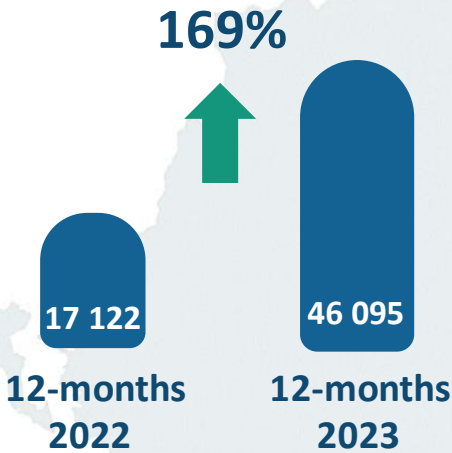
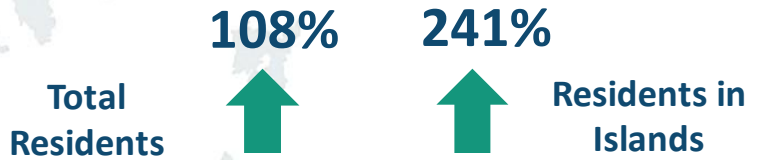
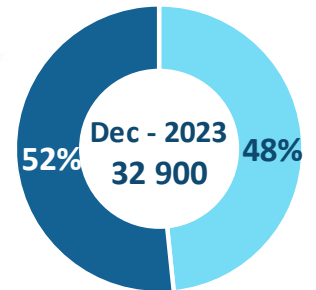
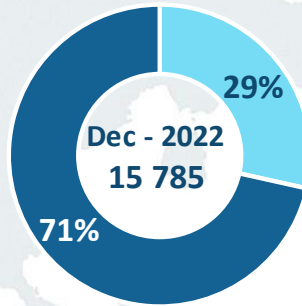




Arrivals



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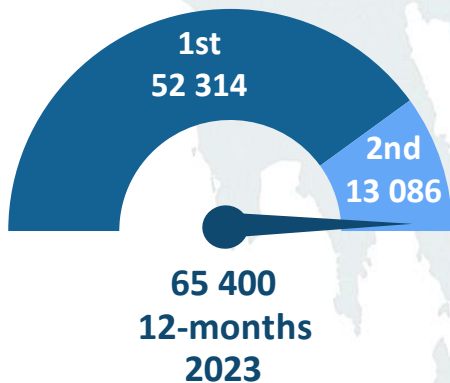


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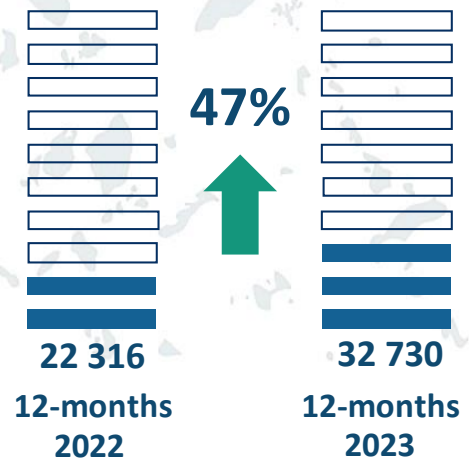


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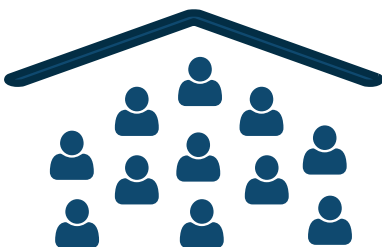
Decisions 1st & 2nd Instance



Pending Decisions 1st & 2nd Instance



Helios Integration Program



45 221 registered in the program
+ 2 481 new leases in the 11-months of 2023

Analytical Overview

1. Arrivals



Arrivals increased by 138% in December 2023 compared to the corresponding month of 2022.

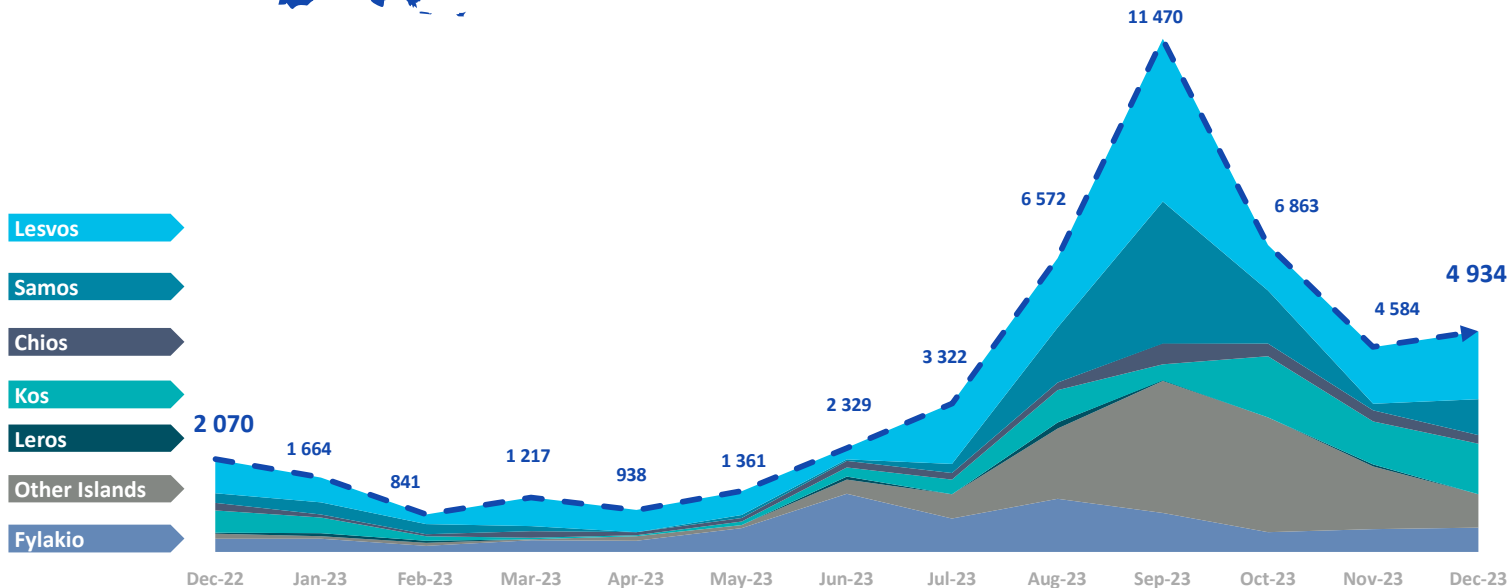


Chart 1. Arrivals December 2022 – December 2023 – See Appendix Table 1

2. Transfers of asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland

Transfers in December 2023 increased by 245% compared to the corresponding month of 2022.

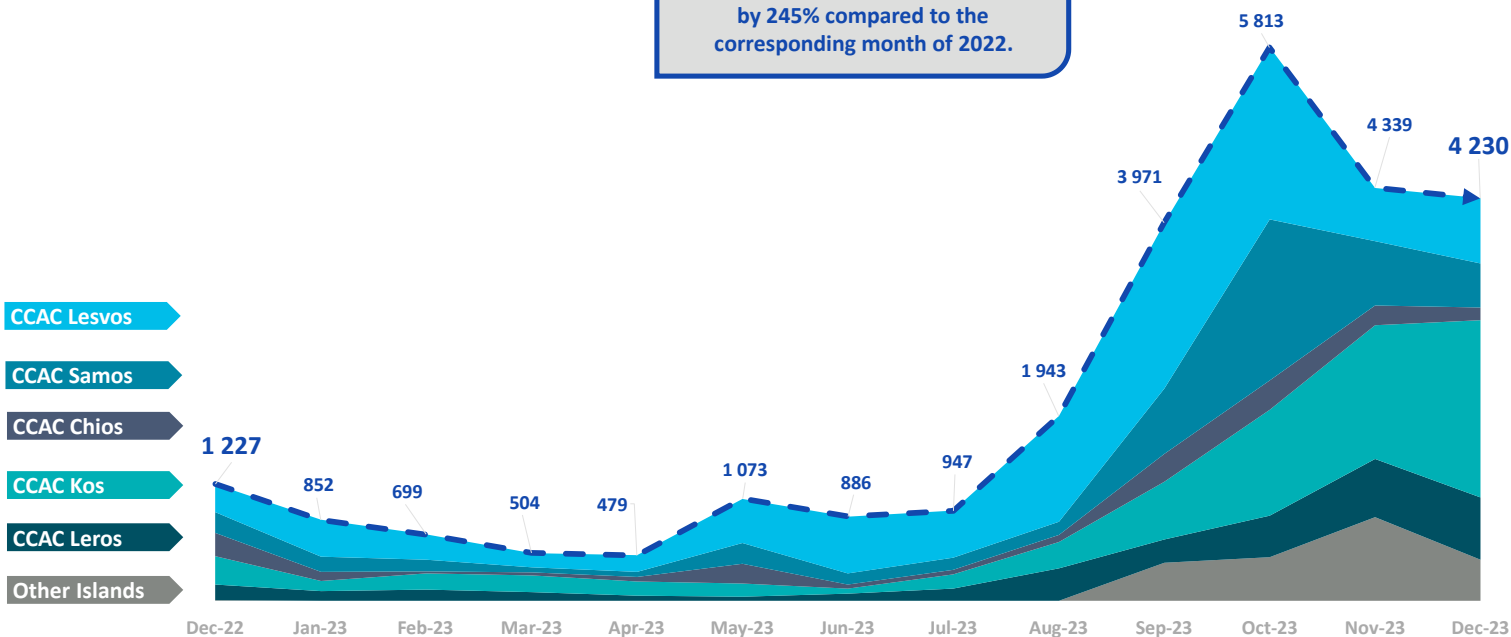


Chart 2. Transfers of asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland December 2022 – December 2023 - See Appendix Table 2

3. Islands Residents

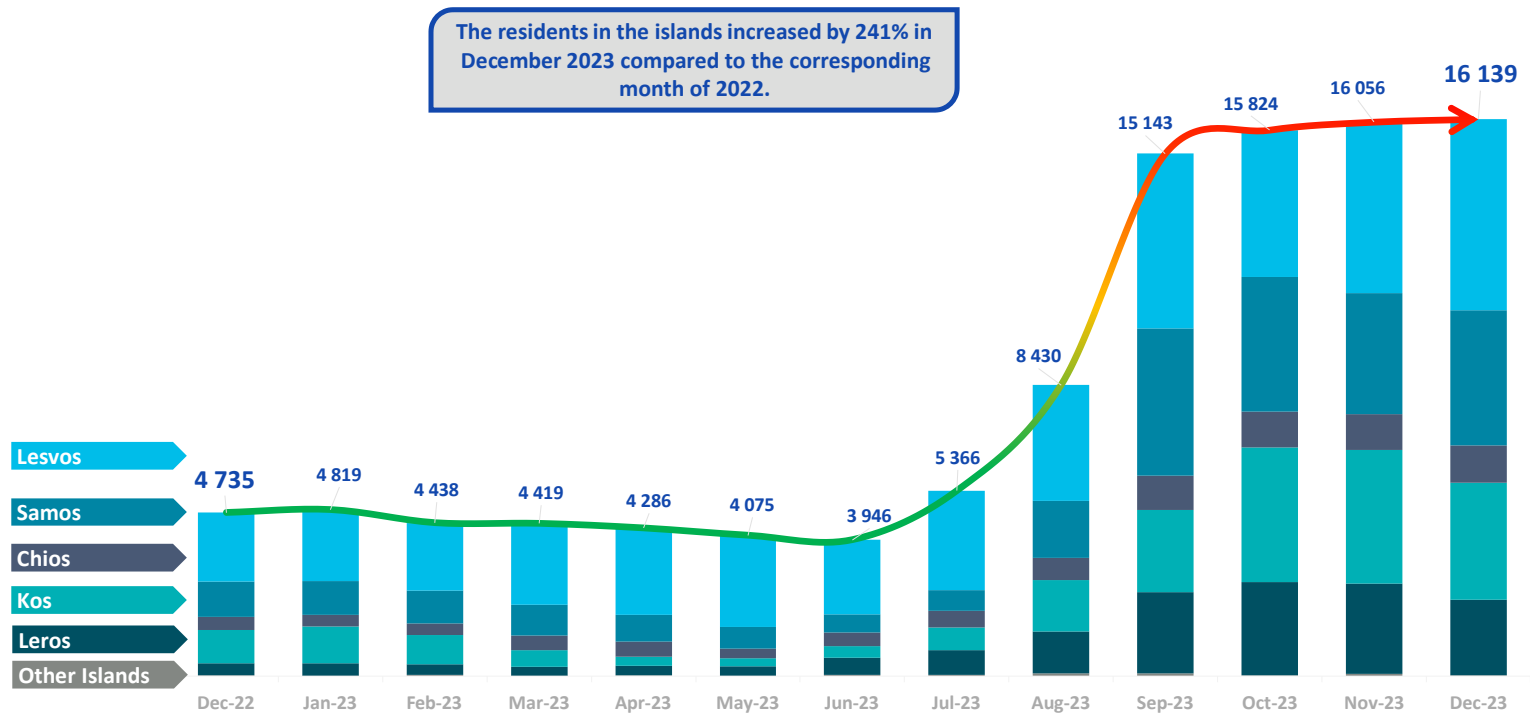


Chart 3. Island Residents in total December 2022 - December 2023 - See Appendix Table 3

4. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme

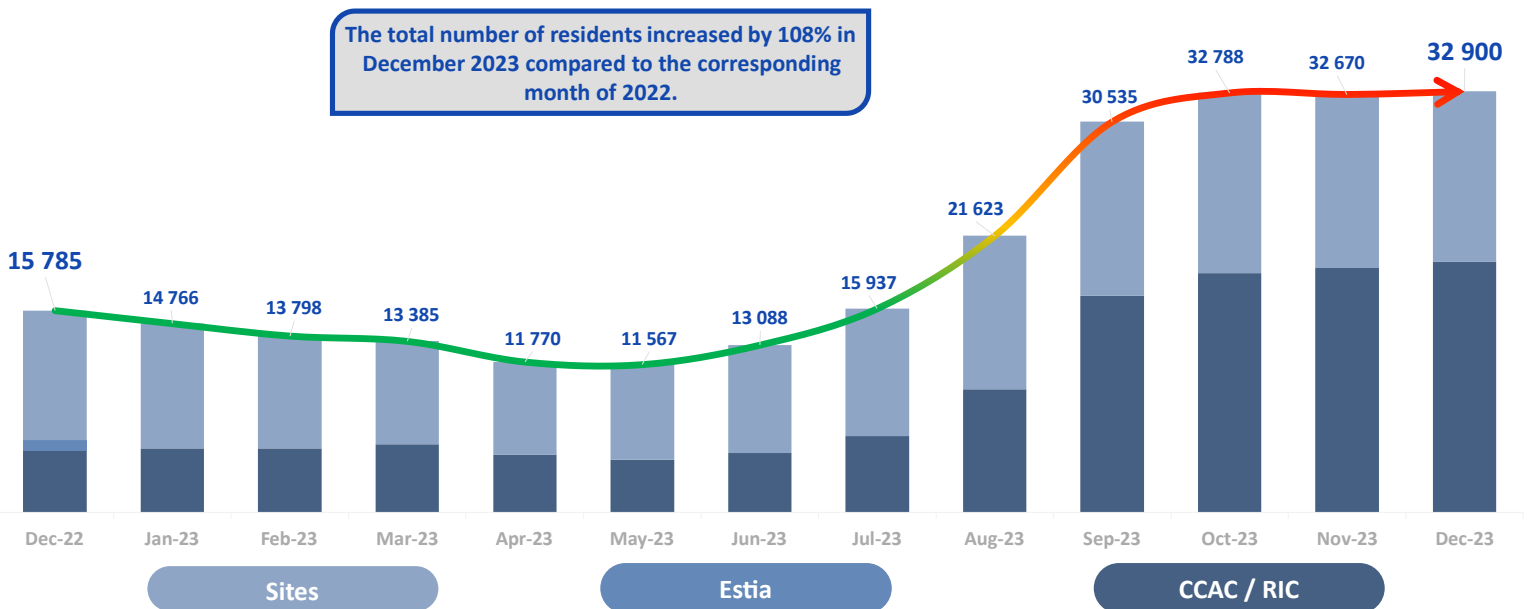
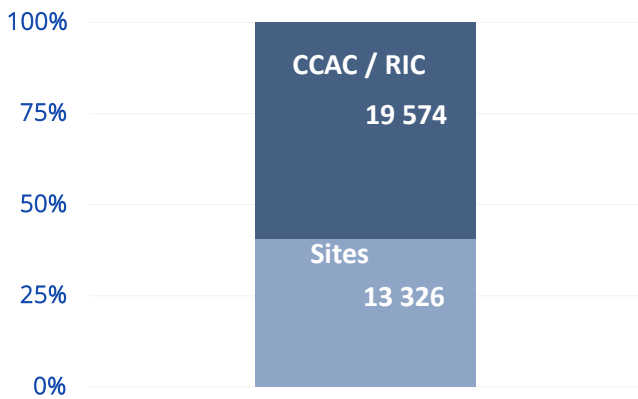
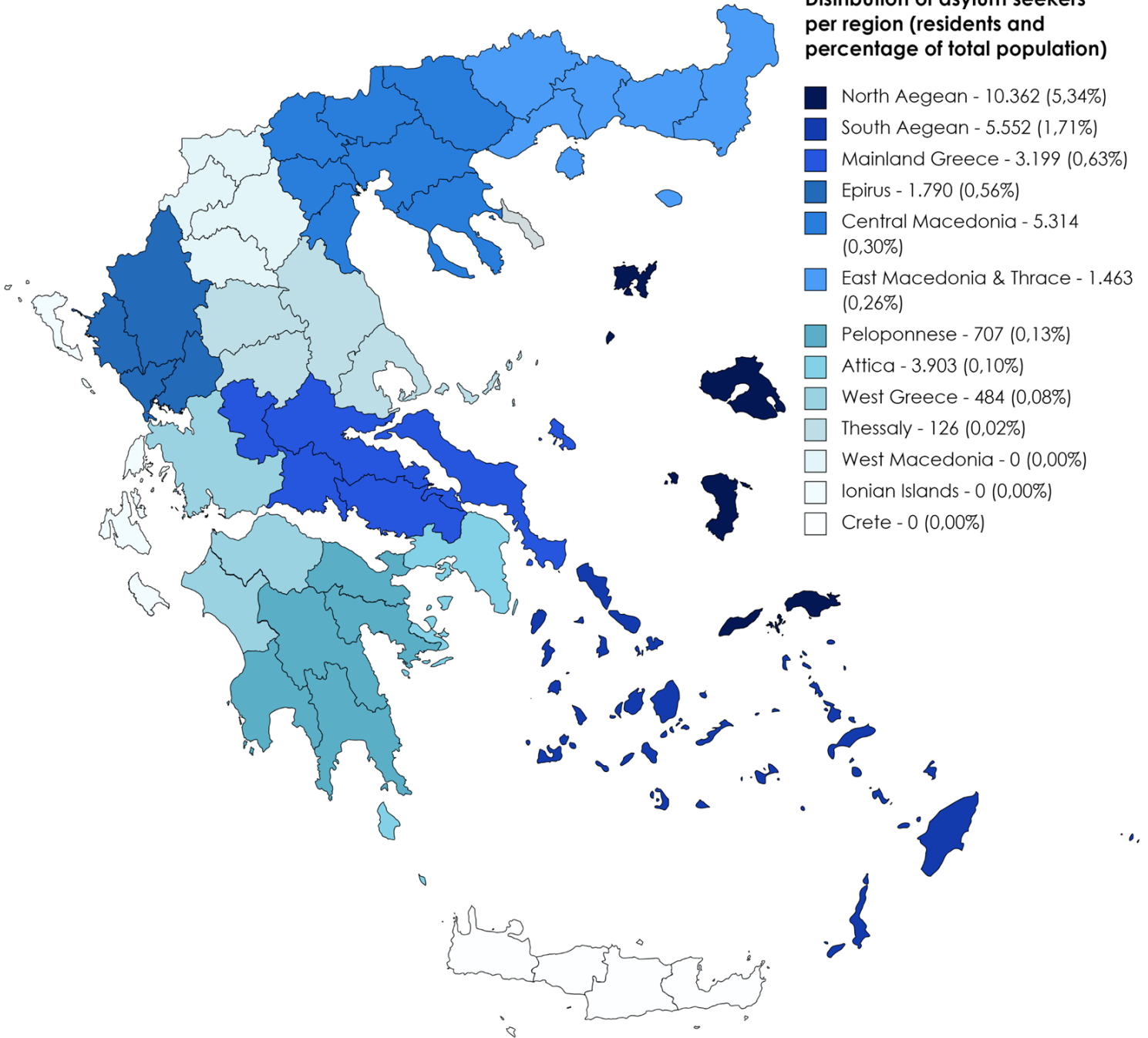


Chart 4. Progress of Residents through time – See Appendix Table 6

Distribution of asylum seekers per region (residents and percentage of total population)



There was an increase in the number of residents by 108% (from 15.785 to 32.900) during the last 12 months.

Chart 5. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme – See Appendix Table 4 & 5

5a. Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection

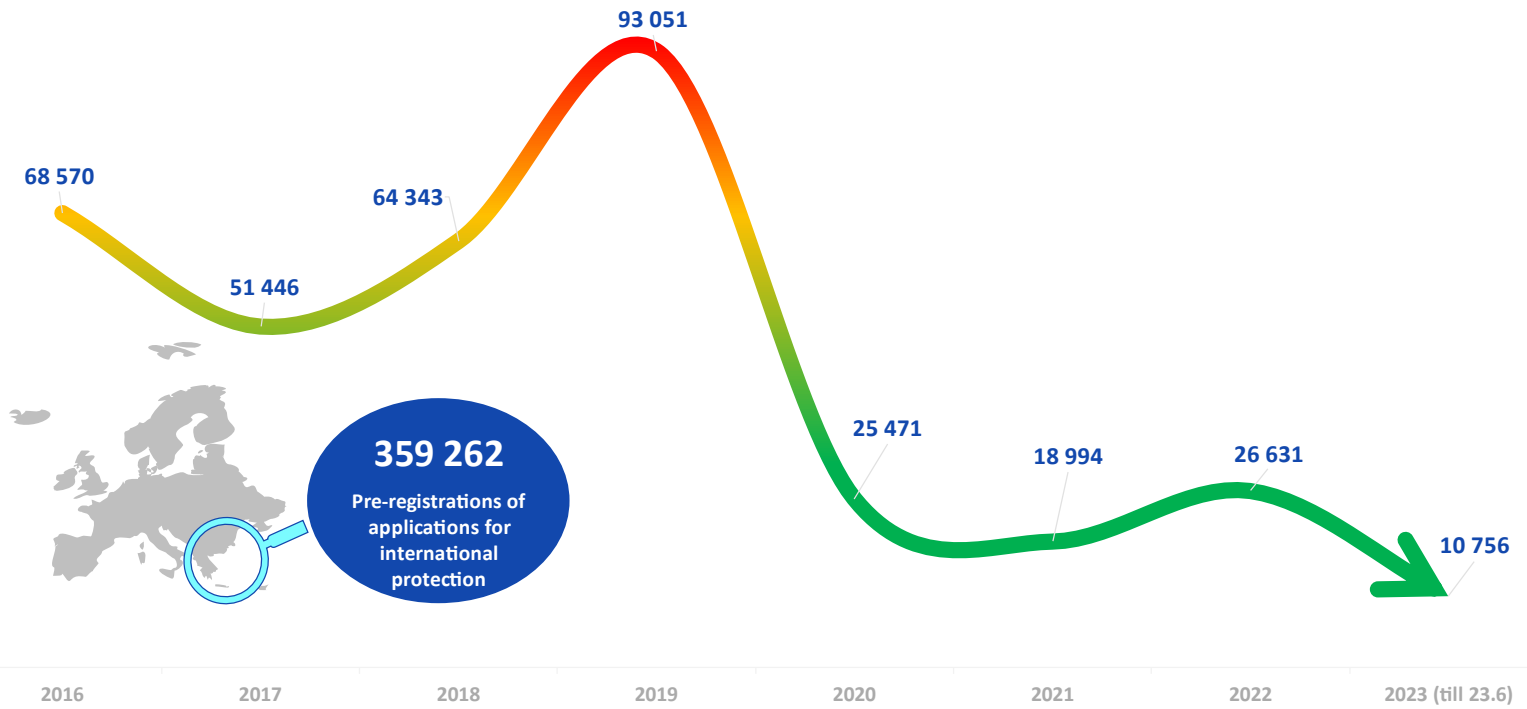


Chart 6. Pre-Registrations of applications per year. For 2023, the Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection are calculated till the month of reference (23/6/2023) – See Appendix Table 7a

*Statistics on Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection are not currently available for the period of July-December 2023 due to the upgrade of the computer system carried out by the Services of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

5b. Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region

Statistics on Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection are not currently available for the period of July-December 2023 due to the upgrade of the computer system carried out by the Services of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

Chart 7. Pre-Registrations of applications per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region for the reference month (December 2023) – See Appendix Table 7b

6a. Applications for International Protection

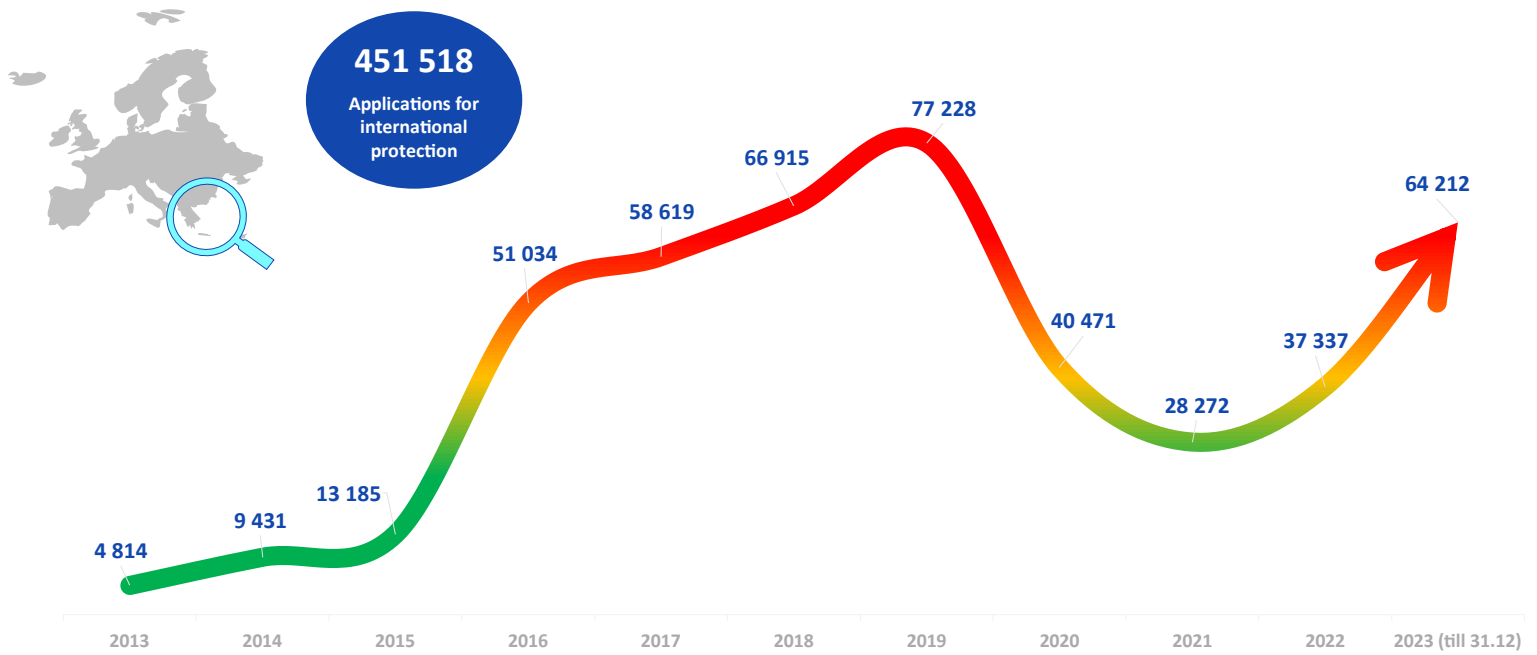


Chart 8. Applications for International Protection per year. For 2023 applications are calculated till the month of reference (December) - See Appendix Table 8a

6b. Applications for International Protection per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region

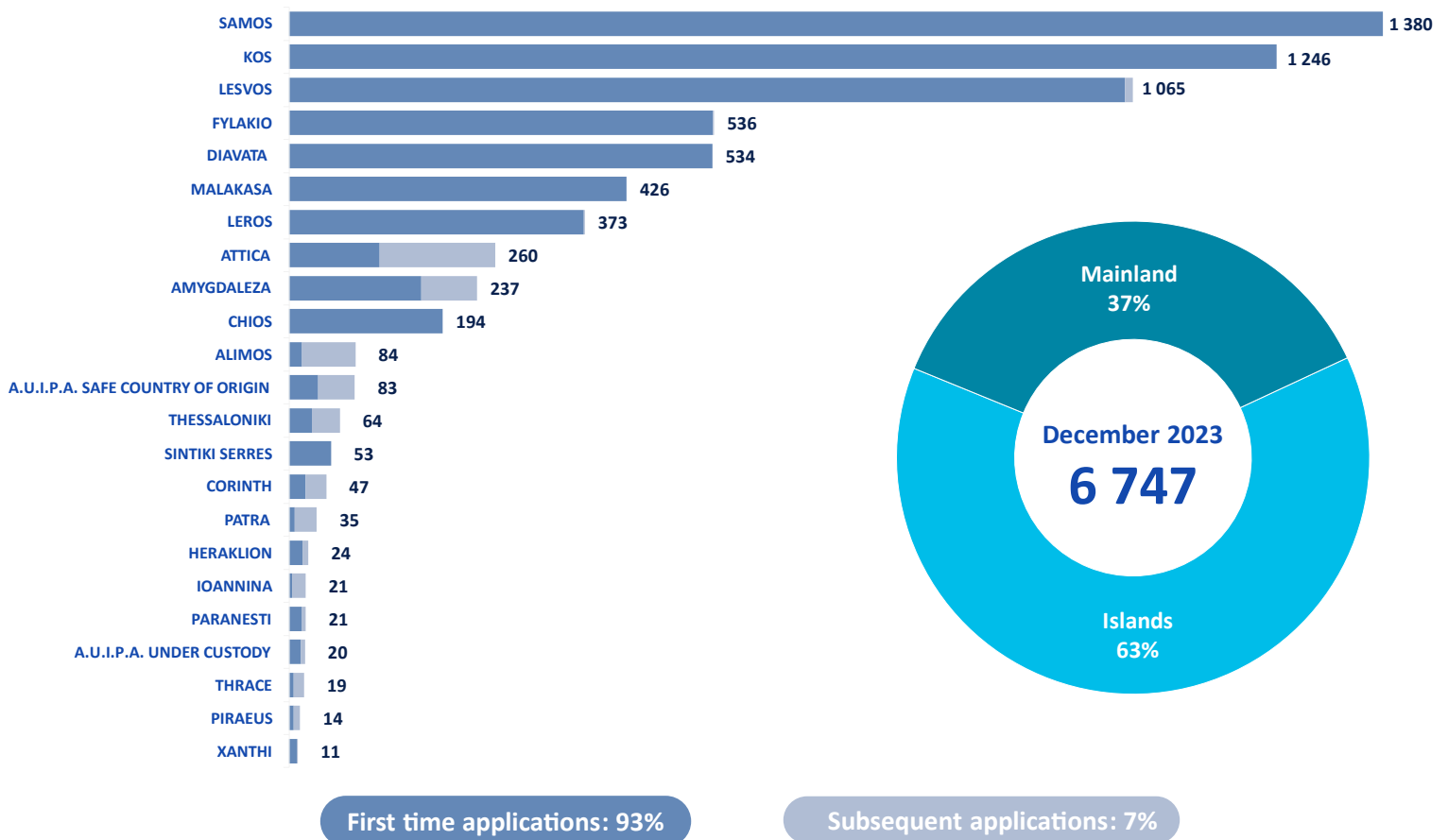


Chart 9. Applications for International Protection with distinction between first time and subsequent per Regional Office or Asylum Unit for the month of reference (December 2023) - See Appendix Table 8b

6c. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent

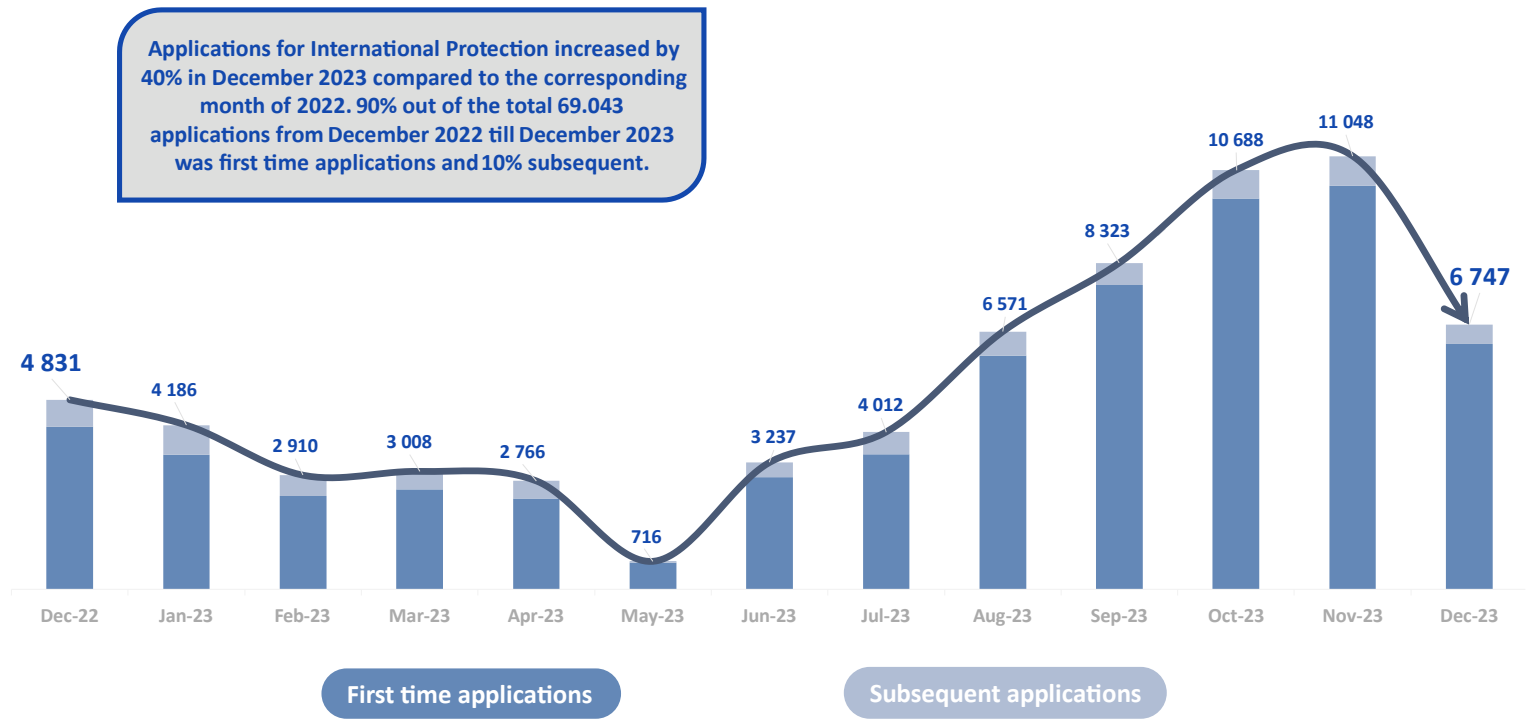


Chart 10. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent (December 2022 - December 2023) - See Appendix Table 8c

6d. Applications for International Protection per nationality, gender and age group

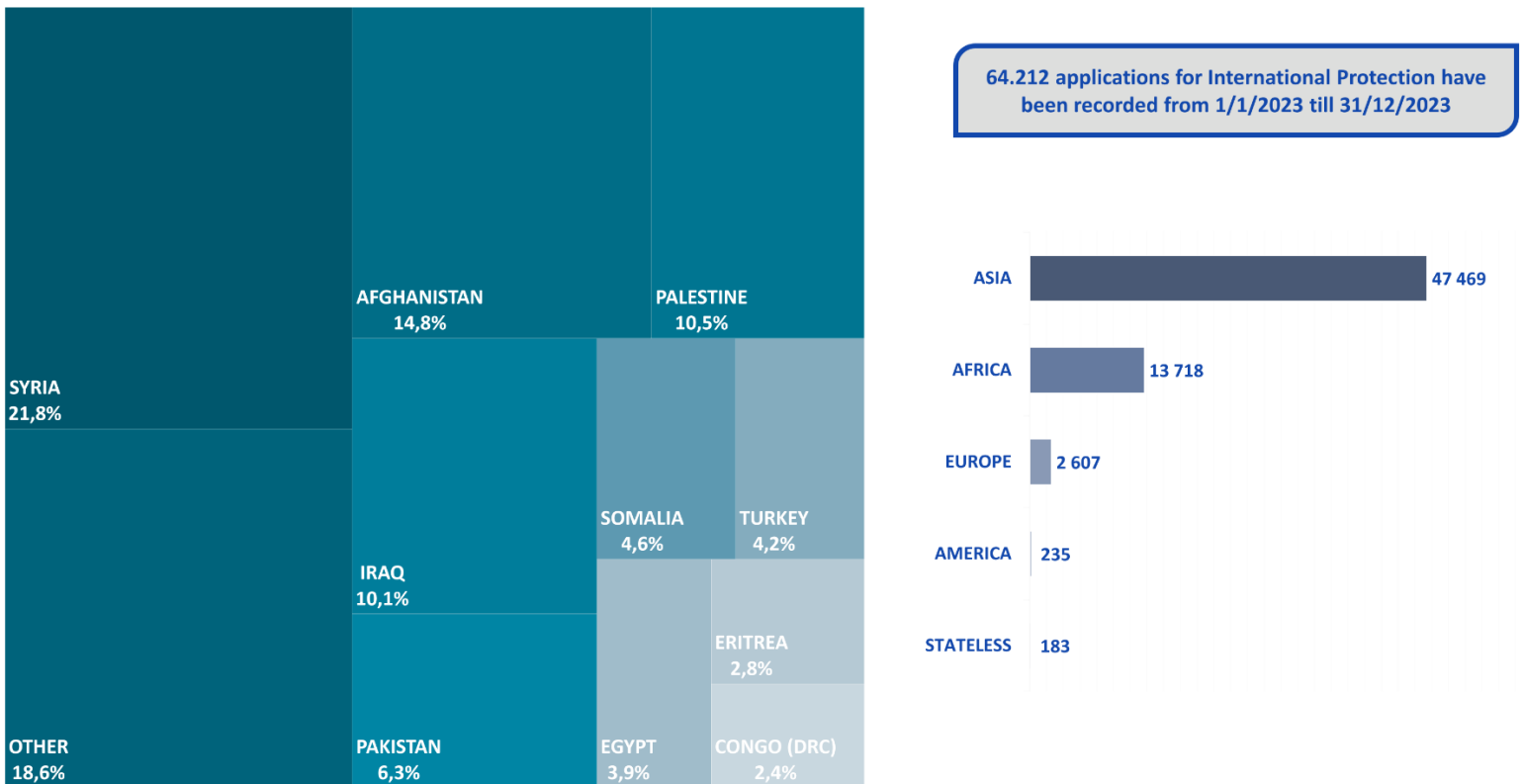


Chart 11. Applications for International Protection 12-months 2023 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) - See Appendix Table 8d

The 23% of the total 64.212 applications for International Protection from 1/1/2023 till 31/12/2023 refers to minors, 59% refers to the age group between 18-34, 18% refers to the age group between 35-64.

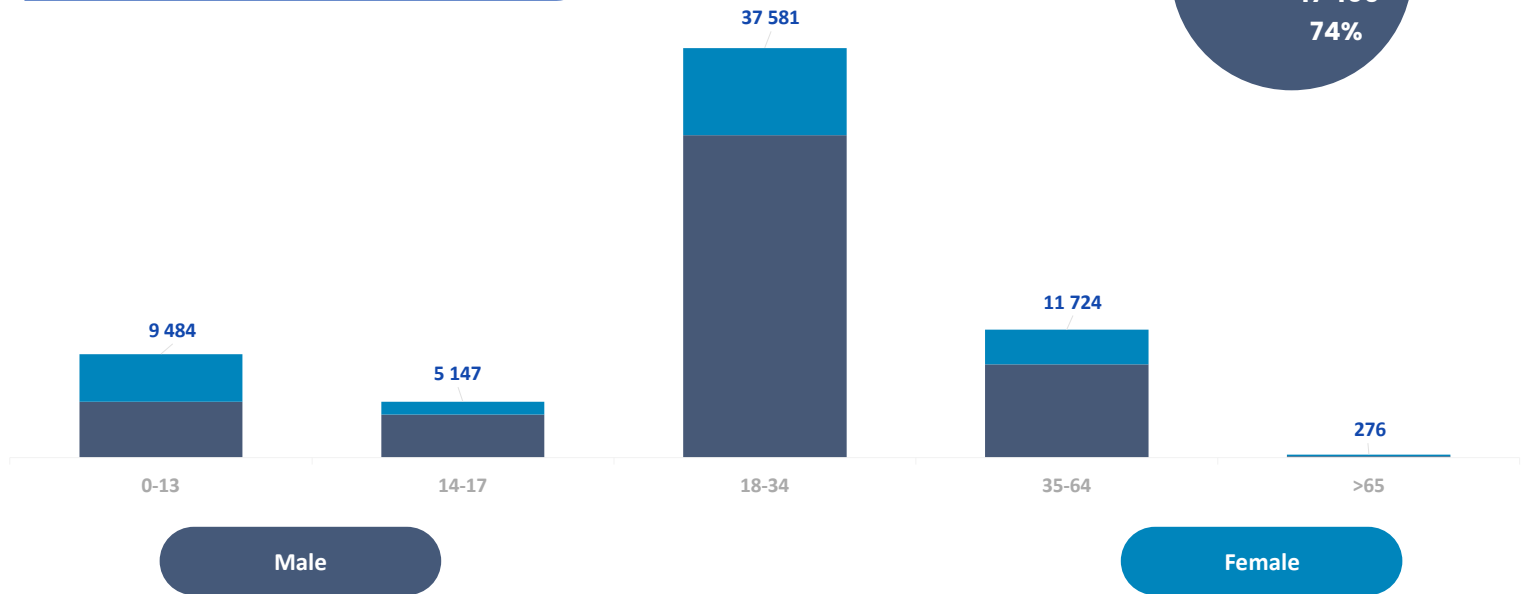


Chart 12. Applications for International Protection 12-months 2023 per gender and age group - See Appendix Table 8e

6e. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors

2.937 applications for international protection of unaccompanied minors have been recorded from December 2022 till December 2023 that corresponds to 4,3% of the total 69.043 applications of international protection.

TOP 5 NATIONALITIES

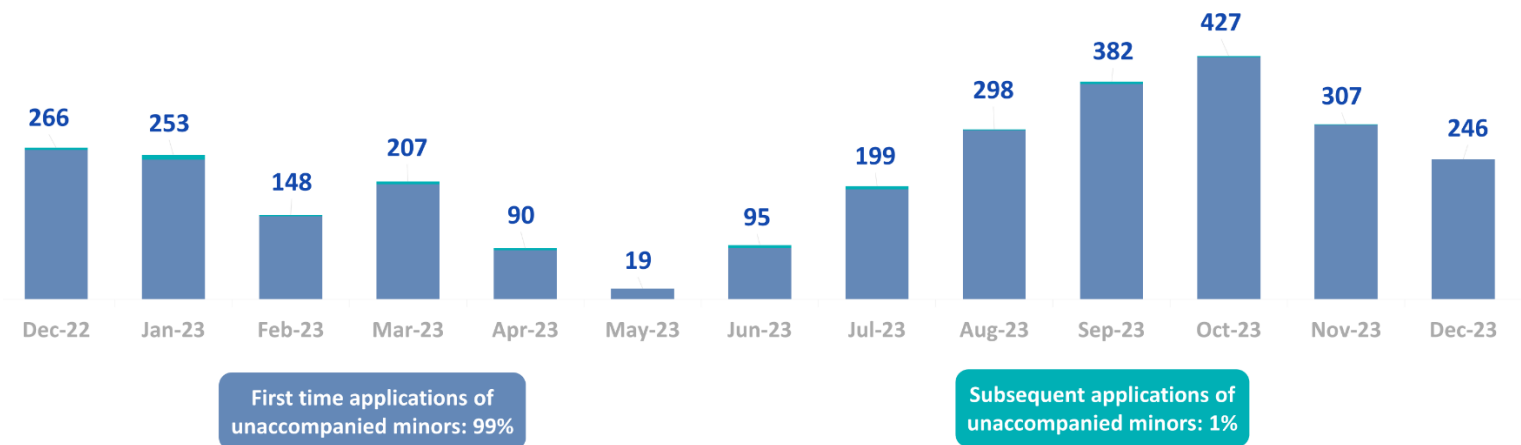
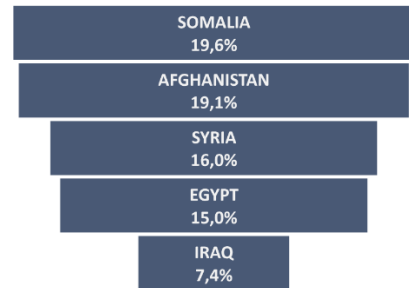
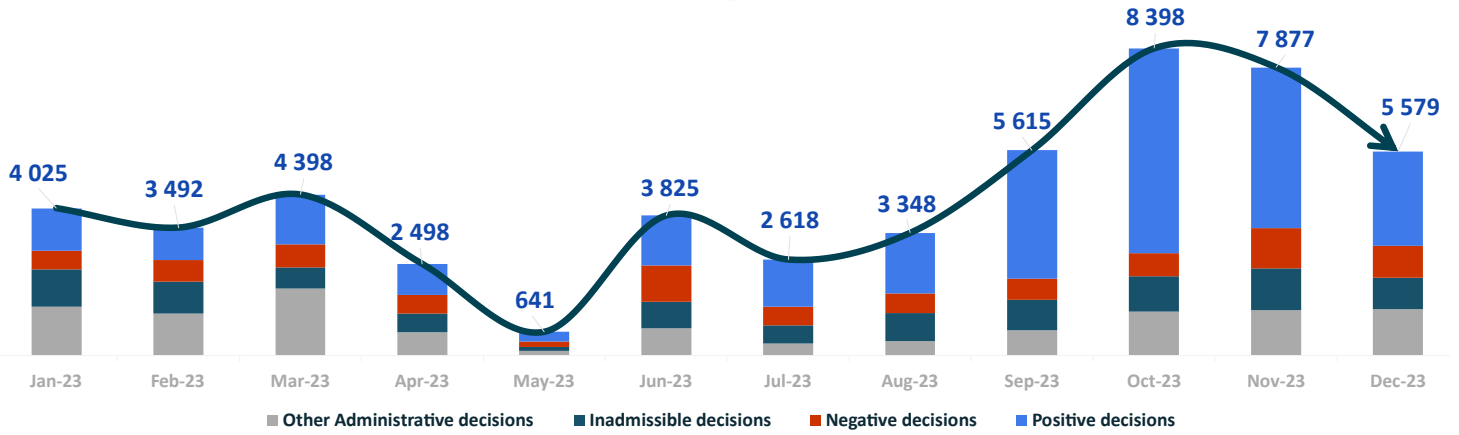
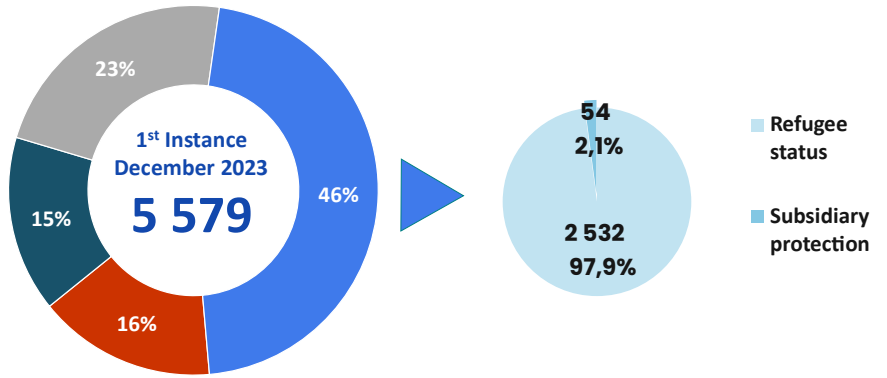


Chart 13. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors with distinction between first time and subsequent and top 5 nationalities December 2022-December 2023 - See Appendix Table 8f

7a. Type of Decisions – 1st Instance

52.314 decisions have been issued in the 1st Instance from 1/1/2023 till 31/12/2023. 47,7% of them are positive, 31,5% negative and 20,8% refer to other administrative decisions.



*This category consists of Inadmissible decisions (a) concept of safe third country, (b) transfer to other member state under Dublin regulation, (c) relocation program, (d) subsequent application, (e) procedural discrepancies.

** This category consists of implicit withdrawals, explicit withdrawals and decisions resulting in the filing of cases (to the archive).

Chart 14. 1st Instance Decisions per month and type for 2023 and for the month of reference (December 2023). - See Appendix Table 9a

7b. Type of Decisions – 2nd Instance

13.086 decisions have been issued in the 2nd Instance from 1/1/2023 till 31/12/2023. 6,7% of them are positive, 89,9% negative and 3,4% refers to other administrative decisions.

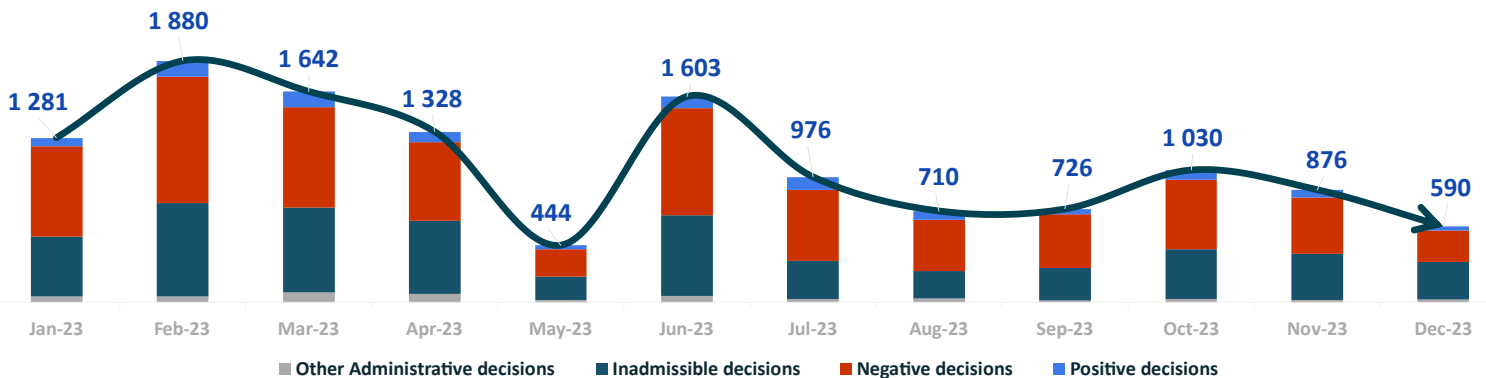
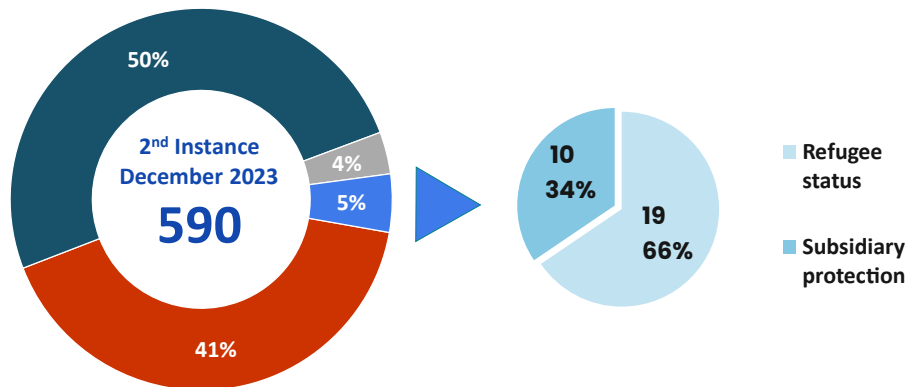


Chart 15. 2nd Instance Decisions per month and type for 2023 and for the month of reference (December 2023). - See Appendix Table 9b

8. Appeals

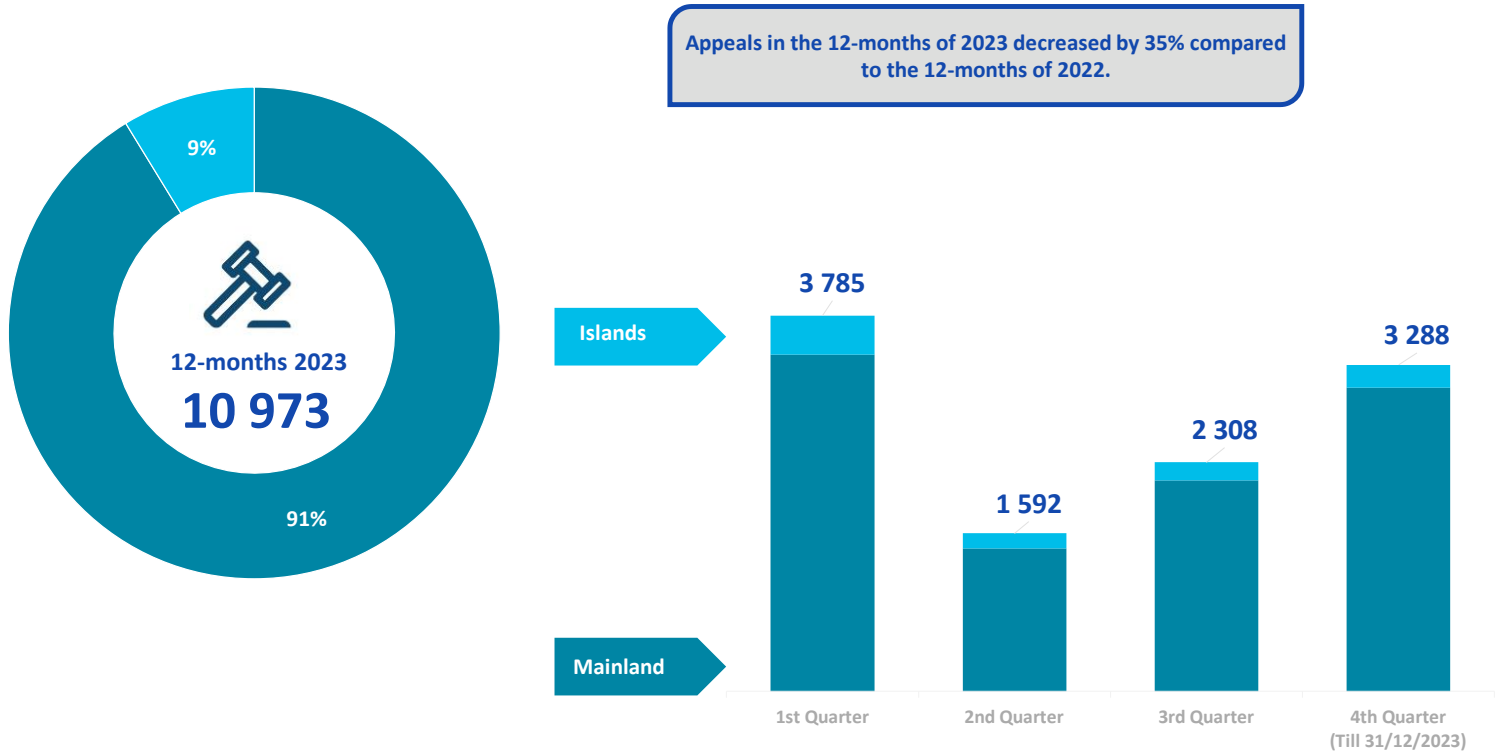


Chart 16. Appeals that have been lodged the 12-months of 2023 per location and quarter – See Appendix Table 10a

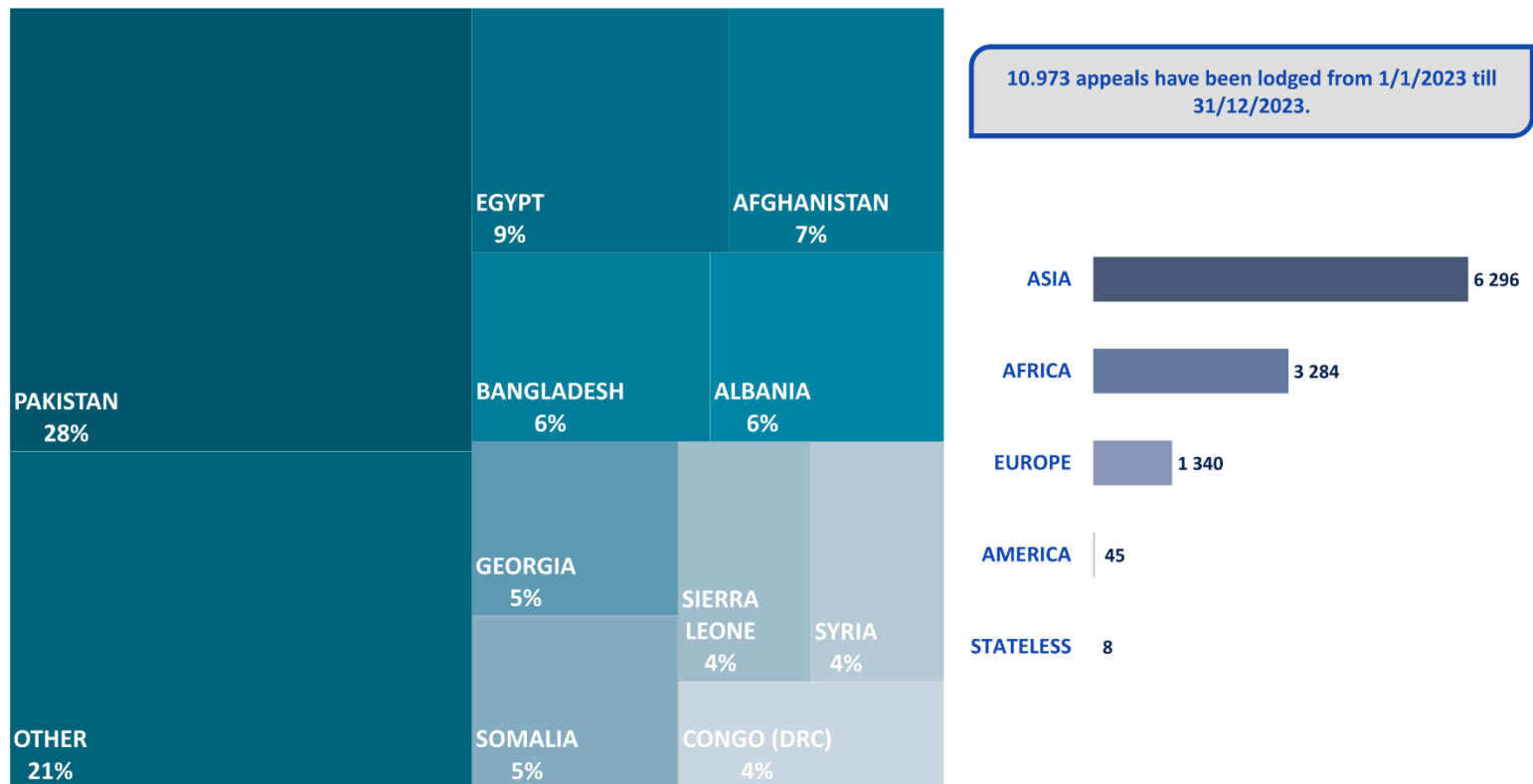


Chart 17. Appeals that have been lodged the 12-months of 2023 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) – See Appendix Table 10b

9a. Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection – Decisions issued in 1st and 2nd Instance

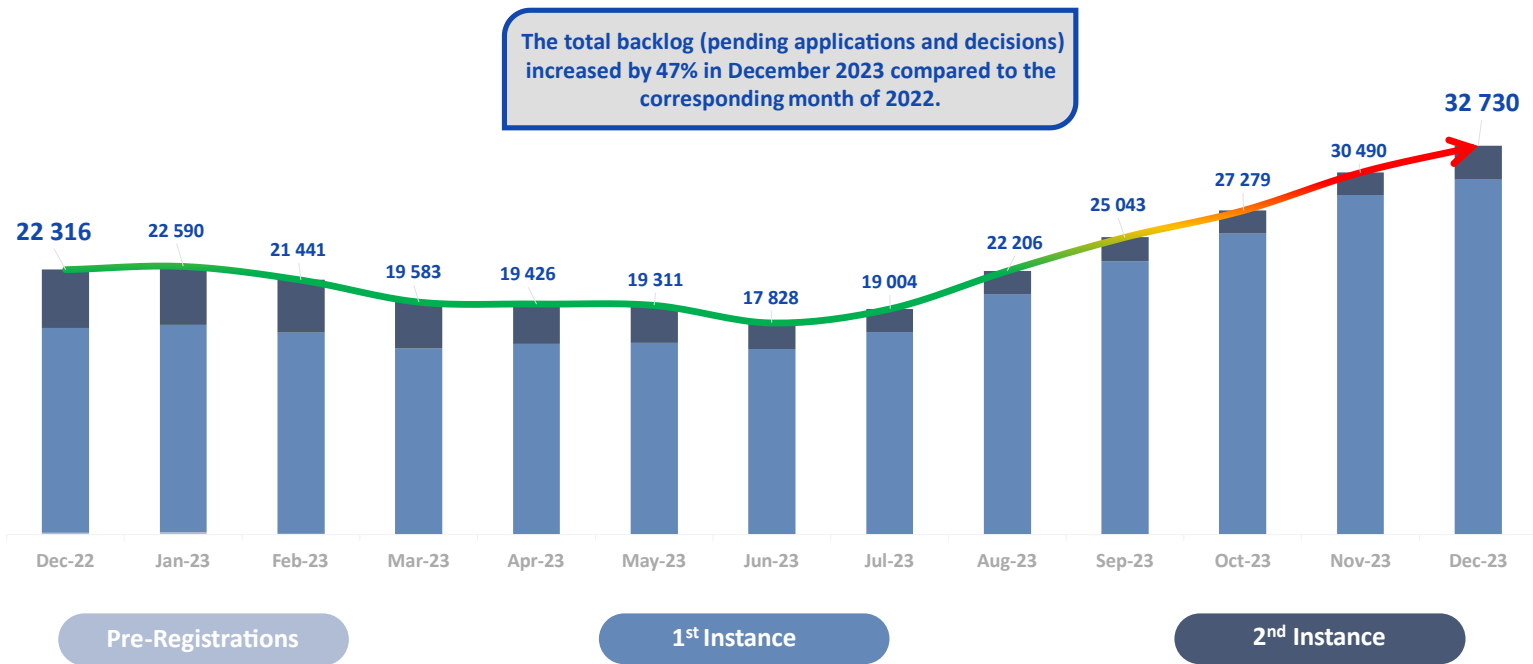


Chart 18. Aggregate Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection - pending Decisions in 1st and 2nd Instance per month – See Appendix Table 11a

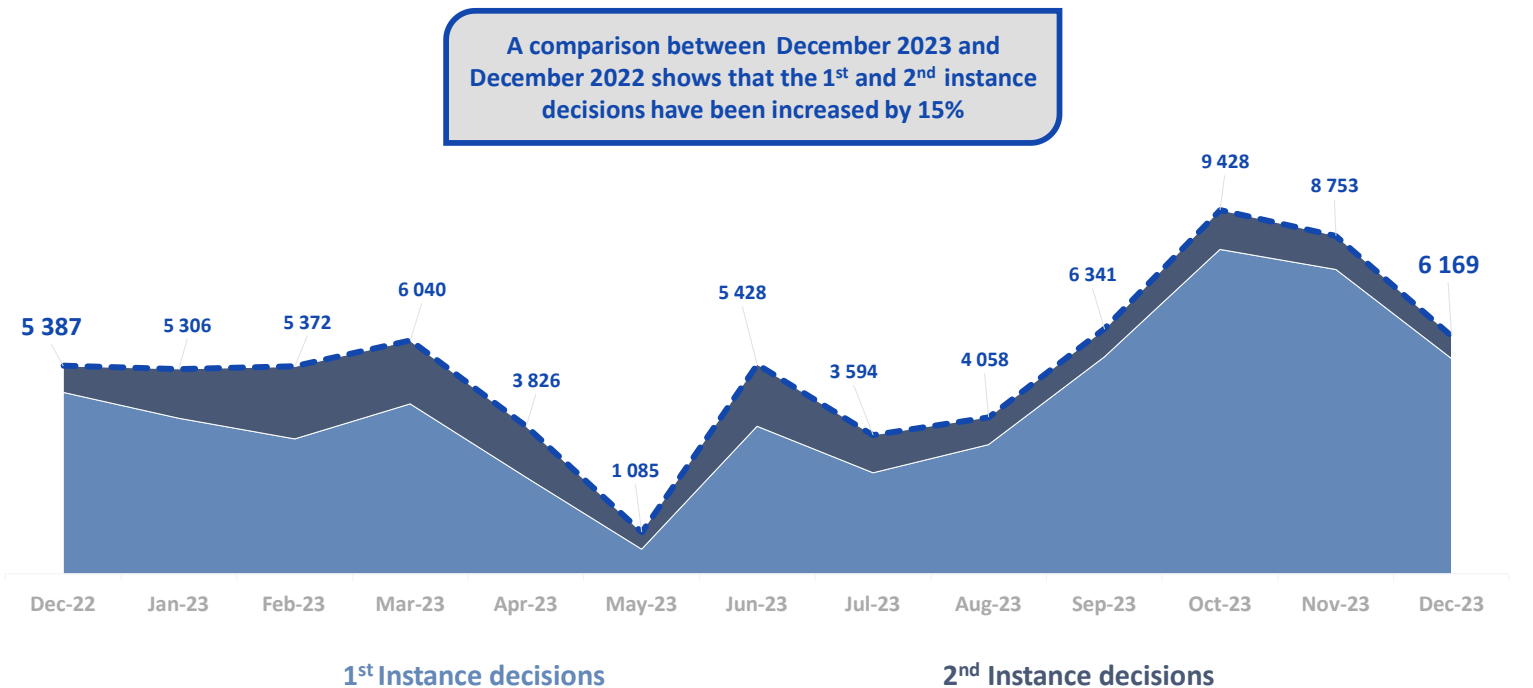


Chart 19. Aggregate Decisions issued in 1st and 2nd Instance per month - See Appendix Table 11a

- The average time for a 2nd Instance decision to be issued is 91 days since the date of appeal lodging, while it is 52 days from the date of appeal discussion.
- The number of appellants who applied and benefited from free legal aid is 2,066 in the 1st Quarter of 2023, 932 in the 2nd Quarter of 2023, 1,651 in the 3rd Quarter of 2023 and 2,243 in the 4th Quarter.
- The total of pending decisions of Appeals Authority (2,845 pending) consists of cases that have been discussed till December 2023 (1,188 pending) or are scheduled to be discussed till March 2024 (1,657 pending).

See Appendix Table 11b

9b. Pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status

A comparison between December 2023 and December 2022 shows that the pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status have been decreased by 37%

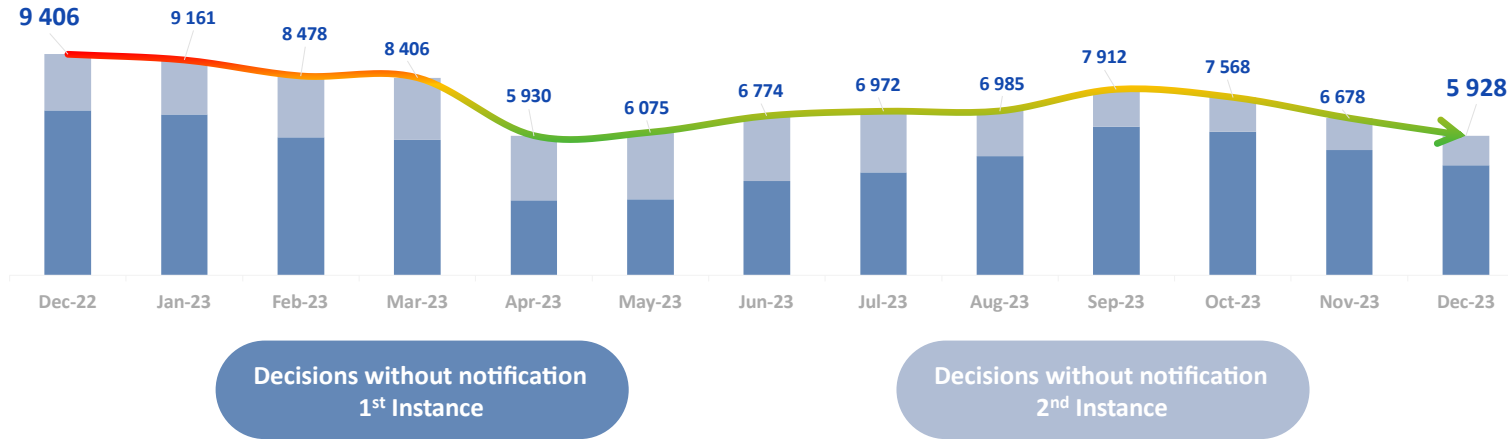


Chart 20. Aggregate pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status per month - See Appendix Table 11c

10a. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Refugee Status in 1st and 2nd Instance

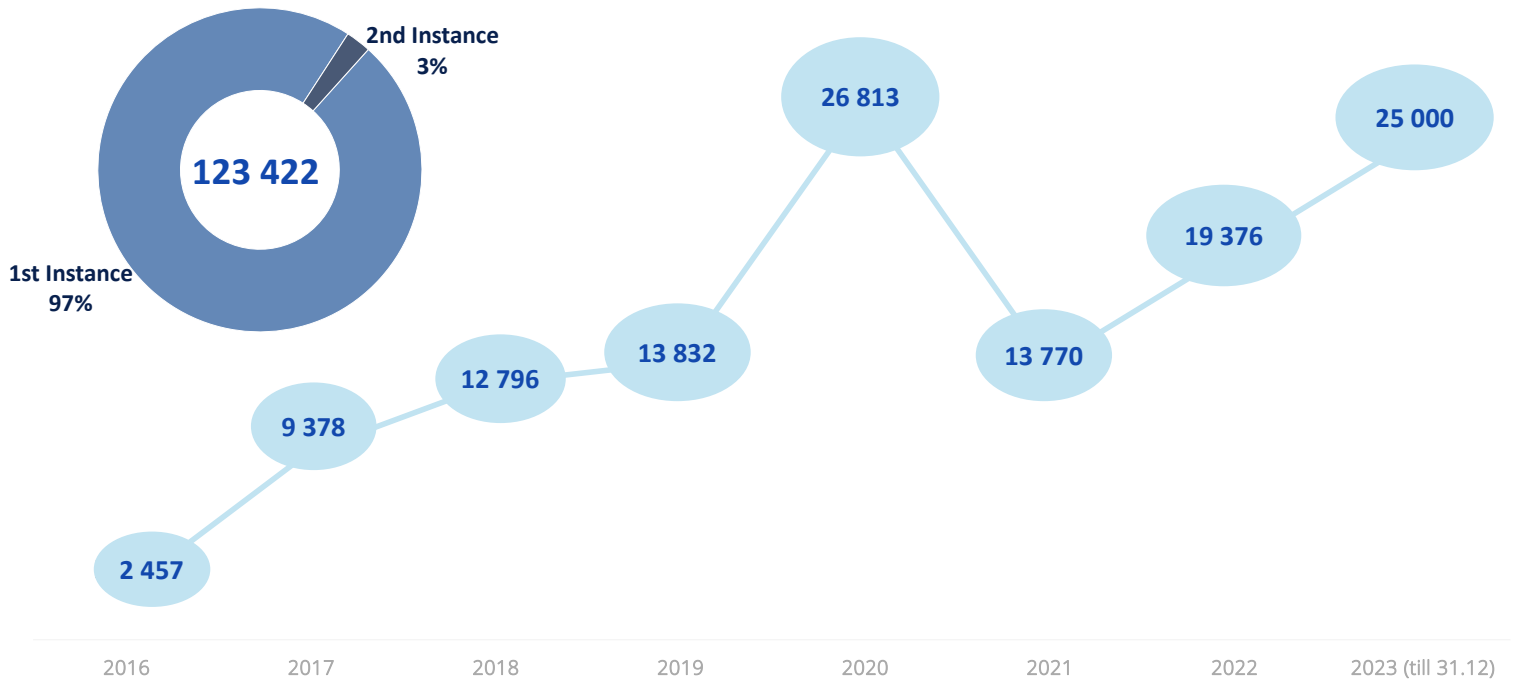


Chart 21. Aggregate Refugee Status Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2023, the number of Refugee Status Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (December). See Appendix Table 12a

10b. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Subsidiary Protection status in 1st and 2nd Instance

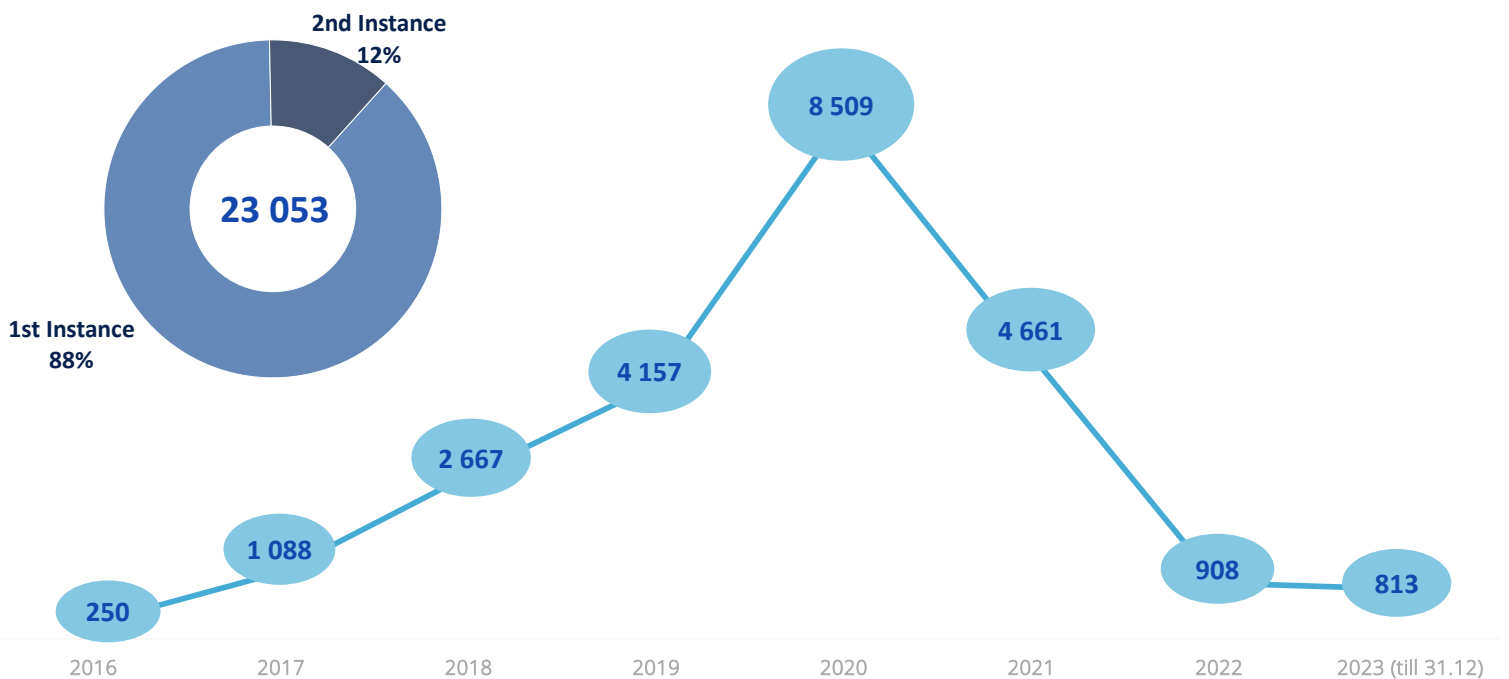
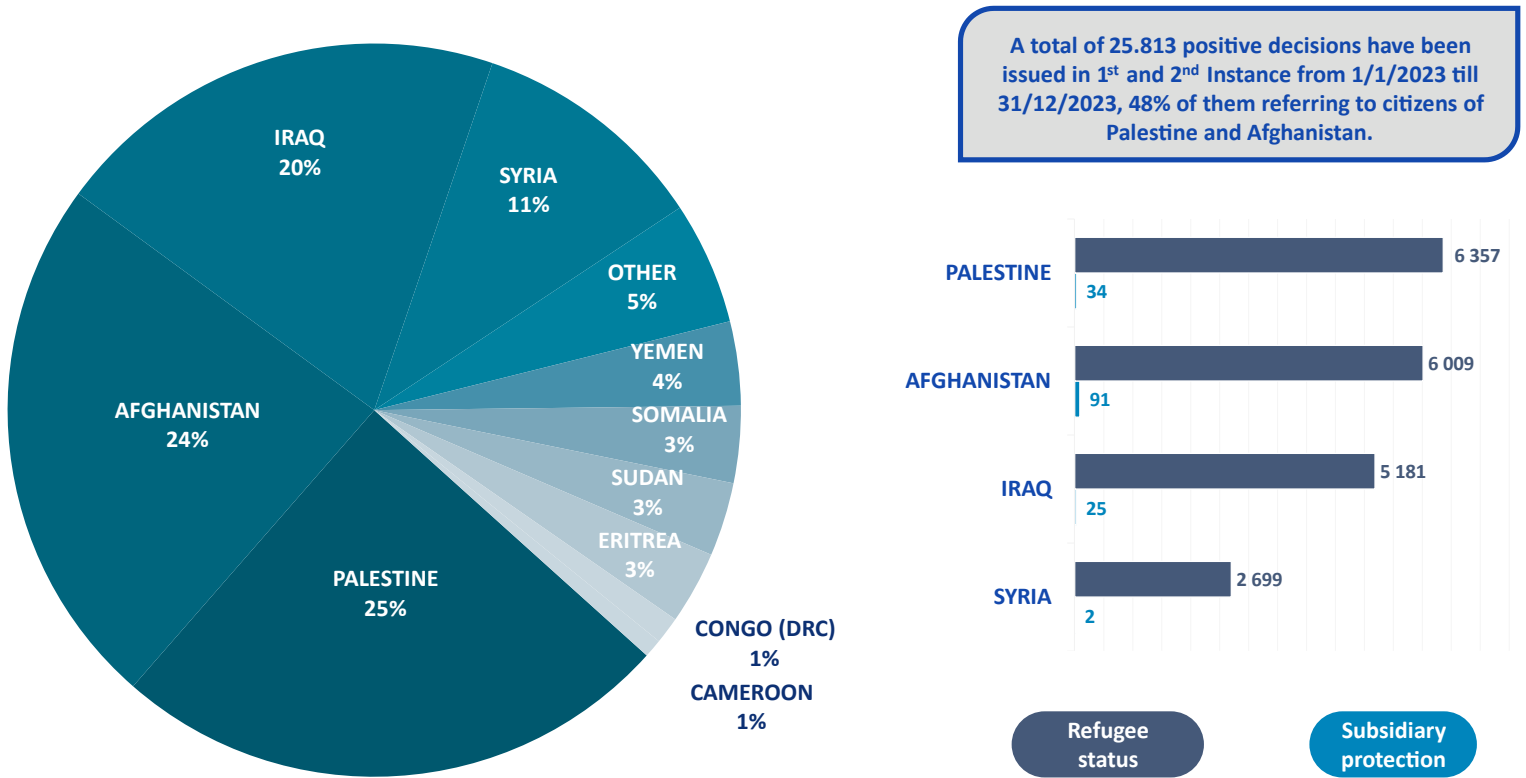


Chart 22. Aggregate Subsidiary Protection Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2023, the number of Subsidiary Protection Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (December). See Appendix Table 12b

10c. Positive decisions in 1st & 2nd Instance per nationality and age group



A total of 25.813 positive decisions have been issued in 1st and 2nd Instance from 1/1/2023 till 31/12/2023, 48% of them referring to citizens of Palestine and Afghanistan.

Chart 23. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 12-months of 2023 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 12c

25.000 decisions granting Refugee status and 813 granting Subsidiary Protection have been issued from 1/1/2023 till 31/12/2023. The 29% of the total positive decisions (25.813) refers to minors, 58% refers to the age group between 18-34, 12% refers to the age group between 35-64.

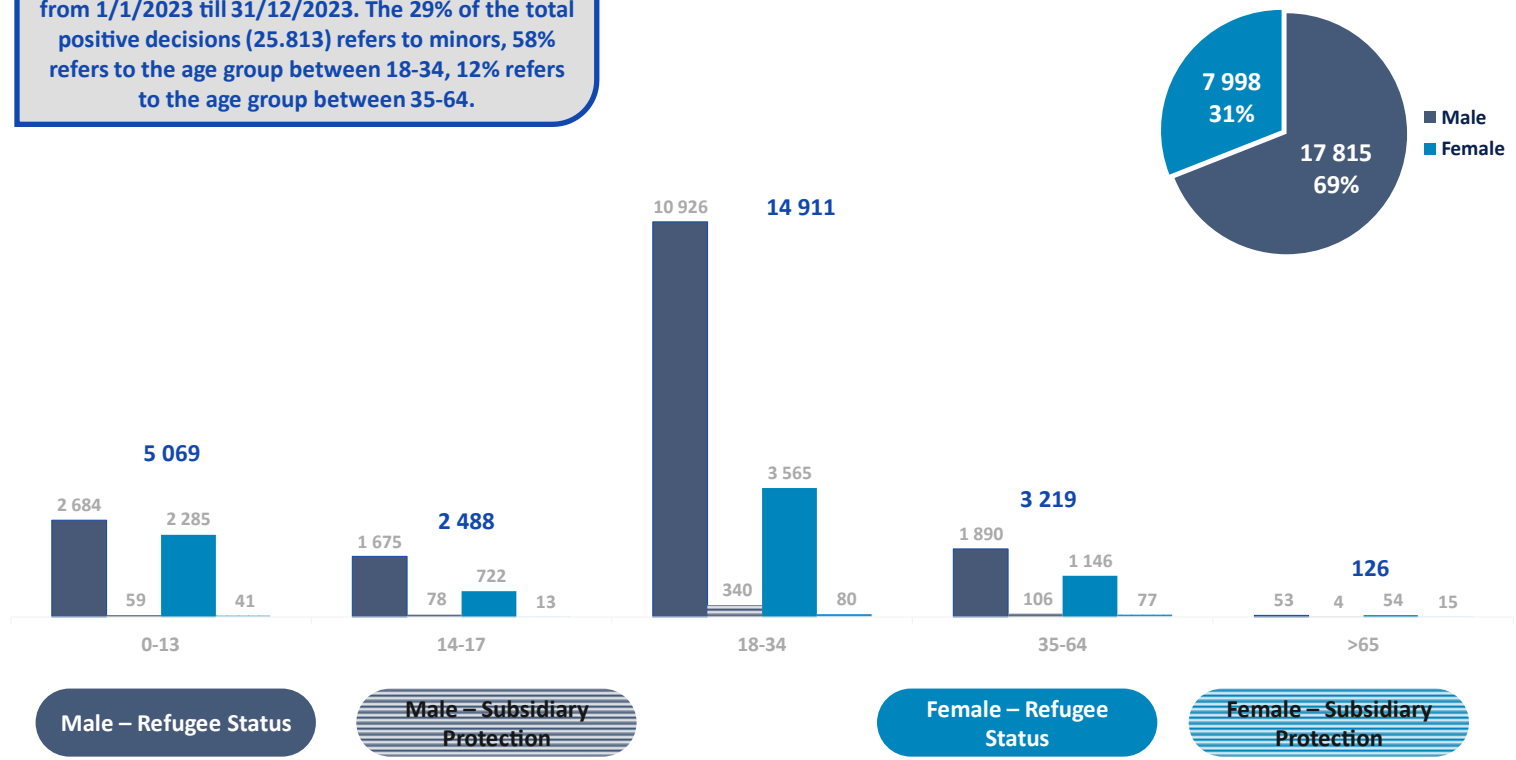


Chart 24. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 12-months of 2023 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 12d

10d. Positive decisions of unaccompanied minors in 1st Instance per nationality and age group

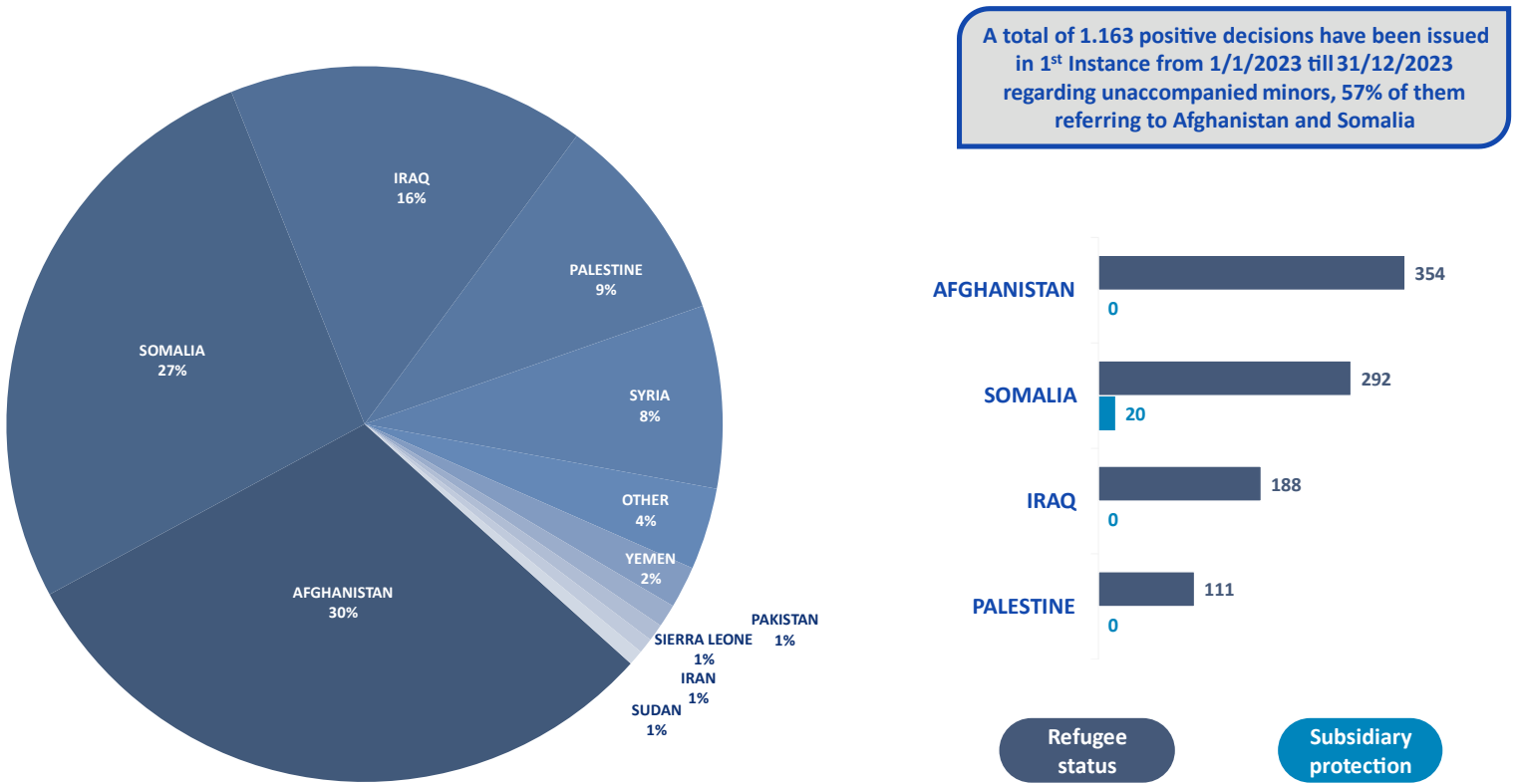


Chart 25. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 12-months of 2023 per Nationality (Top Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 12e

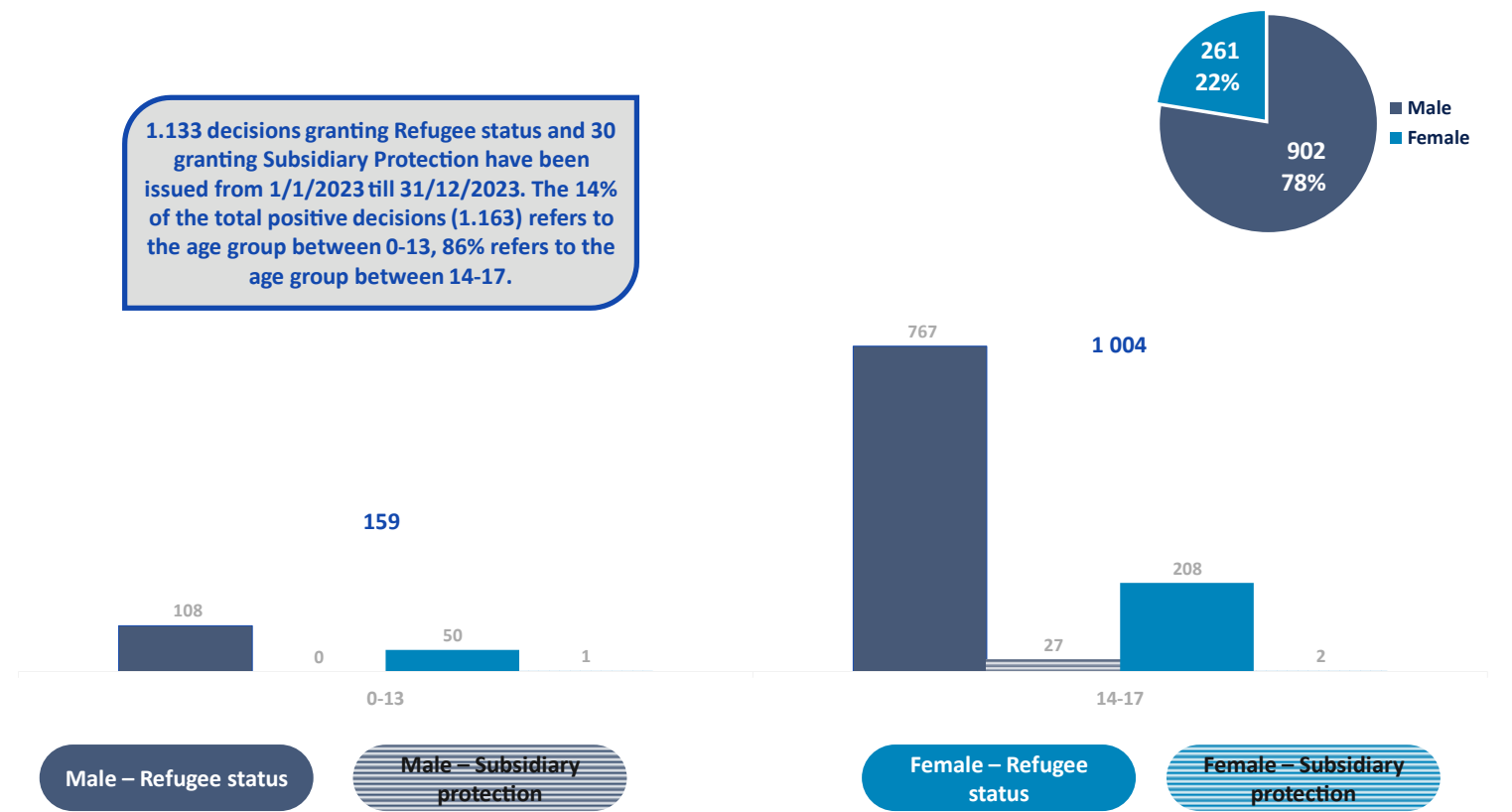


Chart 26. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 12-months of 2023 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 12f

10e. Recognition Rate in 1st & 2nd Instance

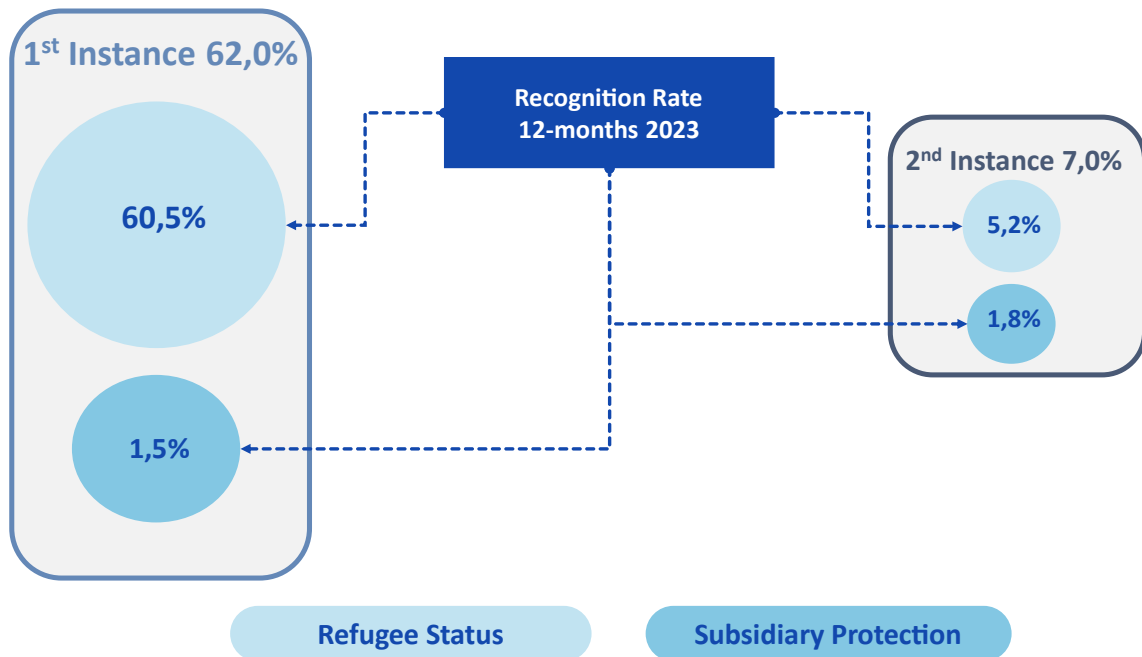


Chart 27. Recognition Rate in 1st & 2nd Instance. See Appendix Table 12g

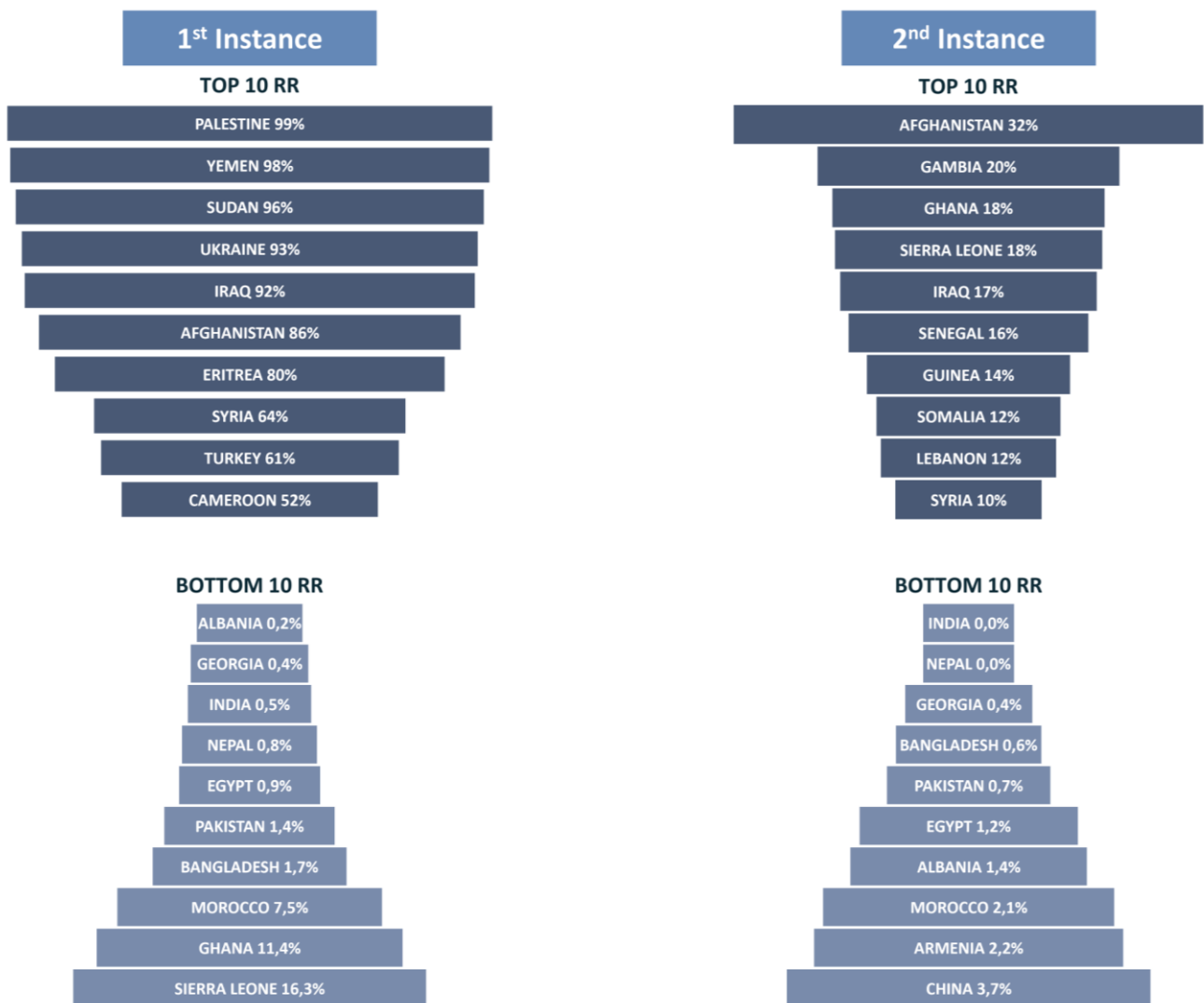


Chart 28. Recognition Rate 12-months 2023 in 1st & 2nd Instance for top and bottom 10 nationalities. For the calculation of Recognition rate in 1st Instance have been included nationalities for which have been issued at least 100 decisions in 2023 and for the 2nd Instance at least 35 decisions. See Appendix Table 12g

11. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court

The 27% of the total applications for annulment per year of lodging (5.891) are pending while for the rest of them (73%), a decision has been issued. 4,3% of the decisions had a positive outcome and 95,7% were rejected.

From the total of 4.302 decisions regarding applications for annulment (per year of decision) 54% have been issued in 2022 and 2023.

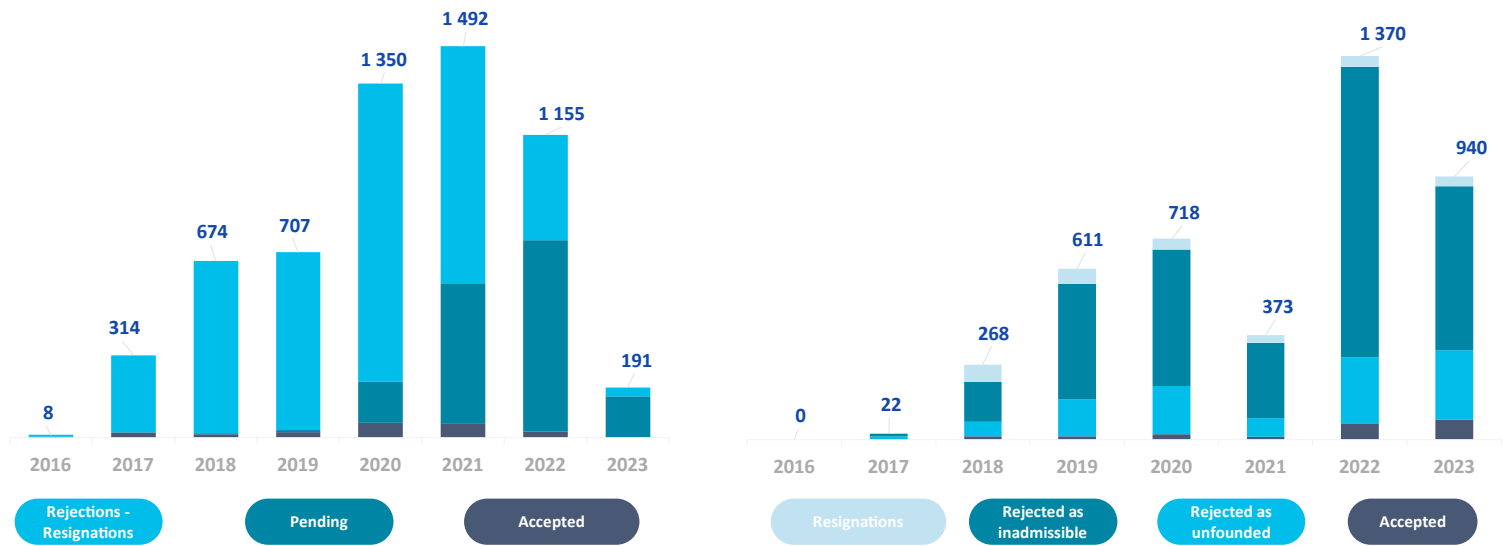


Chart 29. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court per year of lodging (Left) – Decisions regarding Applications for annulment per year of decision (Right). See Appendix Table 13a and 13b

12. HELIOS Integration Program

The "Helios" program is funded by the European Union. Its purpose is to promote integration support for beneficiaries of International Protection and is implemented with:

- accommodation support
- through integration courses (learning the Greek language, enhancing social skills)
- Job counselling sessions
- raising awareness of the host Community and promoting social cohesion.

The Ministry of Immigration and Asylum monitors the implementation of the program, which is implemented by the International Organization for Migration. From 16/7/2019 until 30/9/2023* 45.221 people have registered in the program, while 23.377 recognized refugees receive financial assistance for renting a house. It is worth noting that in November, 41 new leases were added to the accommodation support of the "Helios" program (regarding the period from 1/11/2023 till 30/11/2023*). At the same time 10.081 beneficiaries of International Protection have been enrolled in the integration courses and 11.556 people are attending job counseling sessions.

* The data for the month of December 2023 will be updated in the next report of January 2024.

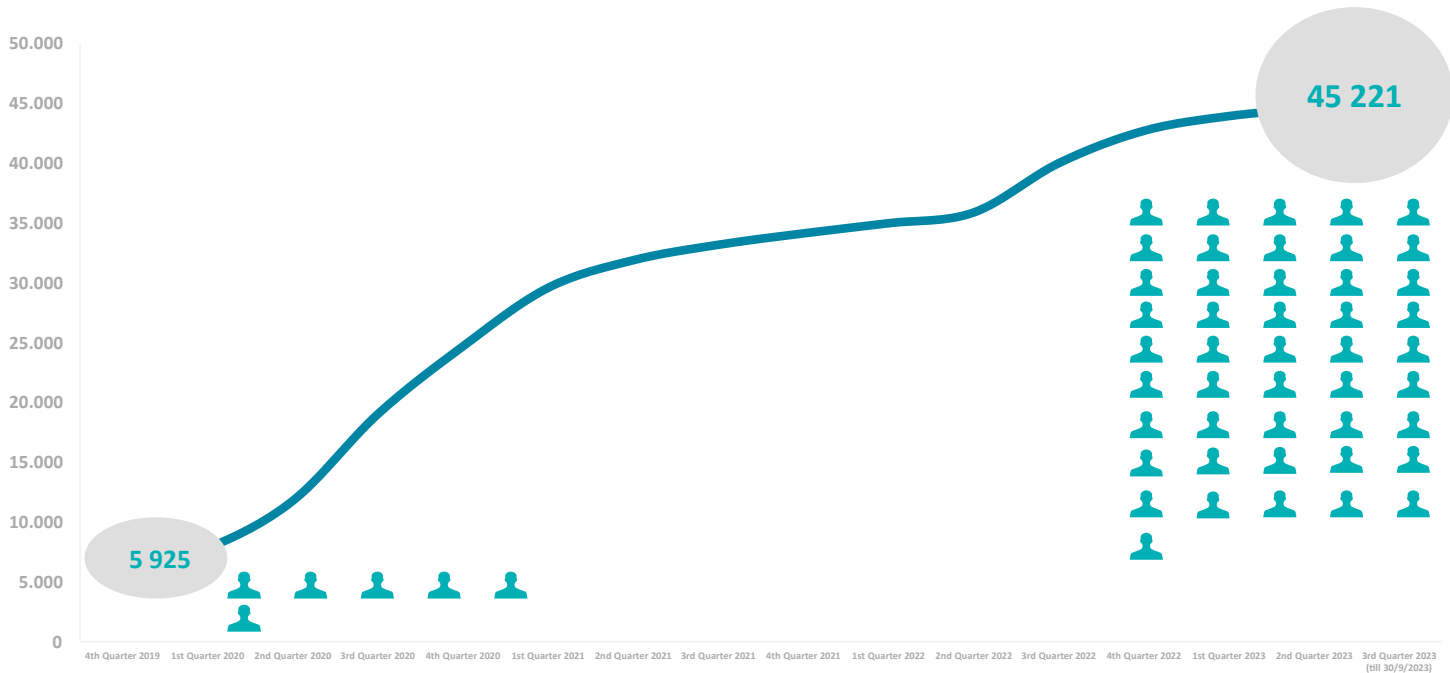


Chart 30. Helios Enrollments – See Appendix Table 14

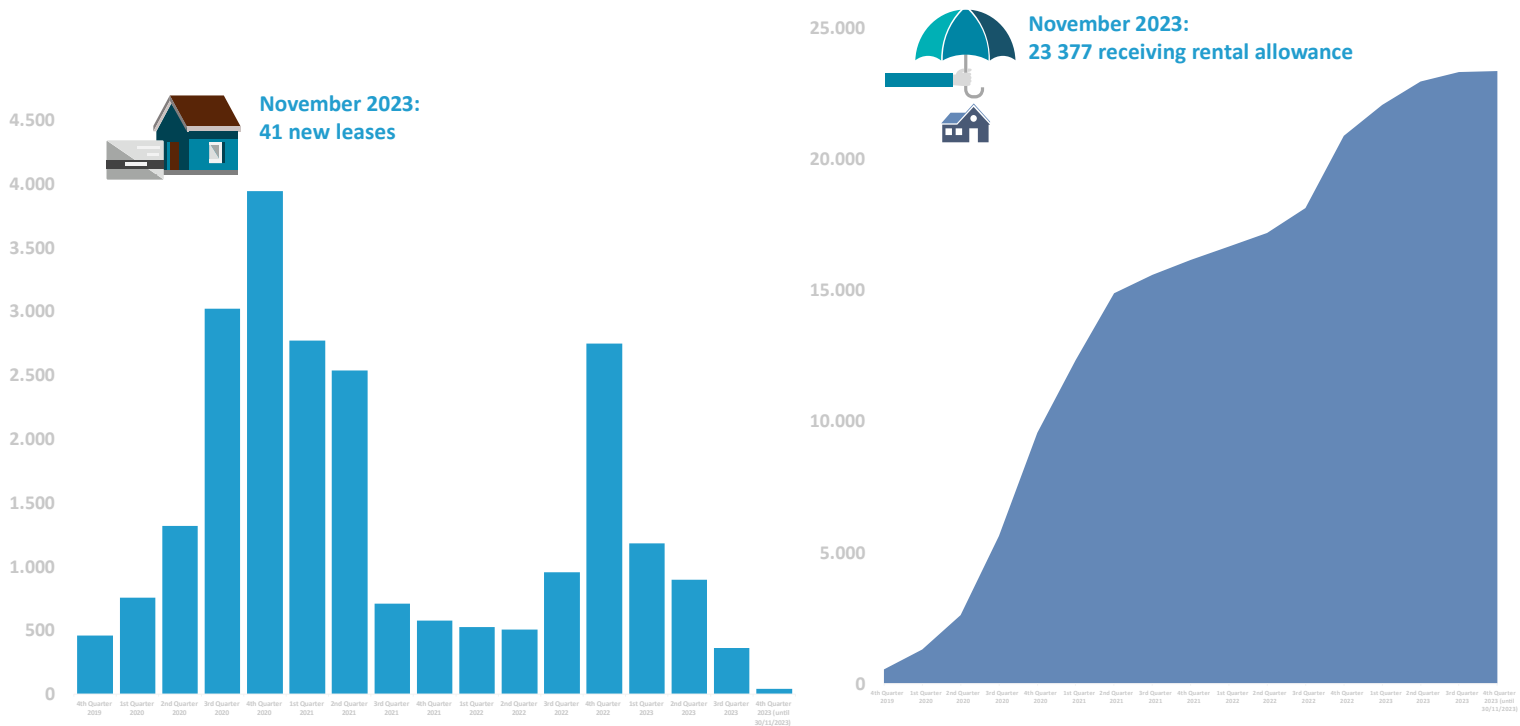


Chart 31. New leases (left), Receiving rental allowance (Right) - See Appendix Table 15 and 16

13. Returns - Departures

In December 2023 the departures from Greece to third countries outside the EU, as well as to member states of the European Union are the following:

- 205 forced deportations and returns of third country nationals, based on agreements of the European Union, but also bilateral agreements of our country.
- 209 voluntary departures through IOM.
- 73 voluntary departures of immigrants from our country to their countries of origin.
- 64 people seeking International Protection were transferred to France in the context of voluntarily relocation program.
- Returns under the EU - Turkey Joint Declaration have not been made since March 2020 due to Covid-19. It should be noted that despite the lifting of the Covid-19 measures the requests of missions-returns of the Greek authorities have not been answered.
- A total of 551 people left the country in December, while 4.934 arrived.

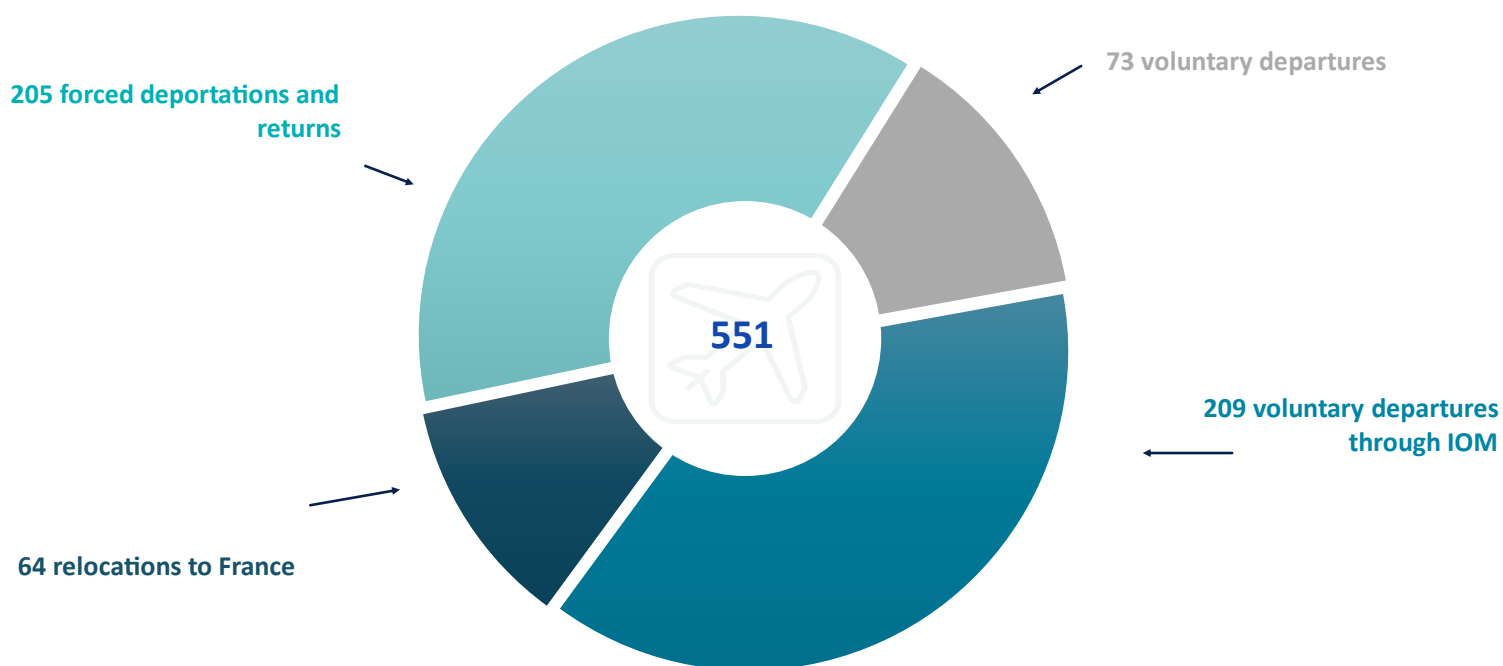


Chart 32. Returns-Departures – See Appendix Table 17 - Statistics on Dublin Transfers are not currently available for the period of July 2023 - December 2023 due to the upgrade of the computer system carried out by the Services of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

*All tables are included in Appendix A

14. Special Edition – Arrivals of Ukraine citizens due to war

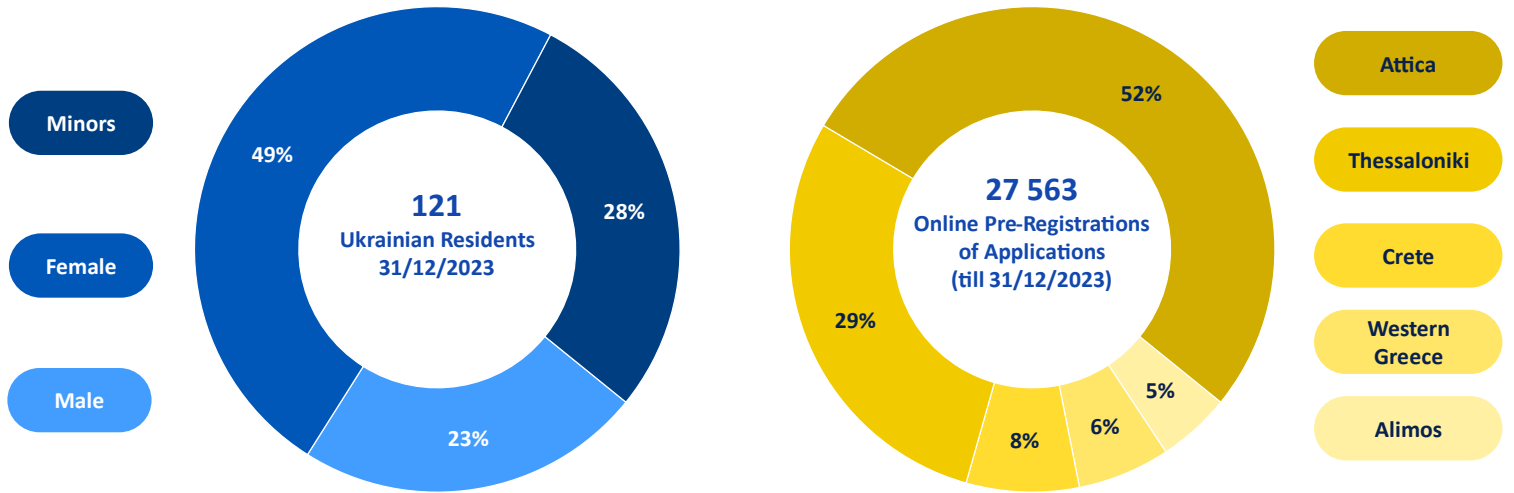


Chart 33. Total Ukrainian Residents & Online pre-registrations of applications (December 2023) - See Appendix Table 18 & 19

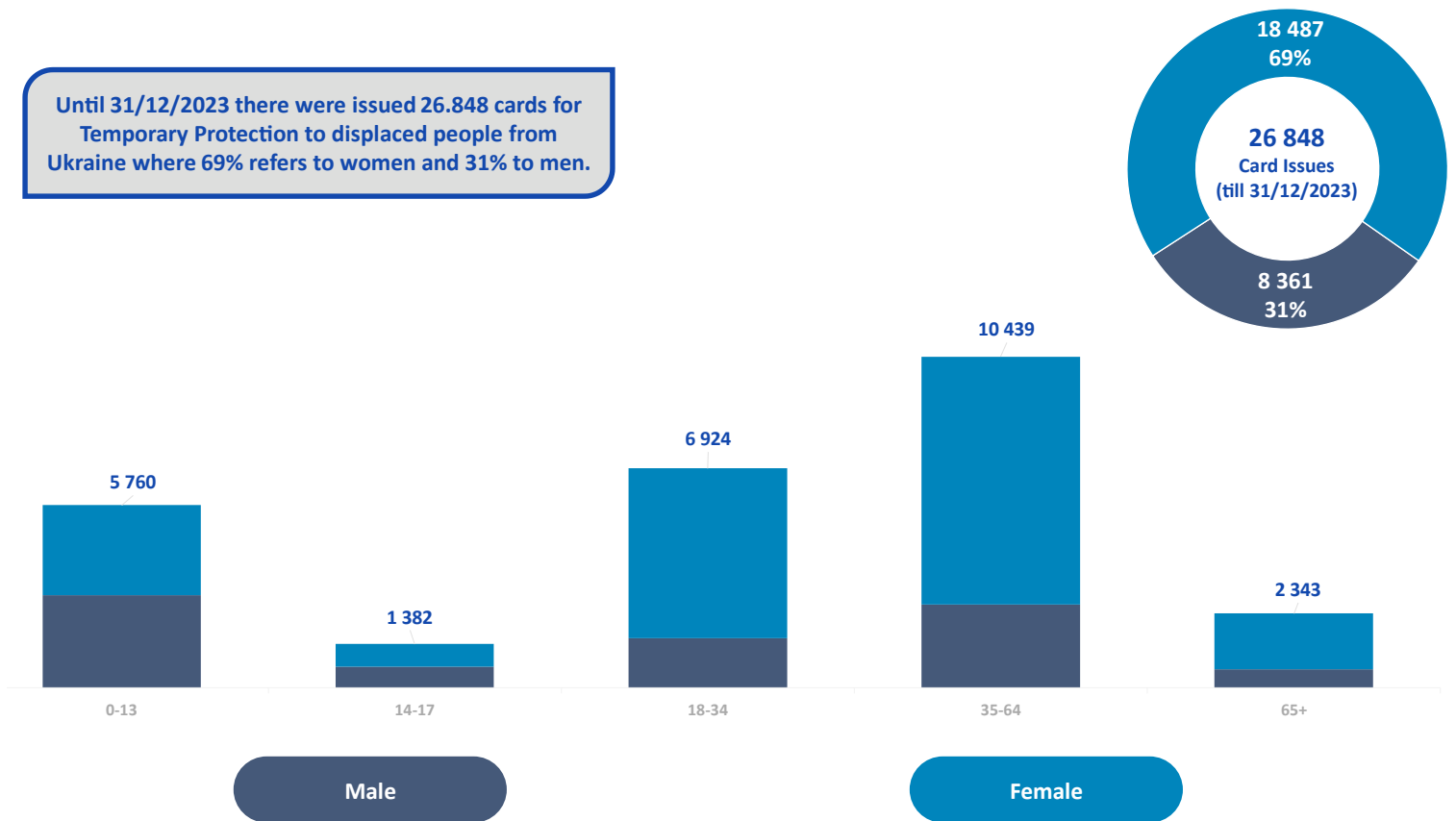


Chart 34. Total card issues to Ukrainians for Temporary Protection per age group and gender (December 2023) - See Appendix Table 20

15. Special Edition – Annual data regarding Arrivals, Residents & 1st and 2nd Instance Procedures

15a. Arrivals

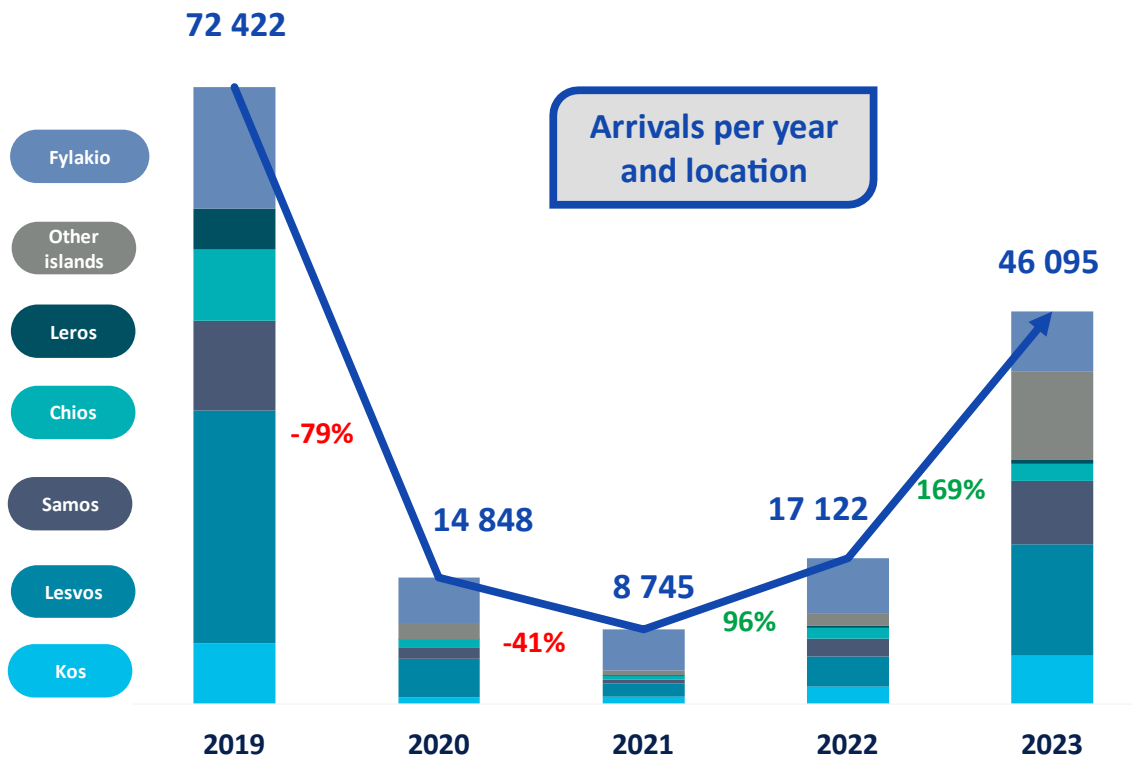


Chart 35: Arrivals per year and location for years 2019-2023

15b. Residents

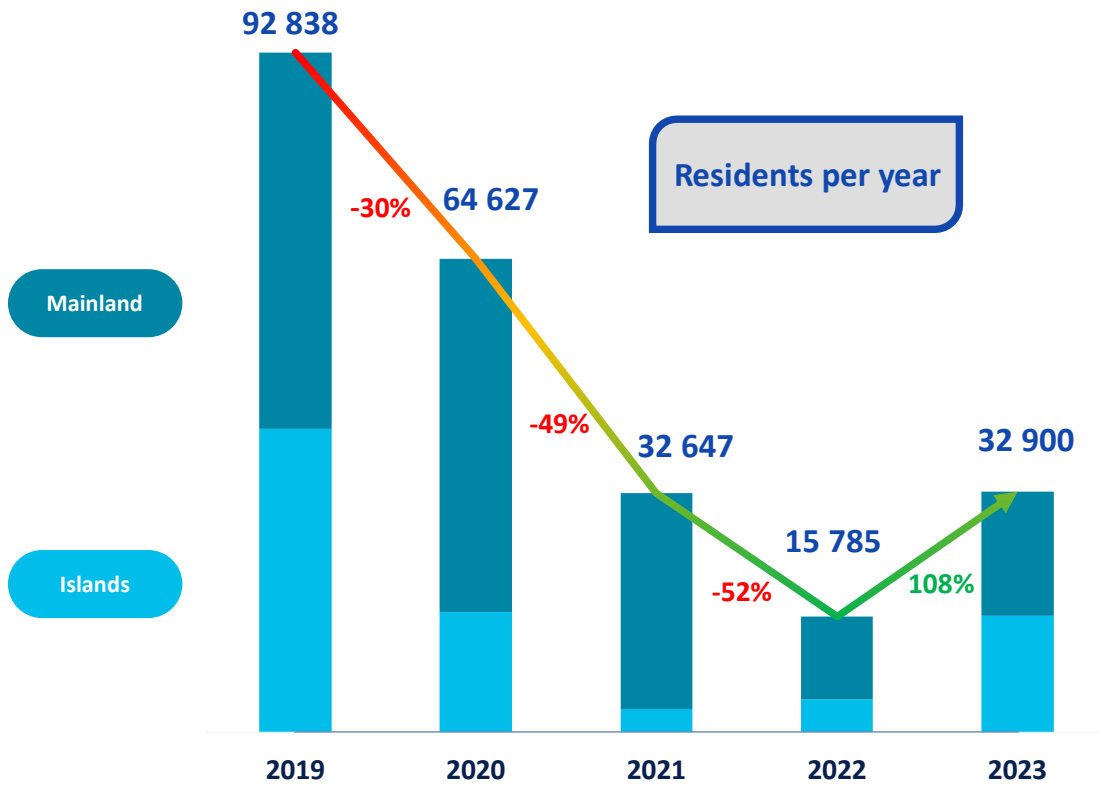


Chart 36: Residents per year and location for years 2019-2023

15c. Arrivals - Applications for International Protection

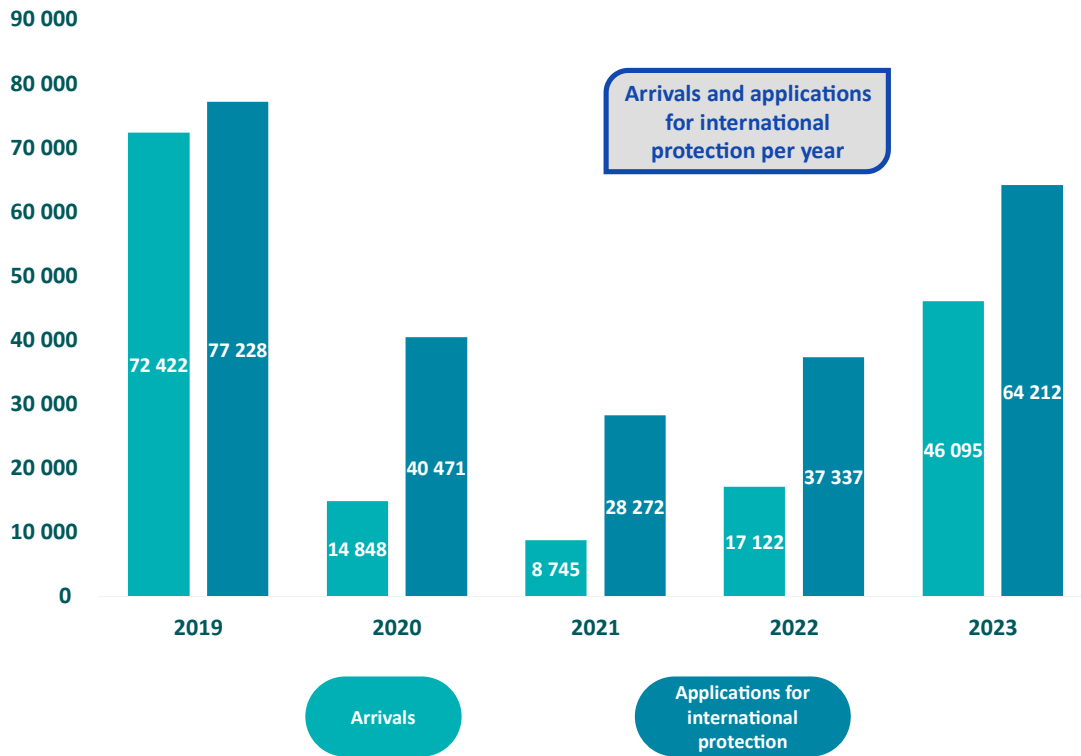


Chart 37: Arrivals and Applications for International protection per year for years 2019-2023

15d. 1st Instance Procedures

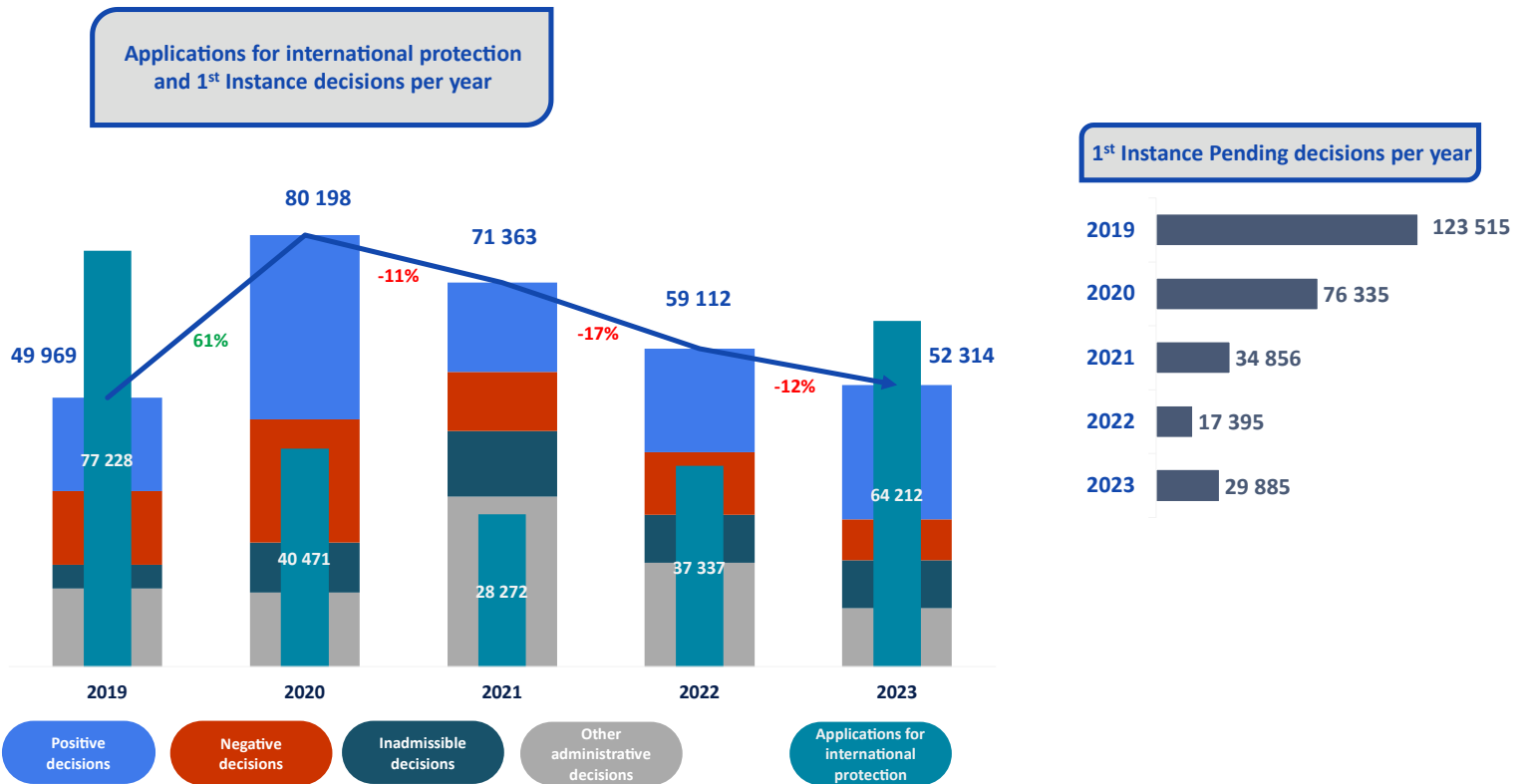


Chart 38: Applications for International protection, 1st Instance decisions and pending decisions per year for years 2019-2023

15e. 2nd Instance Procedures

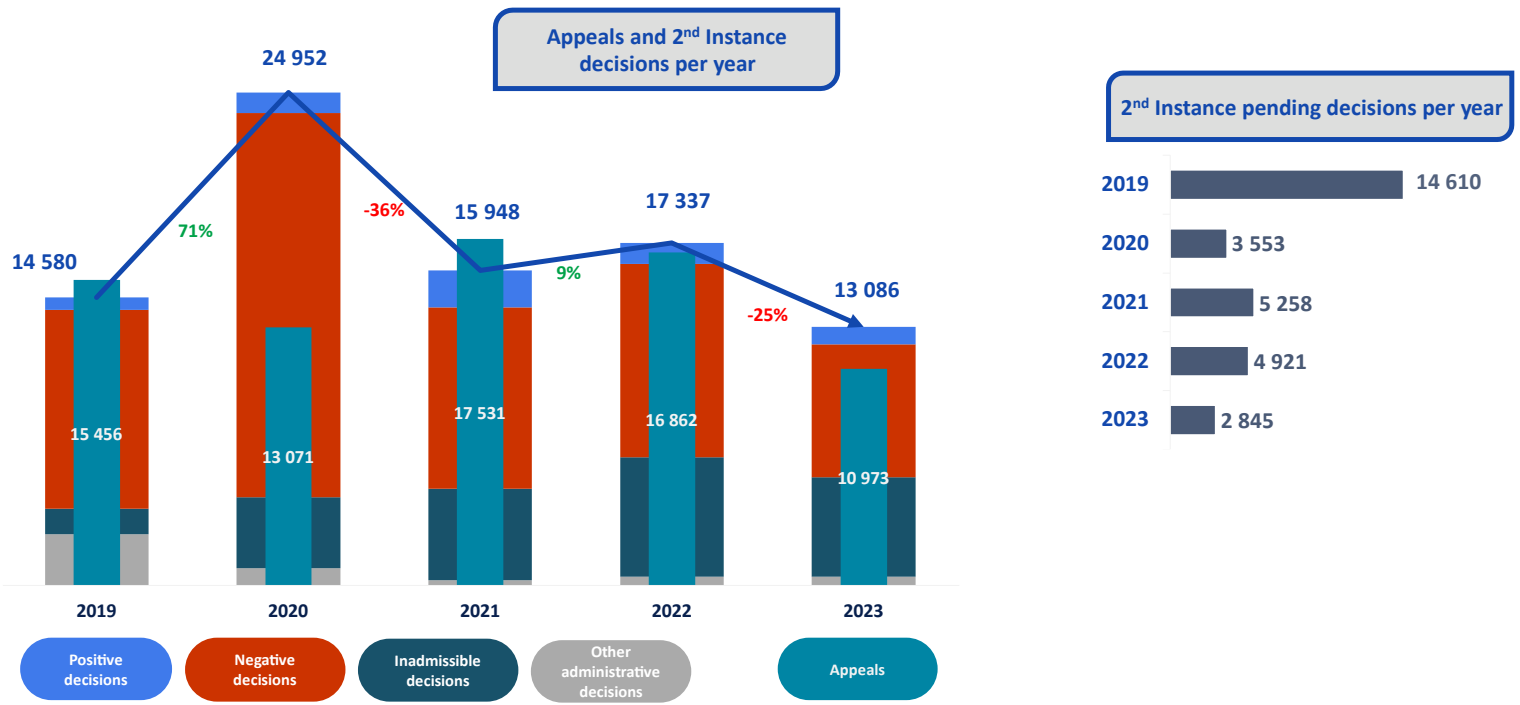


Chart 39: Appeals, 2nd Instance decisions and pending decisions per year for years 2019-2023