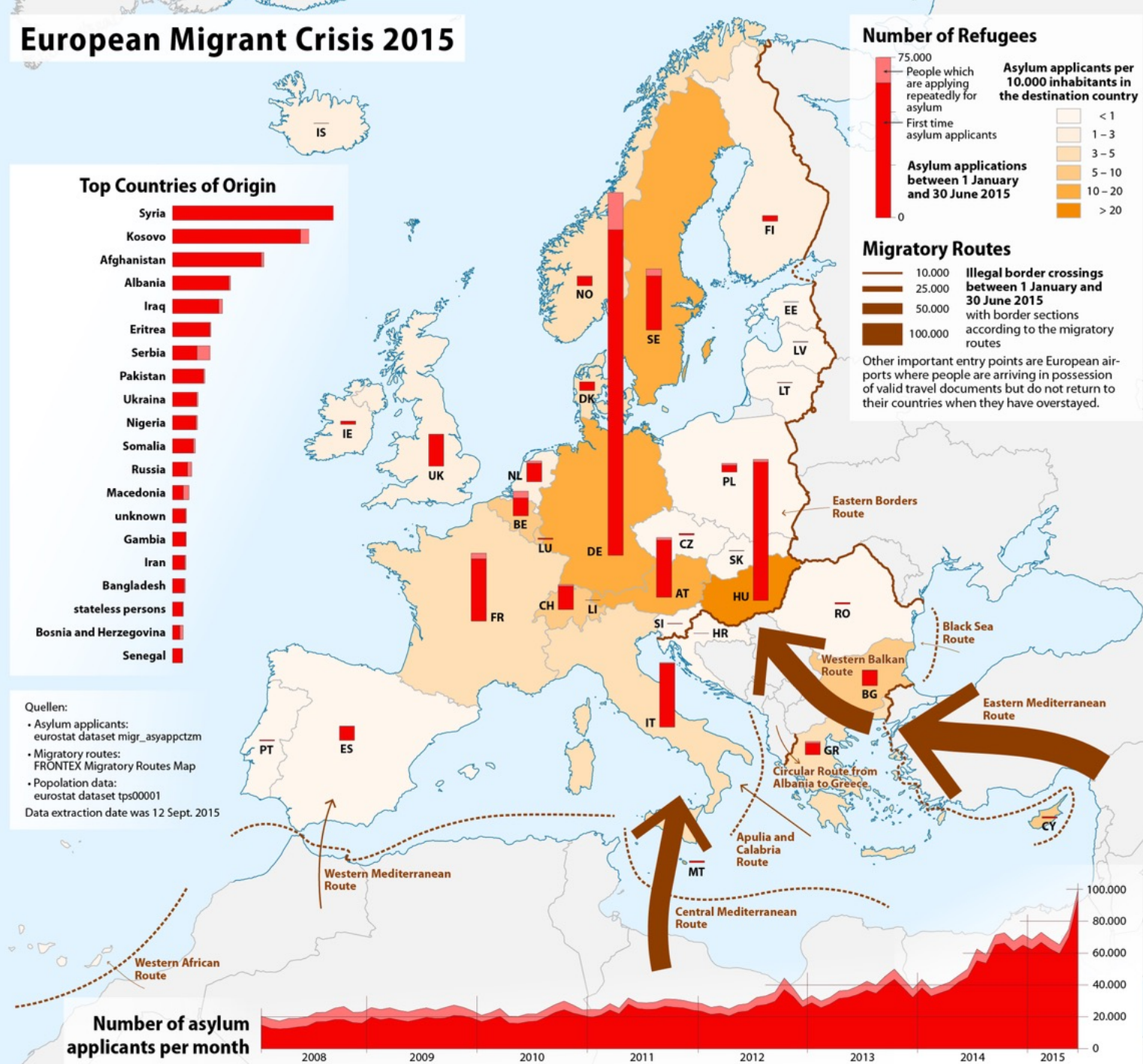
Number of Refugees



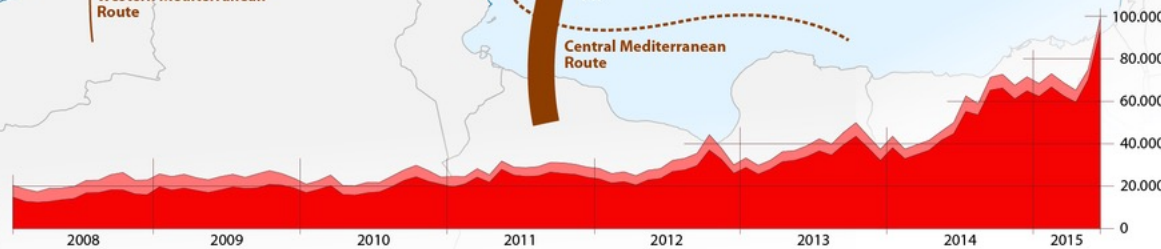
Migratory Routes



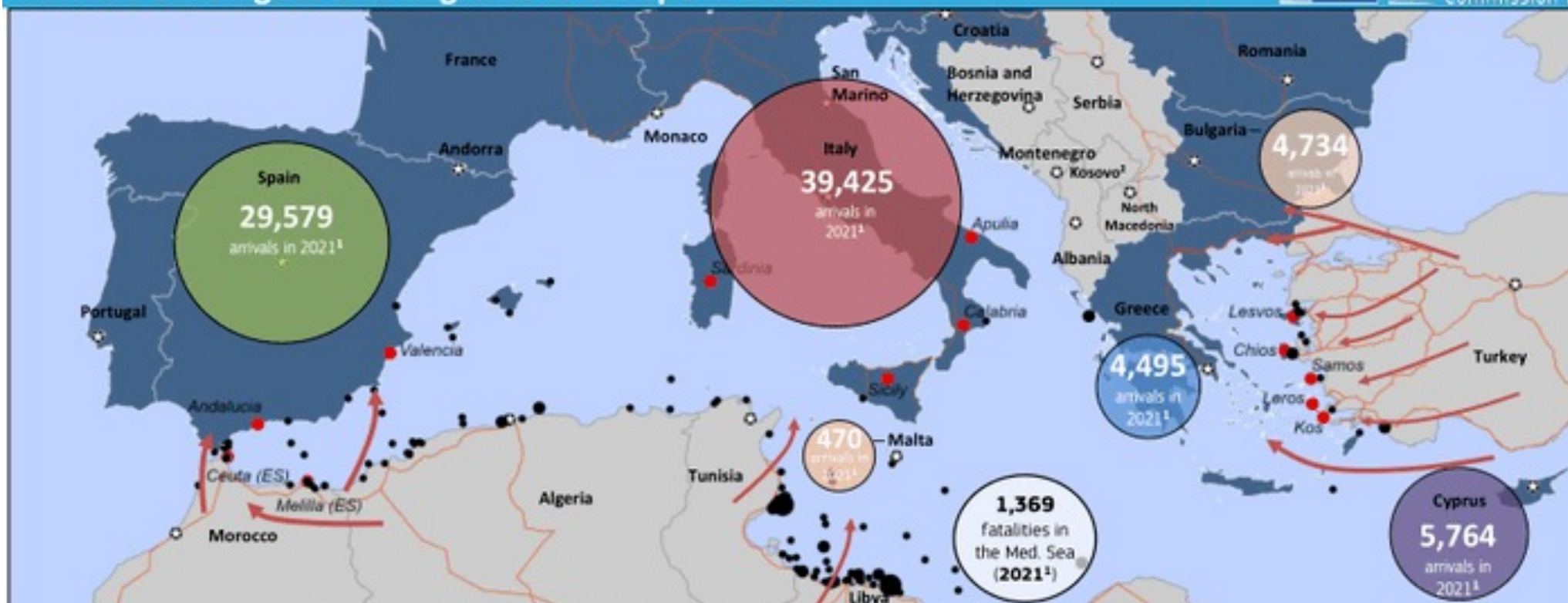
Other important entry points are European airports where people are arriving in possession of valid travel documents but do not return to their countries when they have overstayed.



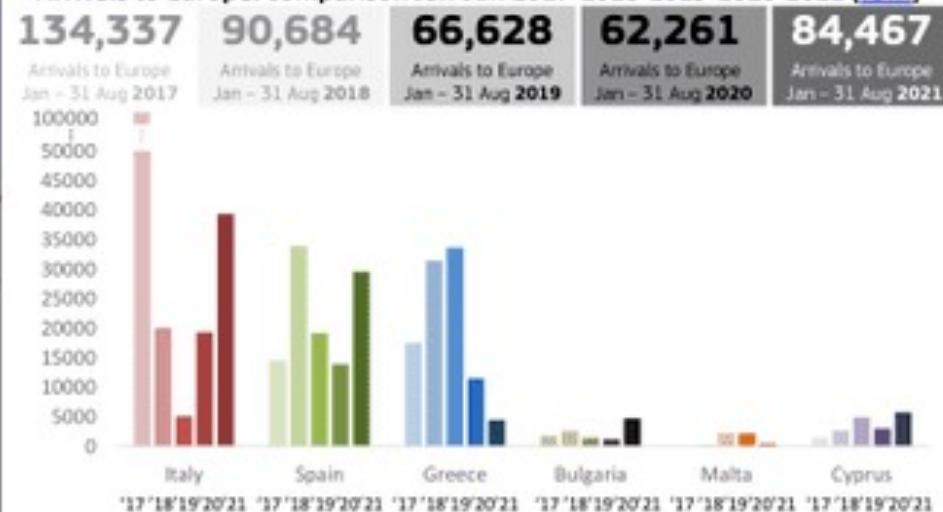
Number of asylum applicants per month



Arrivals of refugees and migrants to Europe in 2021



Arrivals to Europe: comparison Jan-Jun 2017-2018-2019-2020-2021 (IOM)



2020-2021 monthly arrivals to Spain, Italy and Greece (IOM)

