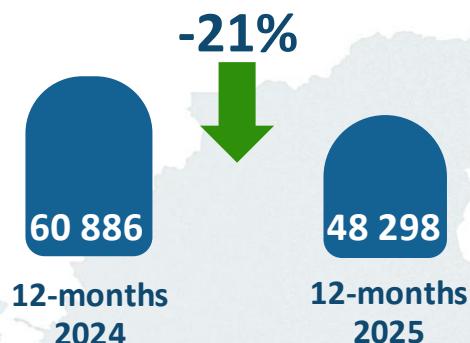


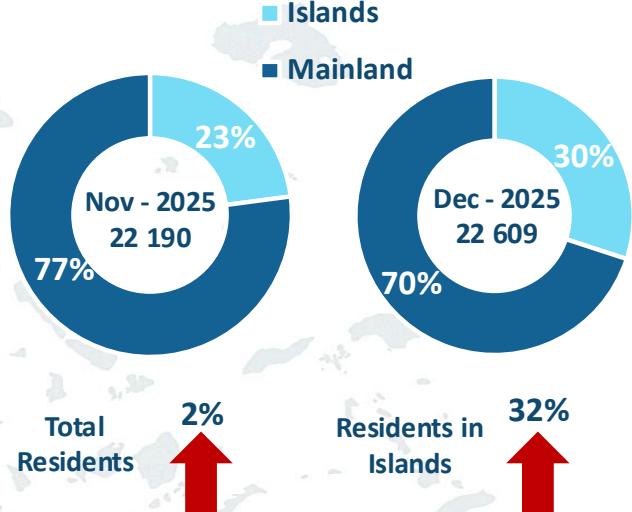
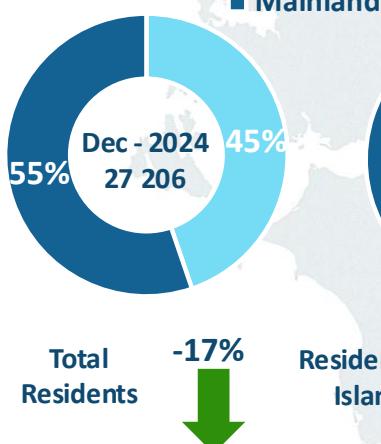


## Arrivals

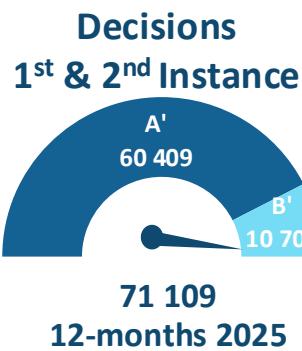
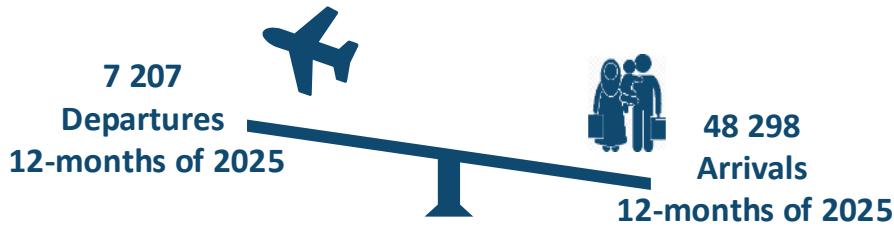
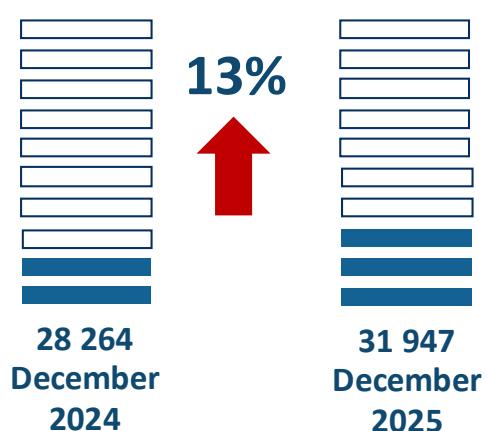
(Islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete)



## Residents



## Pending Decisions 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance



# Analytical Overview

## 1. Migration flows in islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete

Arrivals increased by 13% in December 2025 compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

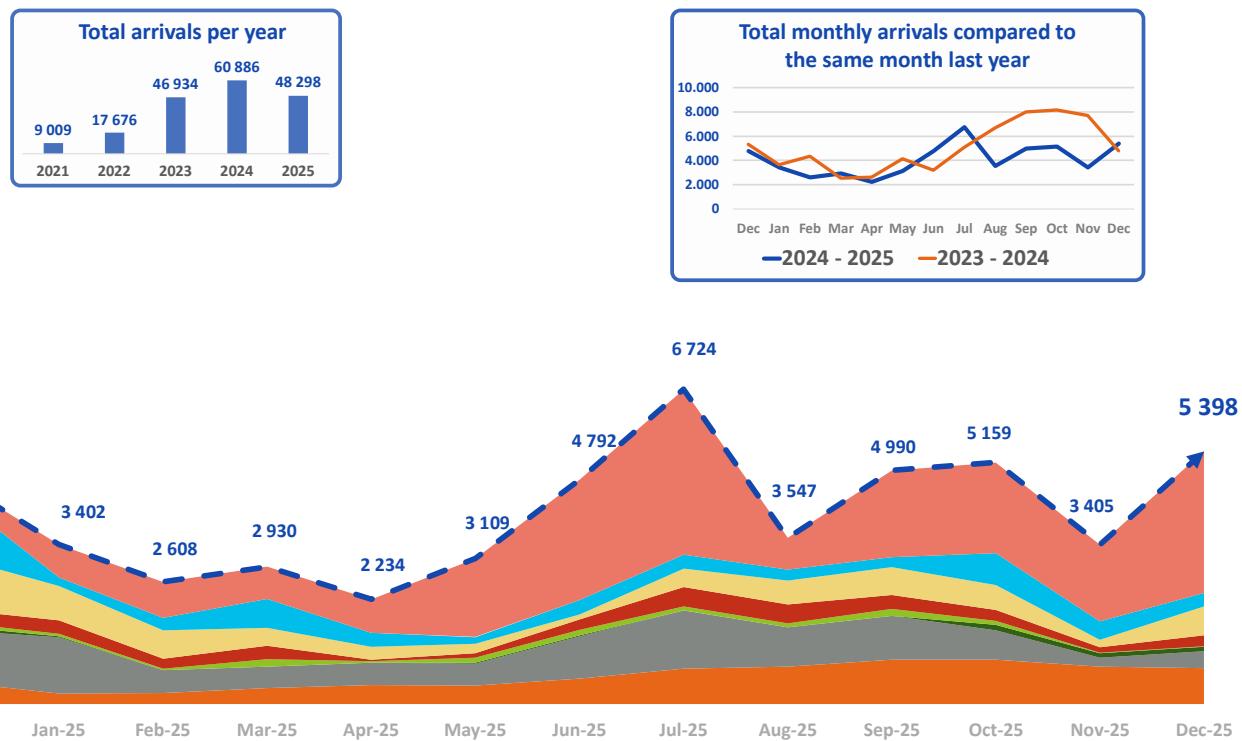


Chart 1. Migration flows (islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete) December 2024 – December 2025 – See Appendix Table 1

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

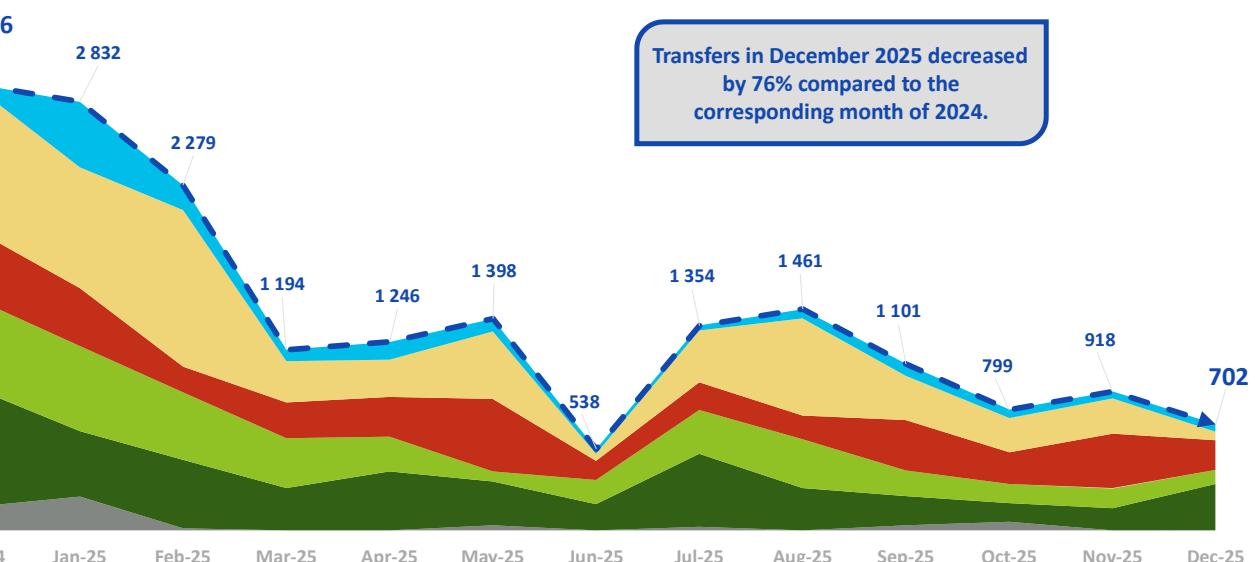


Chart 2. Transfers of asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland December 2024 – December 2025 - See Appendix Table 2

### 3. Islands Residents

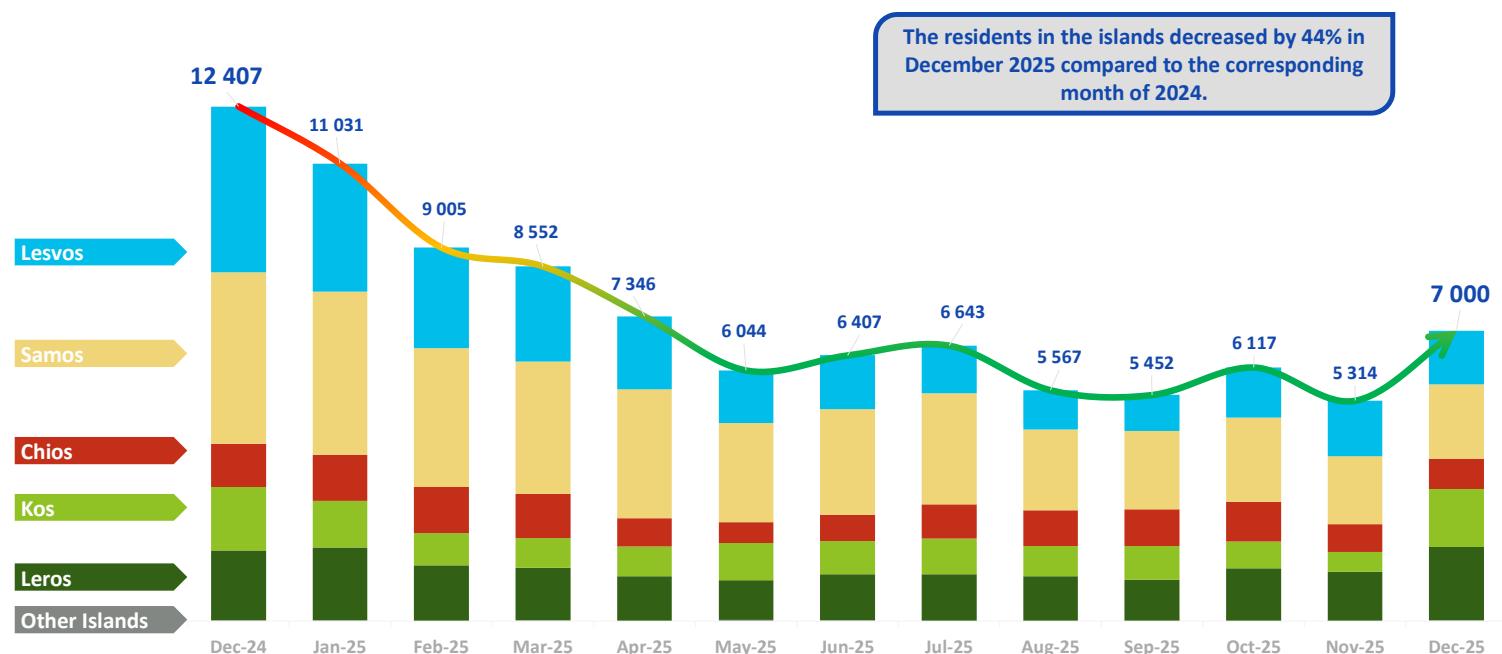


Chart 3. Island Residents in total December 2024 – December 2025 - See Appendix Table 3

### 4. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme

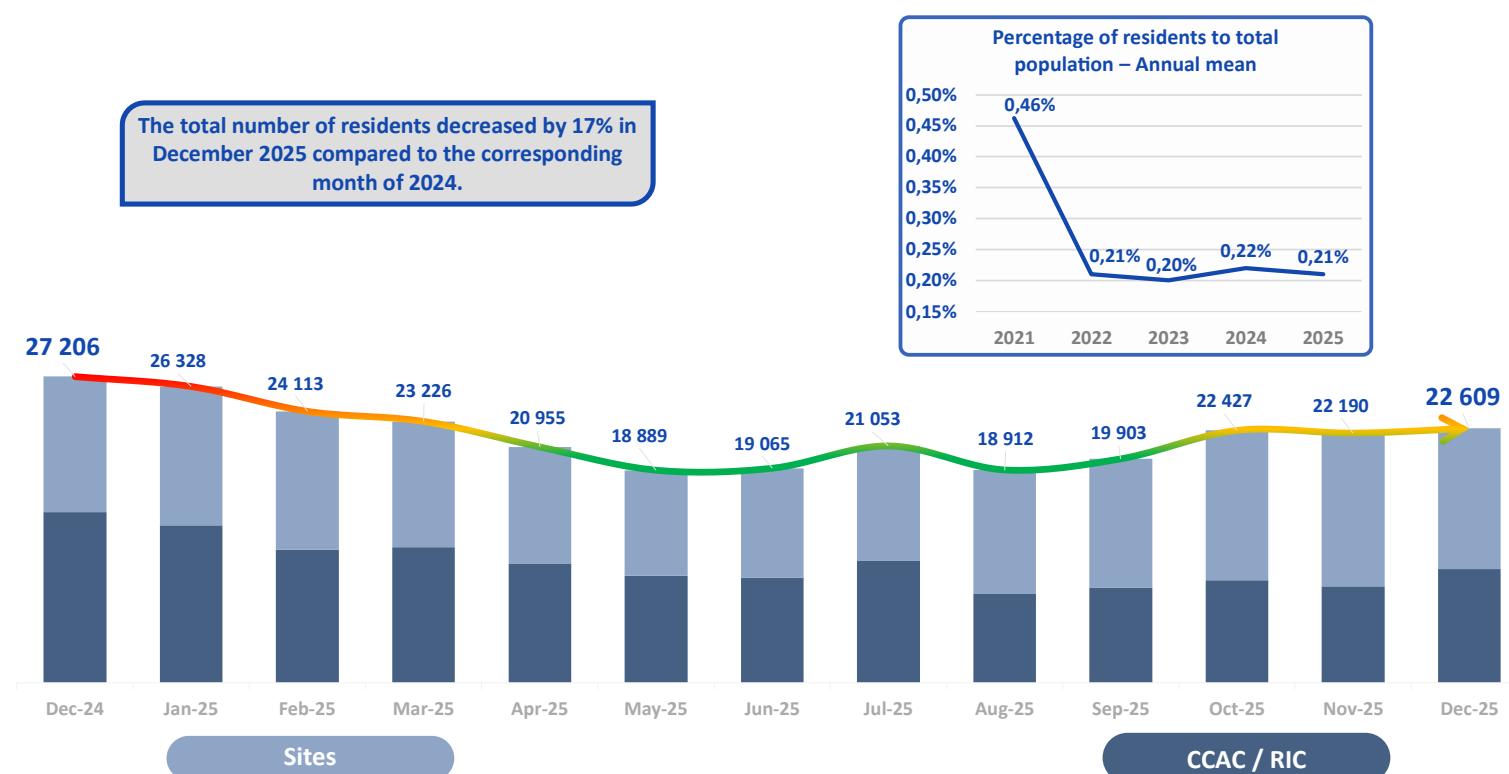


Chart 4. Progress of Residents through time – See Appendix Table 6

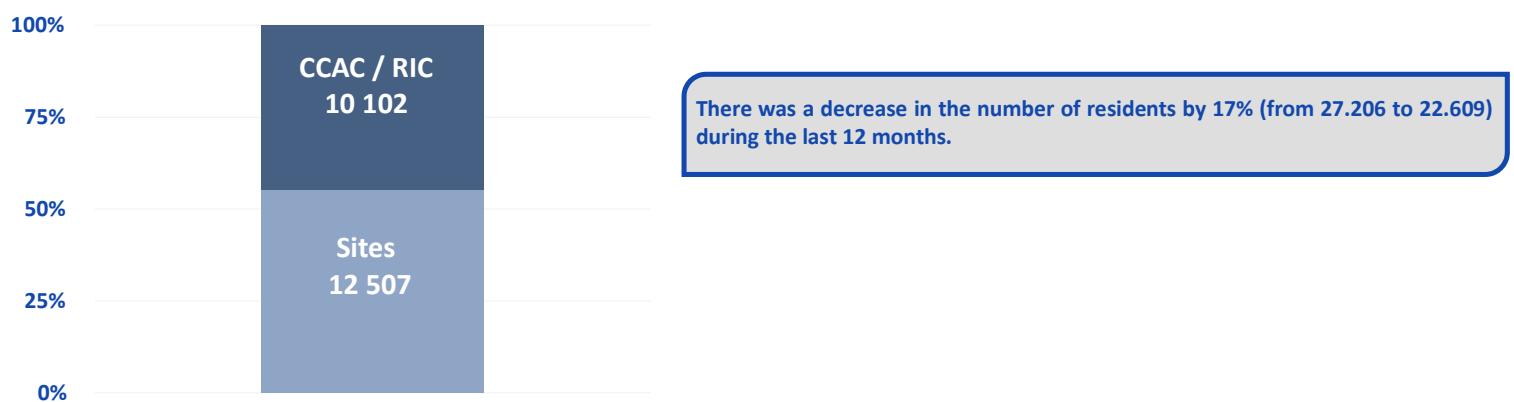
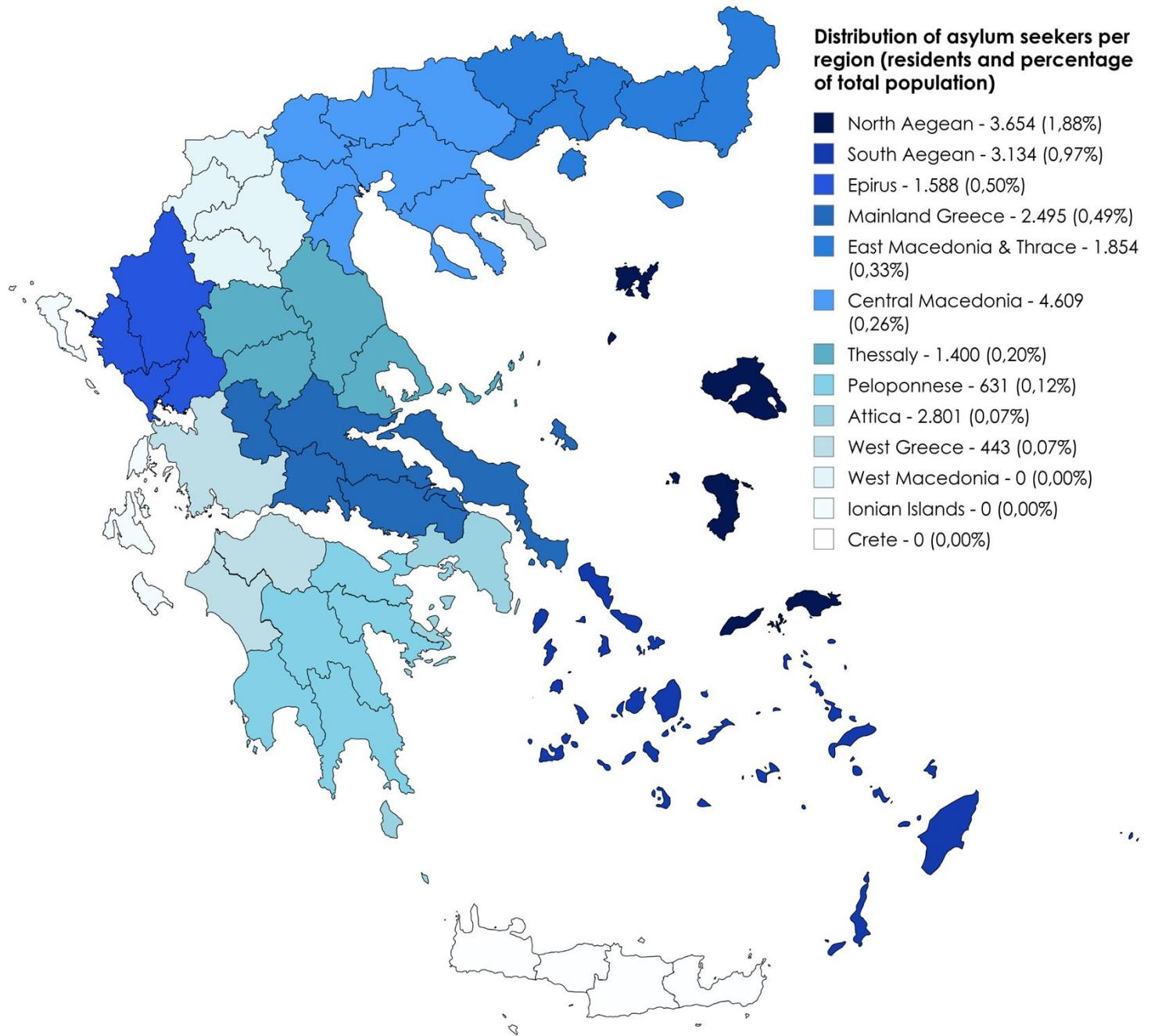
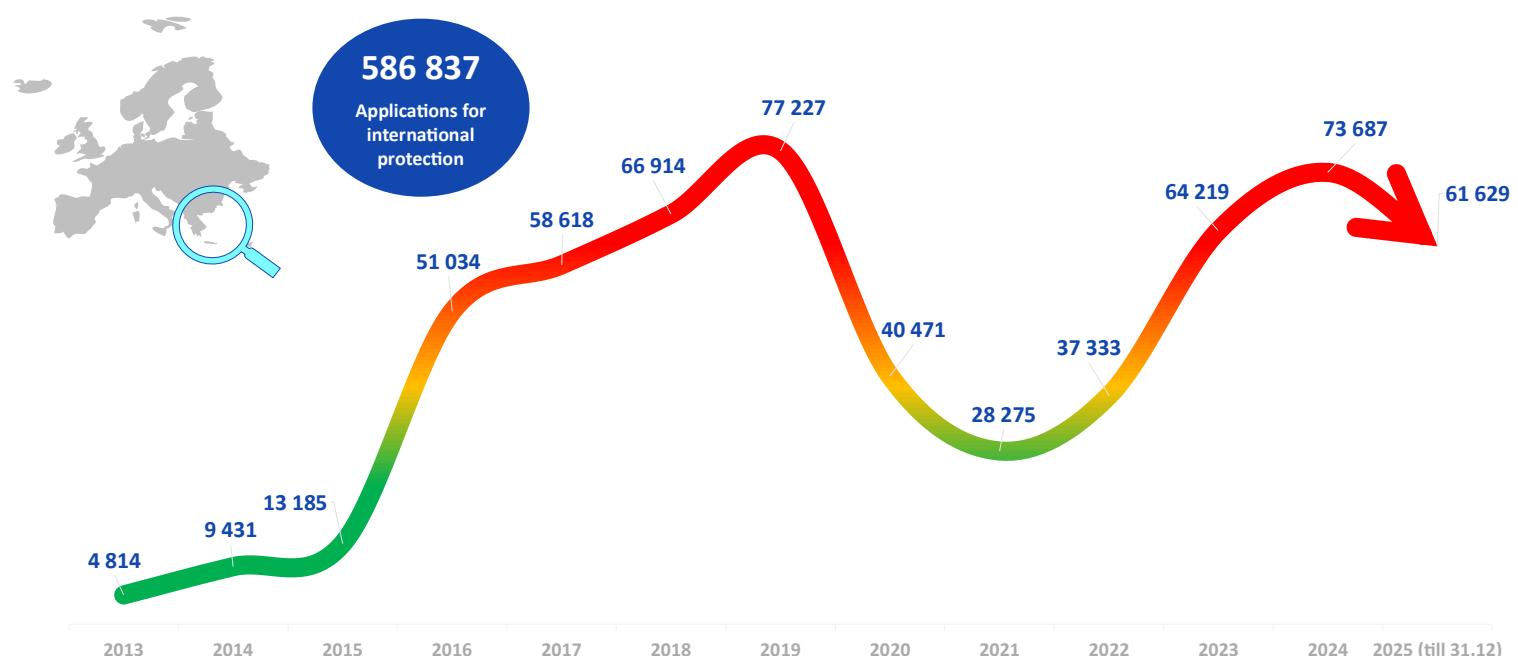


Chart 5. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme – See Appendix Table 4 & 5

## 5a. Applications for International Protection



## 5b. Applications for International Protection per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region

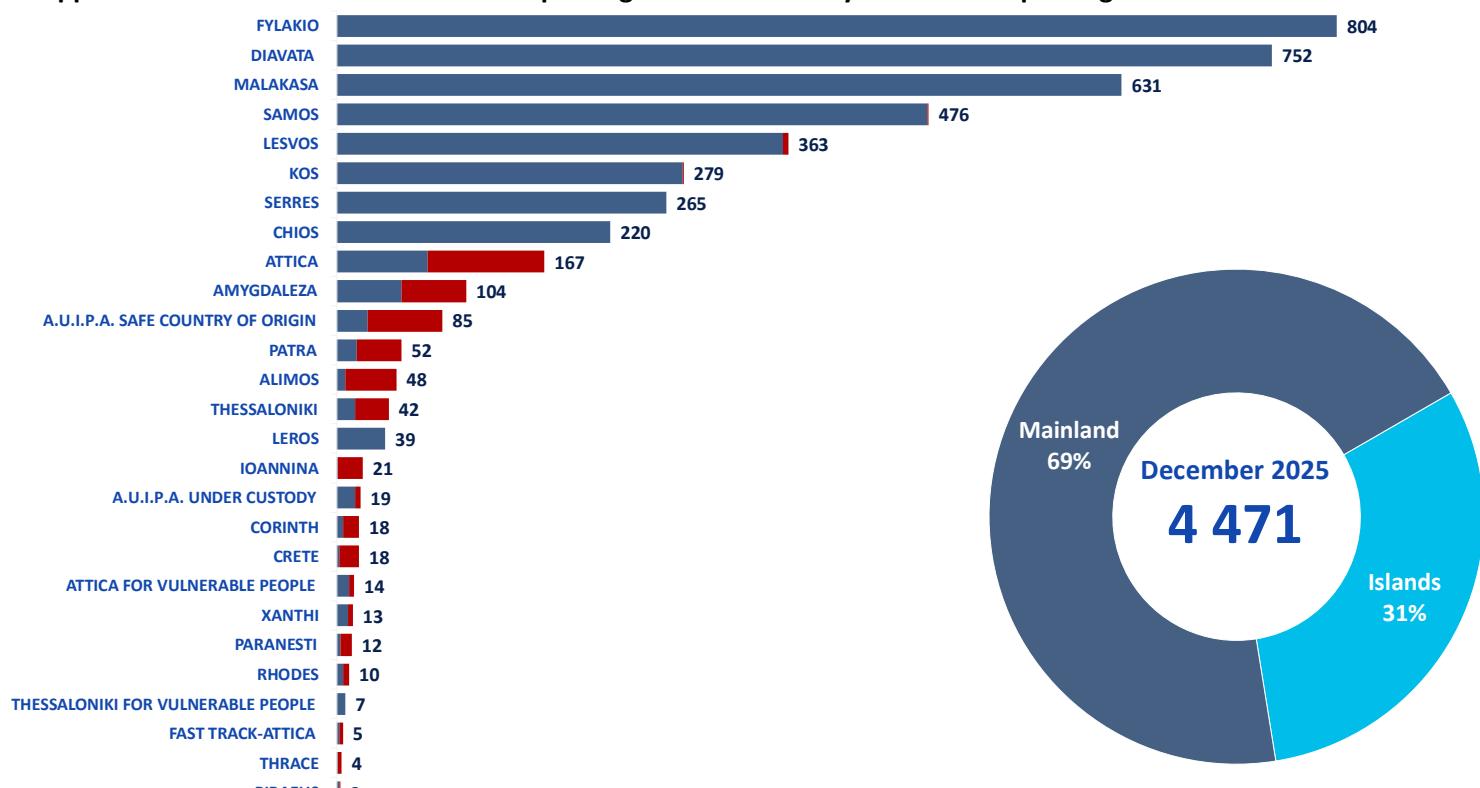


Chart 7. Applications for International Protection with distinction between first time and subsequent per Regional Office or Asylum Unit for the month of reference (December 2025) - See Appendix Table 7b

## 5c. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent

Applications for International Protection decreased by 33% in December 2025 compared to the corresponding month of 2024. 90% out of the total 68.312 applications from December 2024 till December 2025 was first time applications and 10% subsequent.

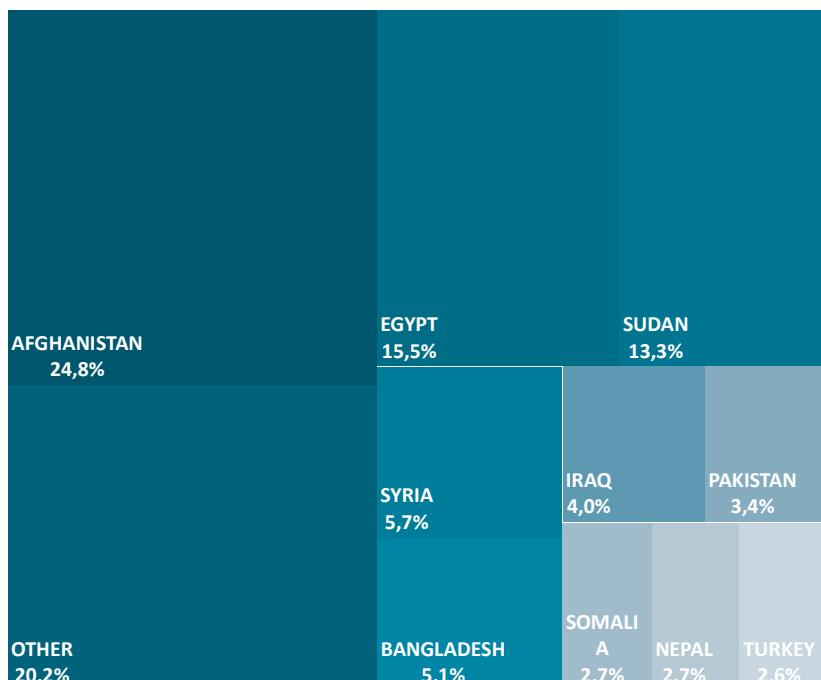


First time applications

Subsequent applications

Chart 8. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent (December 2024 - December 2025) - See Appendix Table 7c

## 5d. Applications for International Protection per nationality, gender and age group



61.629 applications for International Protection have been recorded from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

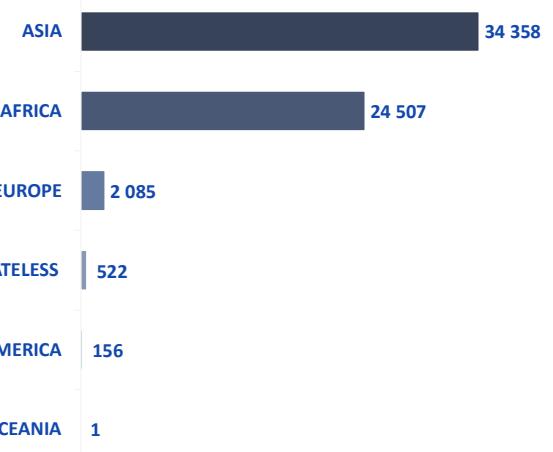


Chart 9. Applications for International Protection 12-months 2025 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) - See Appendix Table 7d

The 20% of the total 61.629 applications for International Protection from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025 refers to minors, 63% refers to the age group between 18-34, 17% refers to the age group between 35-64.

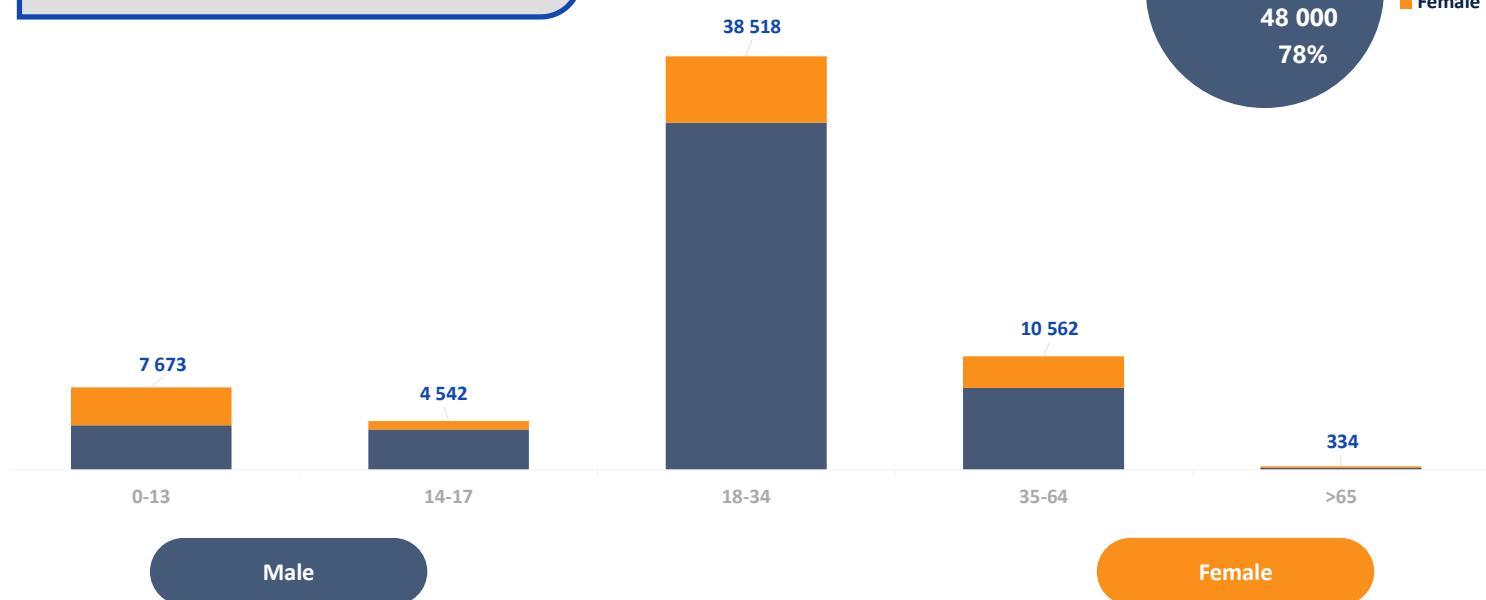
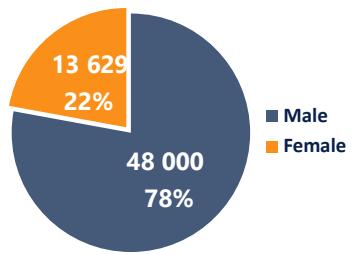
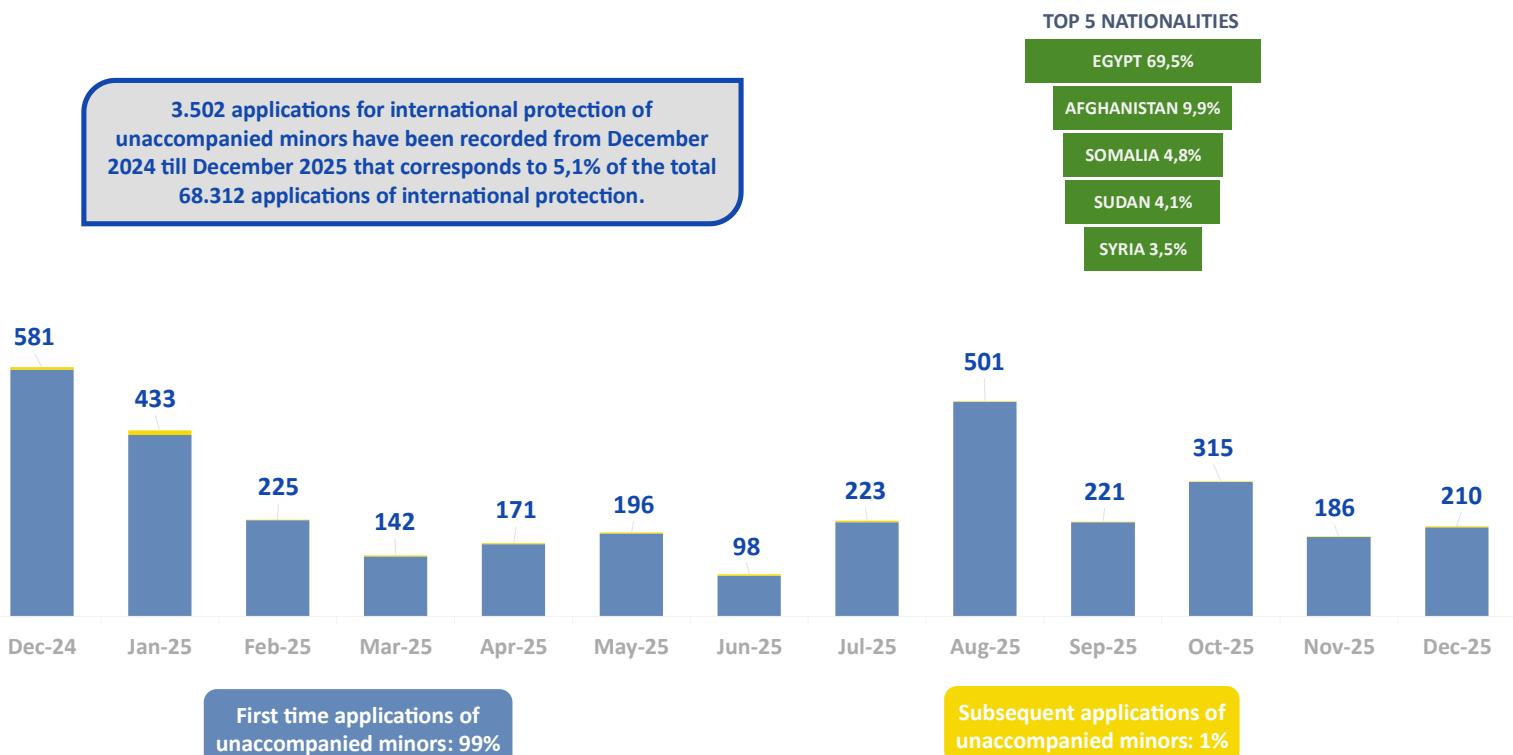


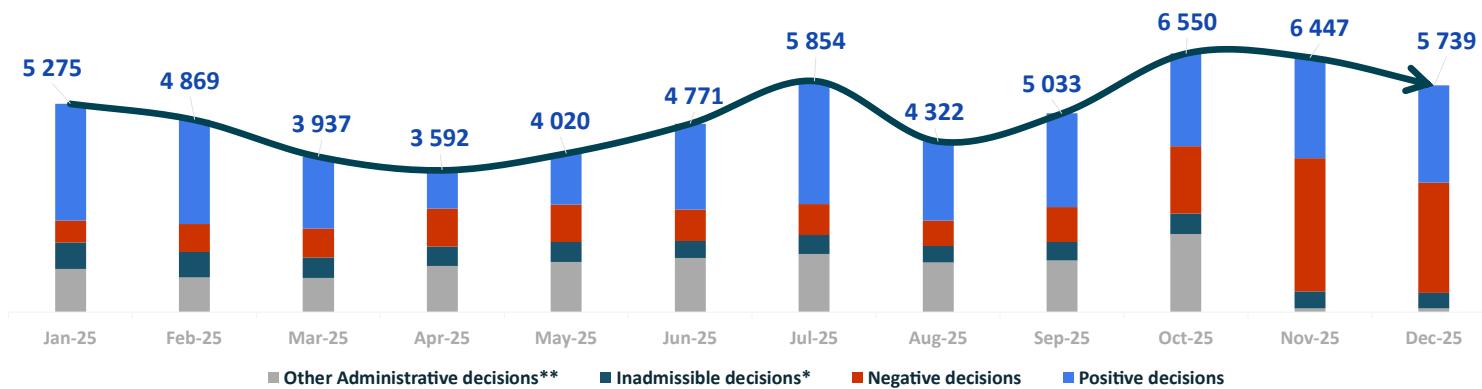
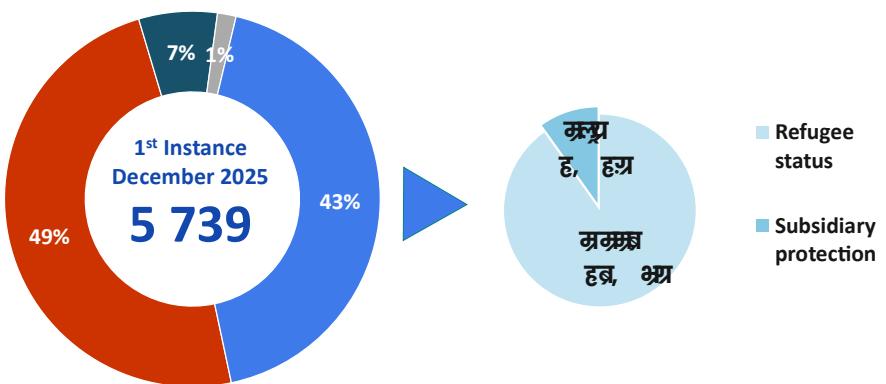
Chart 10. Applications for International Protection 12-months 2025 per gender and age group - See Appendix Table 7e

## 5e. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors



## 6a. Type of Decisions – 1<sup>st</sup> Instance

60.409 decisions have been issued in the 1<sup>st</sup> Instance from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025. 44,3% of them are positive, 34,5% negative and 21,2% refers 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 12. 1<sup>st</sup> Instance Decisions per month and type for 2025 and for the month of reference (December 2025). - See Appendix Table 8a

## 6b. Type of Decisions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance

10.700 decisions have been issued in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025. 4,1% of them are positive, 92,9% negative and 3,0% refers to other administrative decisions.

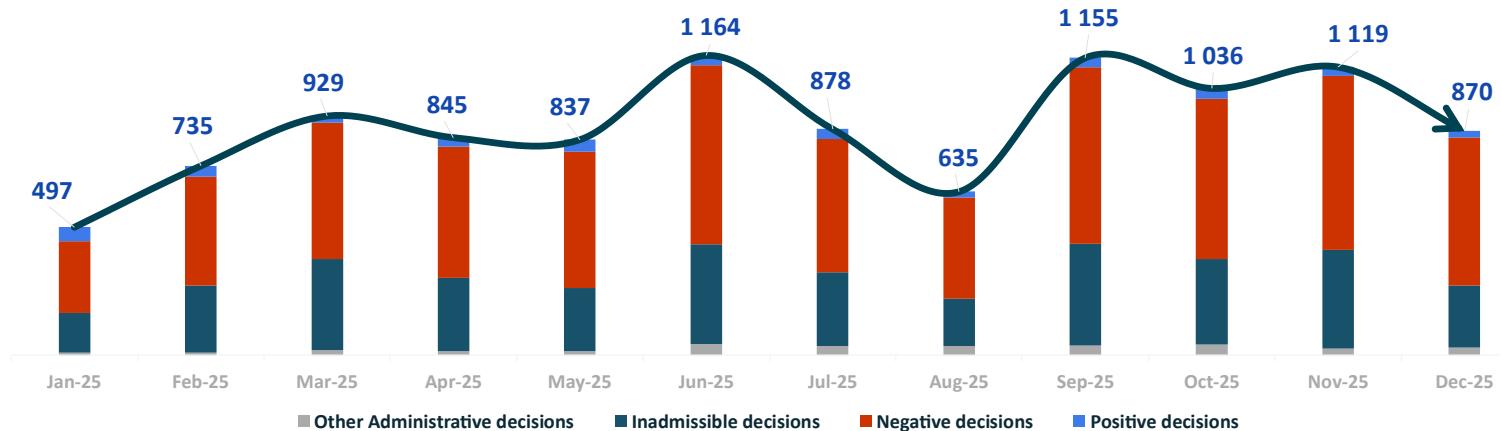
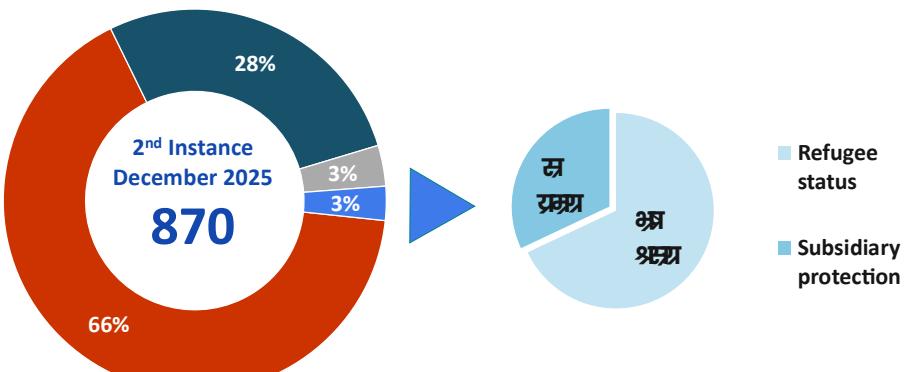


Chart 13. 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance Decisions per month and type for 2025 and for the month of reference (December 2025). - See Appendix Table 8b

## 7. Appeals



Appeals in the 12-months of 2025 increased by 4% compared to the 12-months of 2024.

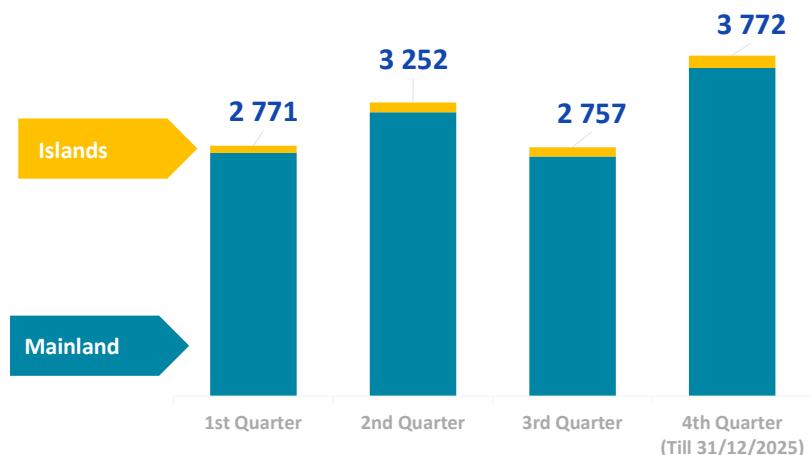
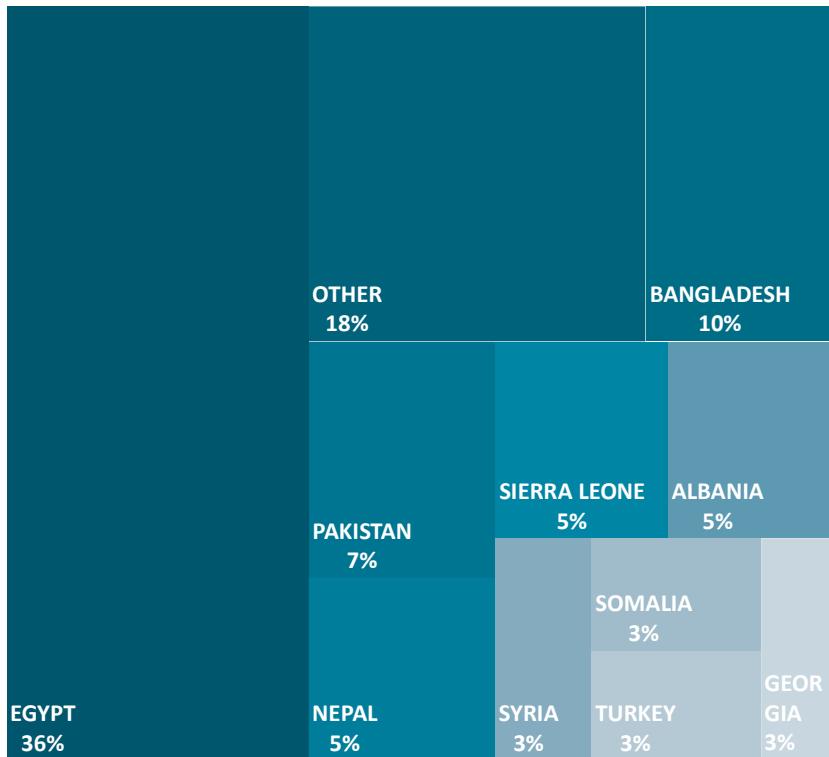


Chart 14. Appeals that have been lodged the 12-months of 2025 per location and quarter – See Appendix Table 9a



12.552 appeals have been lodged from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025.

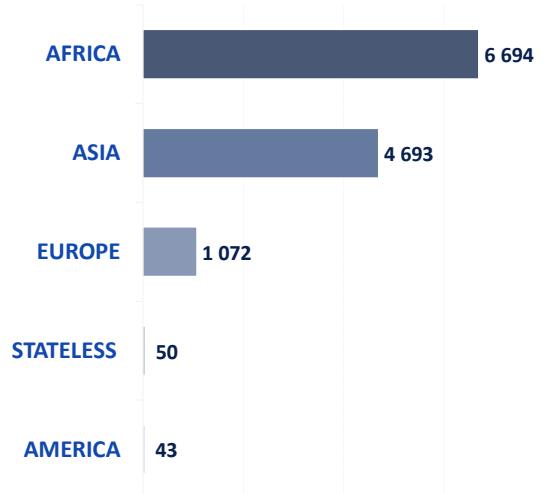


Chart 15. Appeals that have been lodged the 12-months of 2025 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) – See Appendix Table 9b

## 8a. Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection – Decisions issued in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance

The total backlog (pending applications and decisions) increased by 13% in December 2025 compared to the corresponding month of 2024.



Chart 16. Aggregate Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection - pending Decisions in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance per month – See Appendix Table 10a

A comparison between December 2025 and December 2024 shows that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instance decisions have been increased by 29%

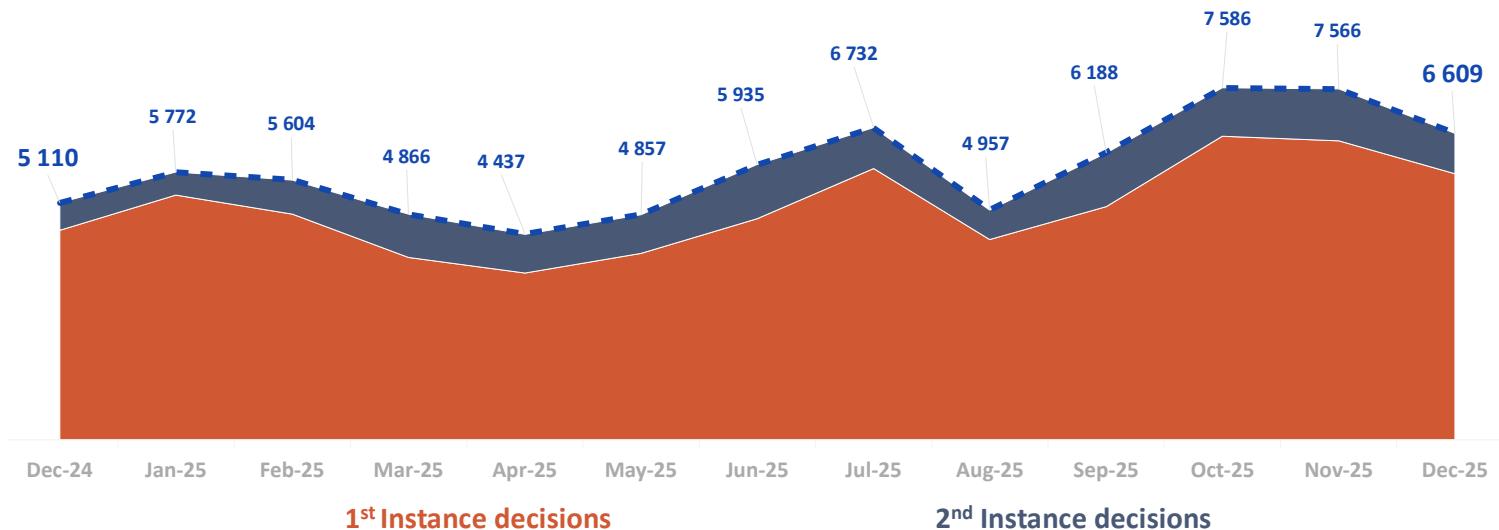


Chart 17. Aggregate Decisions issued in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance per month - See Appendix Table 10a

- The average time for a 2nd Instance decision to be issued is 88 days since the date of appeal lodging, while it is 50 days from the date of appeal discussion.
- The number of appellants who applied and benefited from free legal aid is 1.937 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2.092 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 1.907 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and 2.821 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025.
- The total of pending decisions of Appeals Authority (3.630 pending) consists of cases that have been discussed till December 2025 (1.882 pending) or are scheduled to be discussed till March 2026 (1.748 pending).

See Appendix Table 10b

## 8b. Pending decisions in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instance regarding notification status

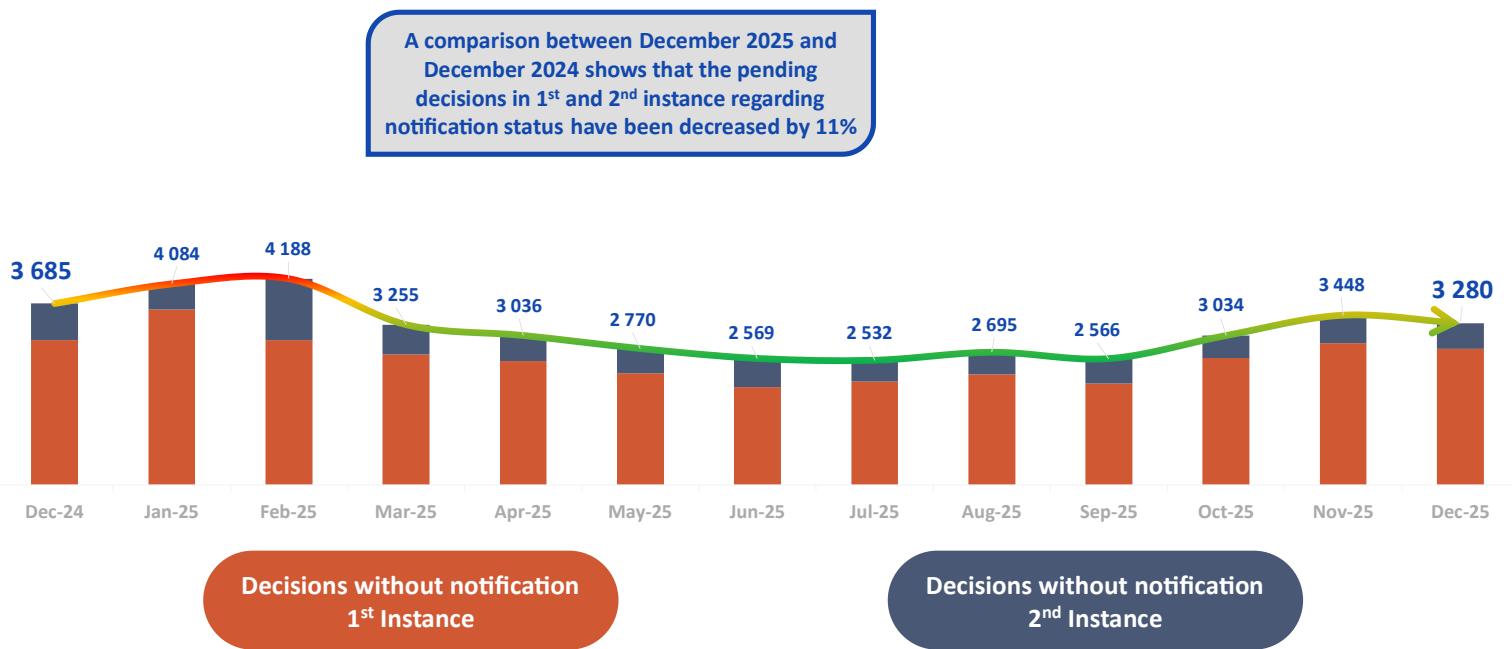


Chart 18. Aggregate pending decisions in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instance regarding notification status per month - See Appendix Table 10c

### 9a. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Refugee Status in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance

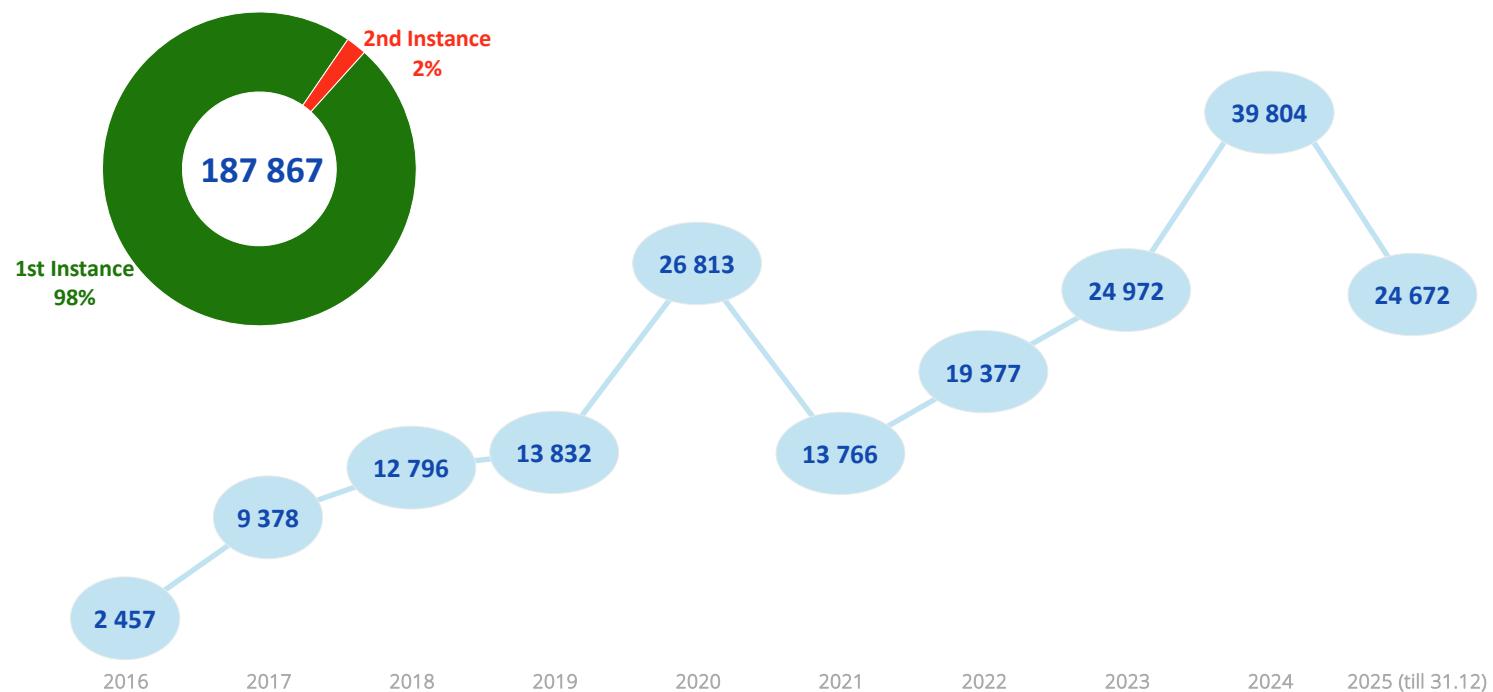


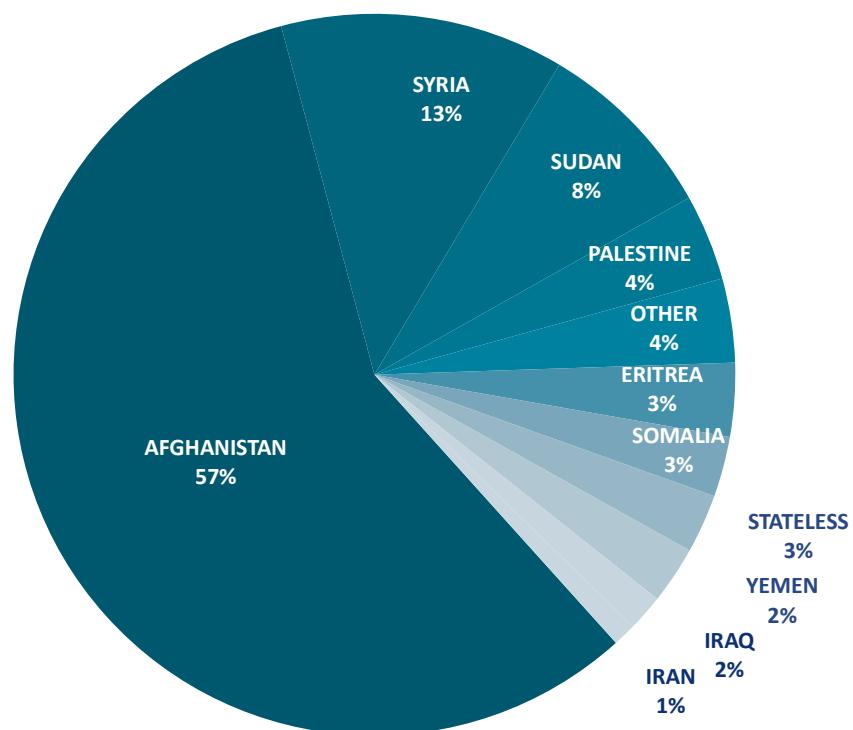
Chart 19. Aggregate Refugee Status Decisions that have been issued in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instance. For 2025, the number of Refugee Status Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (December). See Appendix Table 11a

### 9b. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Subsidiary Protection status in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance



Chart 20. Aggregate Subsidiary Protection Decisions that have been issued in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> instance. For 2025, the number of Subsidiary Protection Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (December). See Appendix Table 11b

### 9c. Positive decisions in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance per nationality and age group



A total of 27.181 positive decisions have been issued in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025, 70% of them referring to citizens of Afghanistan and Syria.

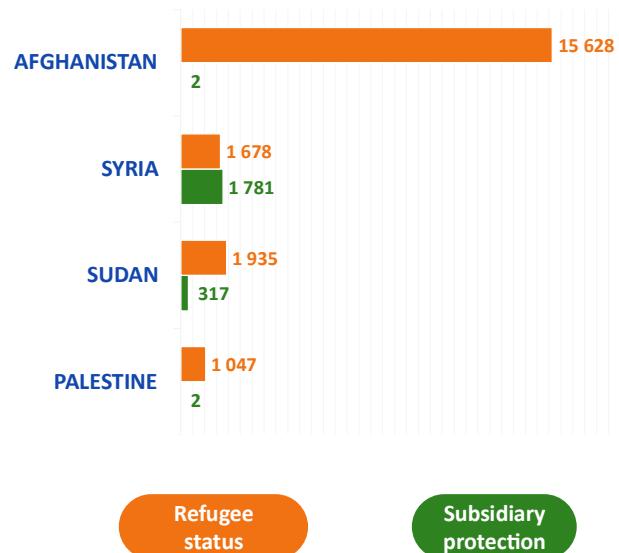


Chart 21. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 12-months of 2025 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 11c

24.672 decisions granting Refugee status and 2.509 granting Subsidiary Protection have been issued from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025. The 32% of the total positive decisions (27.181) refers to minors, 52% refers to the age group between 18-34, 16% refers to the age group between 35-64 and 1% refers to the age group 65+.

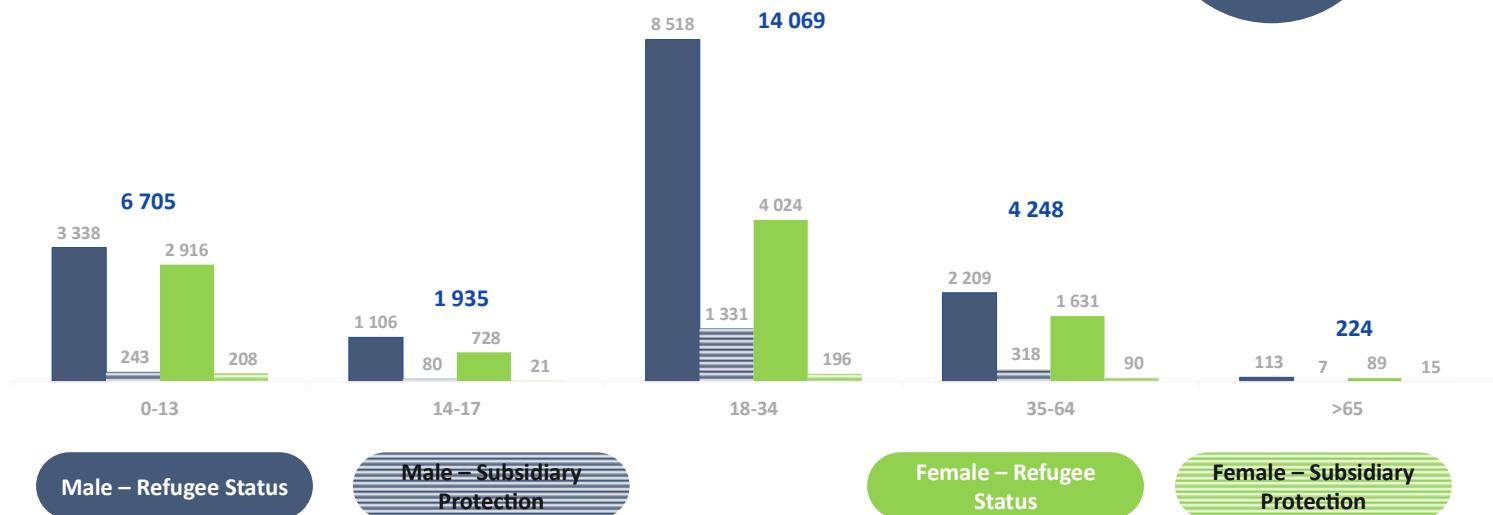
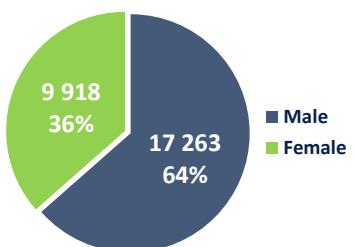
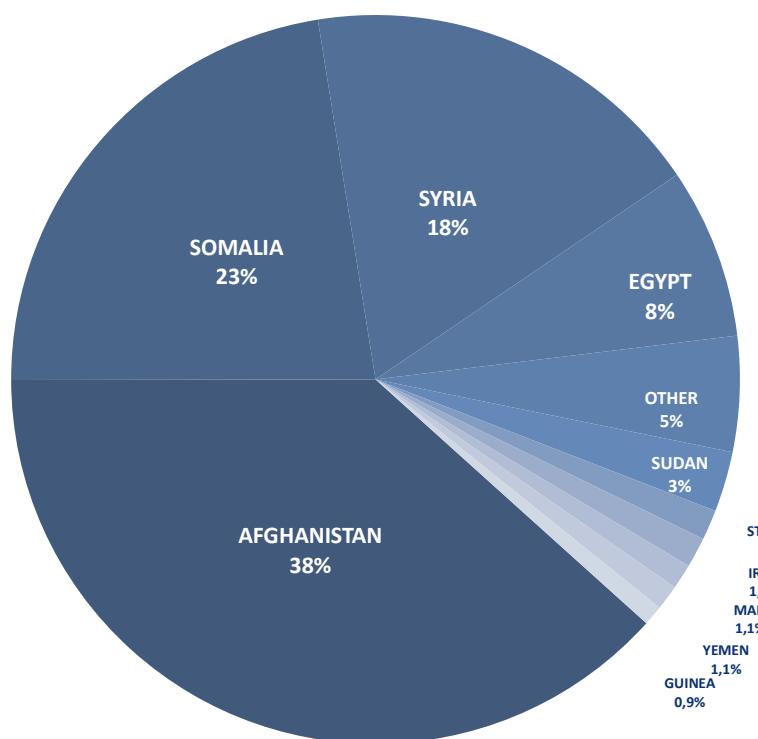


Chart 22. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 12-months of 2025 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 11d

#### 9d. Positive decisions of unaccompanied minors in 1<sup>st</sup> Instance per nationality and age group



A total of 449 positive decisions have been issued in 1<sup>st</sup> Instance from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025 regarding unaccompanied minors, 61% of them referring to Afghanistan and Somalia.

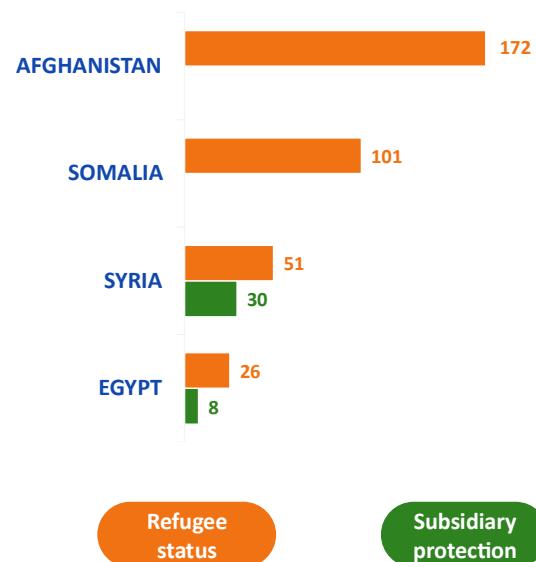


Chart 23. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1<sup>st</sup> Instance of unaccompanied minors in 12-months of 2025 per Nationality (Top Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 11e

402 decisions granting Refugee status and 47 granting Subsidiary Protection have been issued from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025. The 13% of the total positive decisions (449) refers to the age group between 0-13, 87% refers to the age group between 14-17.

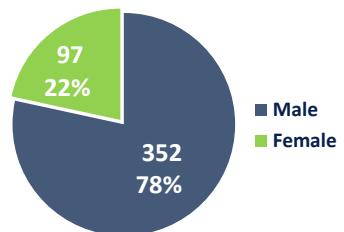


Chart 24. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1<sup>st</sup> Instance of unaccompanied minors in 12-months of 2025 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 11f

## 9e. Recognition Rate in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance

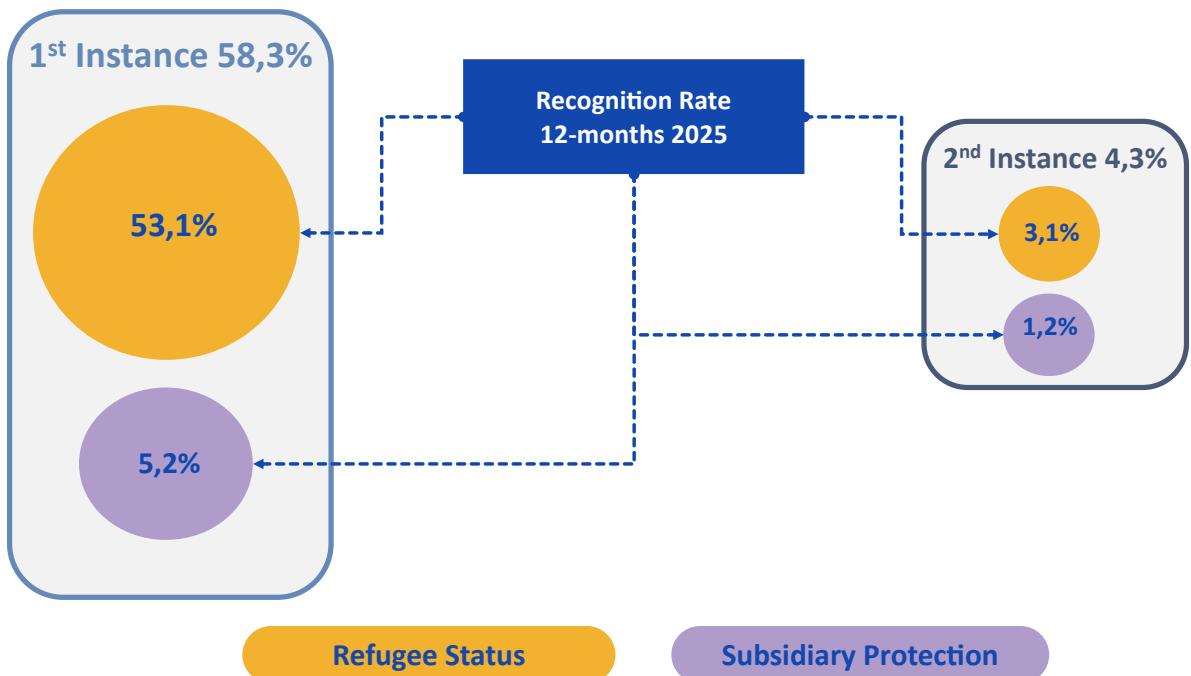


Chart 25. Recognition Rate in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance. See Appendix Table 11g

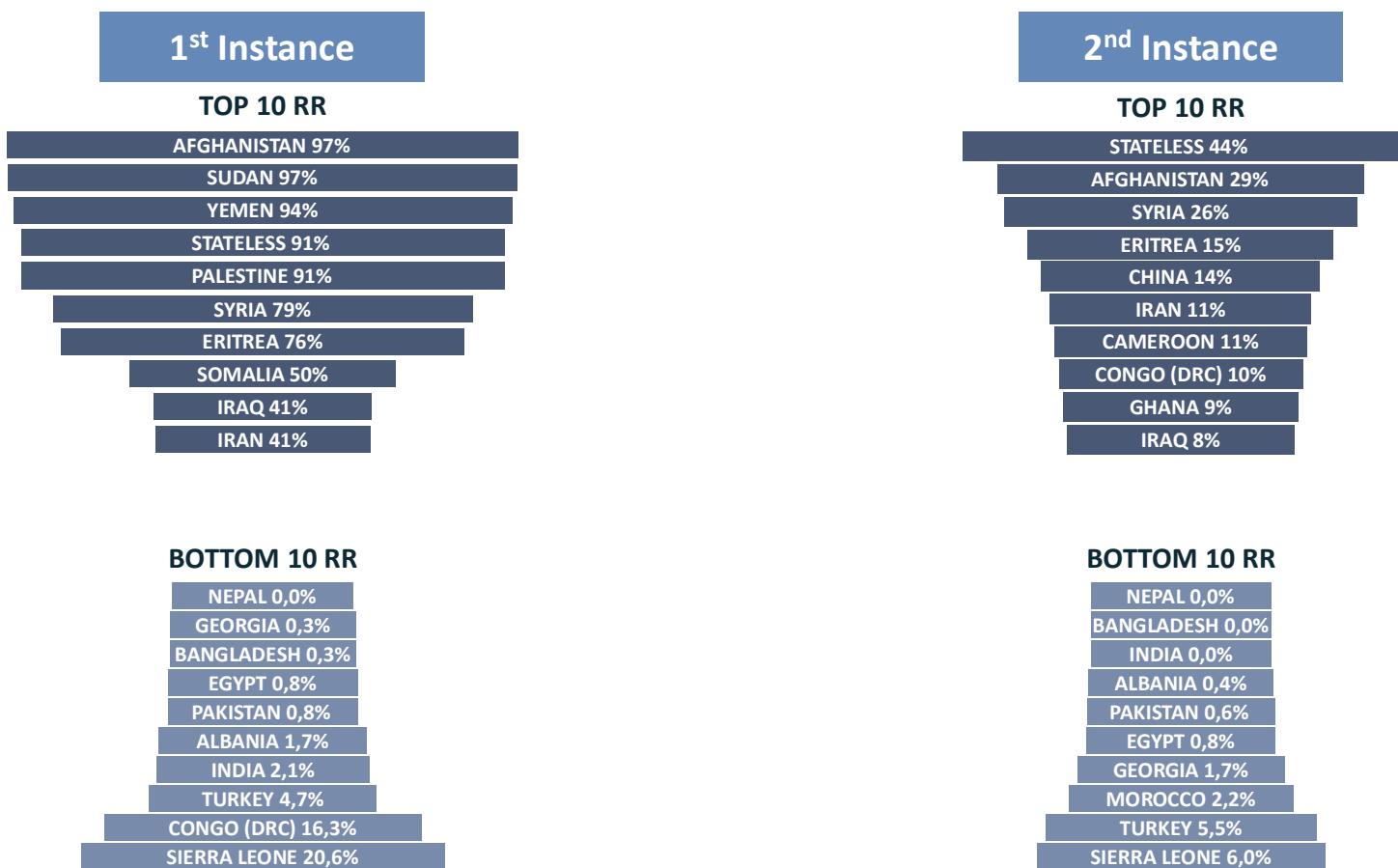


Chart 26. Recognition Rate 12-months 2025 in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance for top and bottom 10 nationalities. For the calculation of Recognition rate in 1<sup>st</sup> Instance have been included nationalities for which have been issued at least 140 decisions in 2025 and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance at least 44 decisions. See Appendix Table 11g

\*RR=Recognition Rate

## 10. Applications for annulment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court

The 18,5% of the total applications for annulment per year of lodging (6.720) are pending while for the rest of them (81,5%), a decision has been issued. 5,6% of the decisions had a positive outcome and 94,4% were rejected.



From the total of 5.479 decisions regarding applications for annulment (per year of decision) 64% have been issued in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

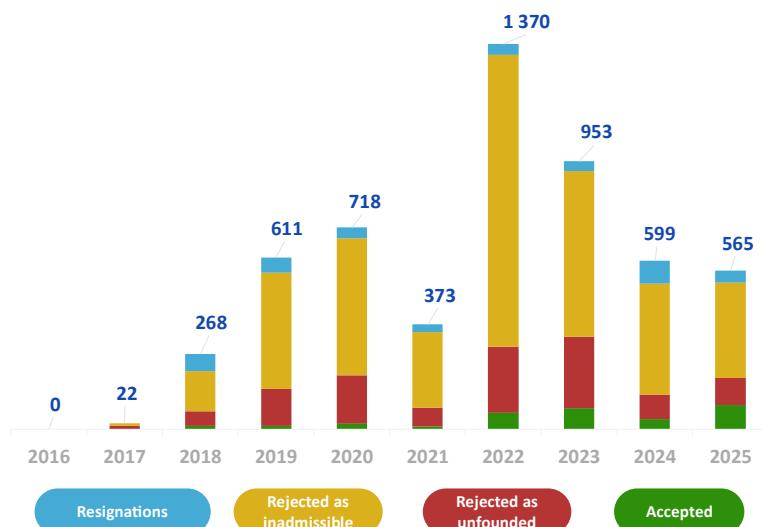


Chart 27. Applications for annulment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court per year of lodging (Left) – Decisions regarding Applications for annulment per year of decision (Right). See Appendix Table 12a and 12b

## 11a. HELIOS+ Integration Program (Integrated Actions for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals into the Labor Market)

The HELIOS+ program has been implemented since January 2025 by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) across all regions of the country, through its integration into the Regional Operational Programs and with funding from the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

It is addressed to beneficiaries of international and temporary protection, aiming to support their independent living and social integration process through the provision of the following integrated services:

- support for independent living
- integration counseling
- Greek language courses
- facilitation of access to the labor market
- awareness-raising among the local community and promotion of social cohesion

The Ministry of Migration and Asylum, through the Directorate of Social Integration, monitors the implementation of the HELIOS+ program's activities, as reflected in the relevant monthly Factsheets published by the Implementing Agency on the program's official website.

From 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025, 1.883 beneficiaries have been enrolled in the program. Among them, 934 beneficiaries have received rental subsidies, 1.053 have received integration counseling services, and 938 have received employment counseling services.

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Total registered beneficiaries since the beginning of the project

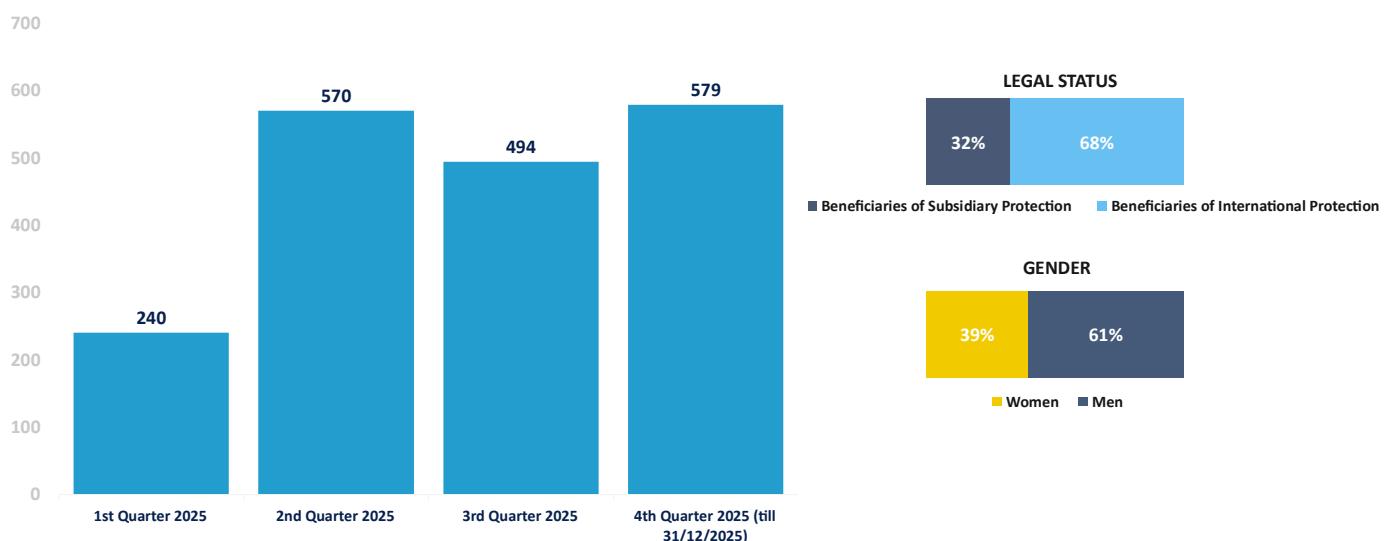
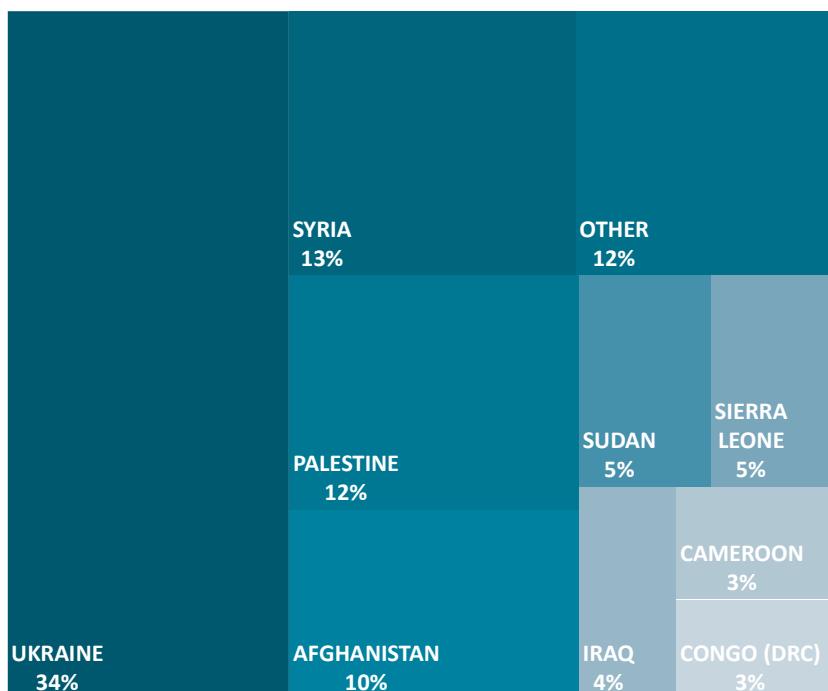


Chart 28. Helios+ Enrollments per quarter. See Appendix Table 13



59% of the total 1.883 registered beneficiaries from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025 come from Ukraine, Syria and Palestine.

Chart 29. Helios+ Enrollments per nationality. See Appendix Table 14

## 11b. HELIOS JUNIOR Integration Program (Integrated Actions for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals into the Labor Market)

The HELIOS Junior programme has been implemented since October 2024 by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in cooperation with experienced implementing partners and with funding from the European Union's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

It is addressed to third-country nationals aged 18–21 who legally reside in Greece and arrived in the country as unaccompanied minors, with the aim of supporting them during their exit from previous accommodation facilities, ensuring a smooth transition to independent living conditions, and facilitating their integration into Greek society and the labour market.

In summary, the services provided to the programme's beneficiaries include:

- accommodation in rented and fully furnished apartments and support for independent living
- development of an individual integration plan and continuous monitoring and support throughout the integration process
- individual counselling, referral to formal education and training providers for attendance of Greek language courses and vocational training programmes, and support in the certification of knowledge and skills
- provision of a monthly cash allowance to cover basic needs

The Ministry of Migration and Asylum, through the Directorate of Social Integration, monitors the implementation of the physical scope of the HELIOS Junior programme, as recorded and presented in the monthly Factsheets published by the Implementing Body on the programme's official website.

From 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025, a total of 341 individuals have been enrolled in the programme.

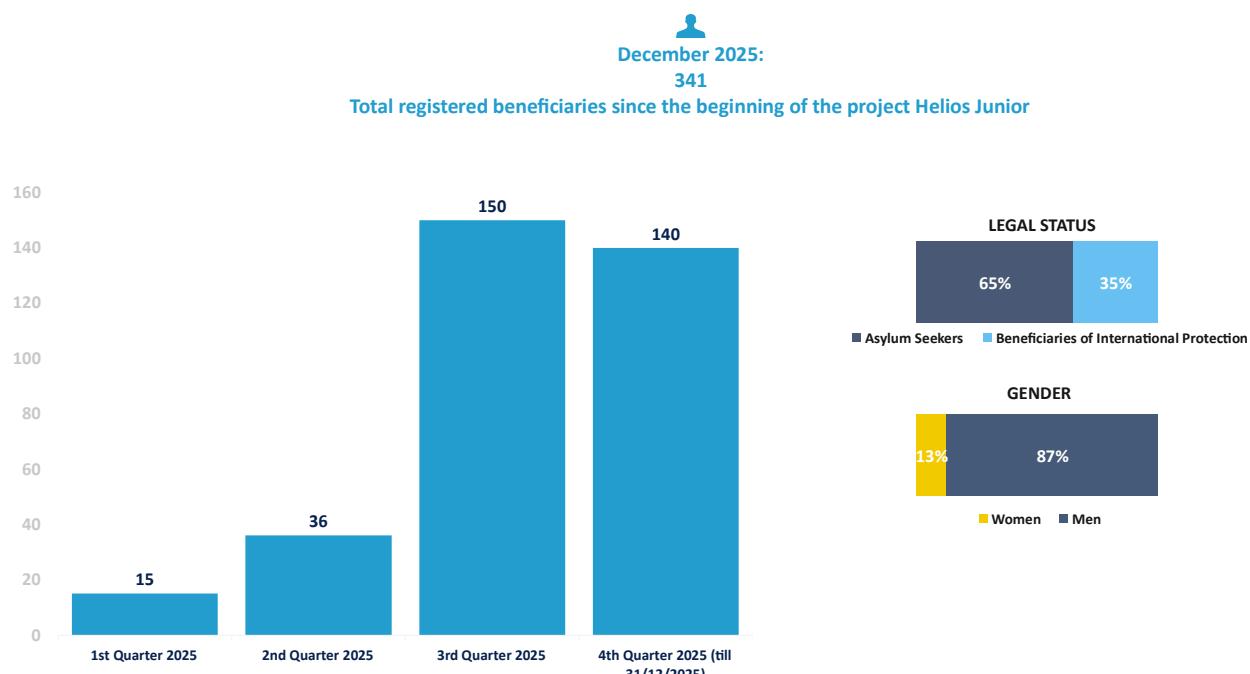
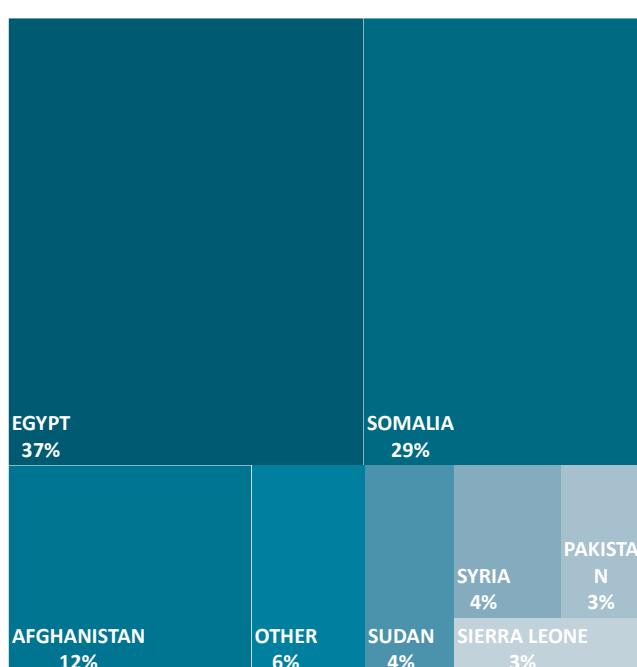


Chart 30. Helios Junior Enrollments per quarter. See Appendix Table 15



78% of the total 341 registered beneficiaries from 1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025 come from Egypt, Somalia and Afghanistan.

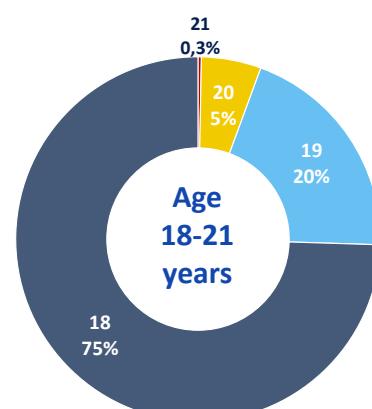
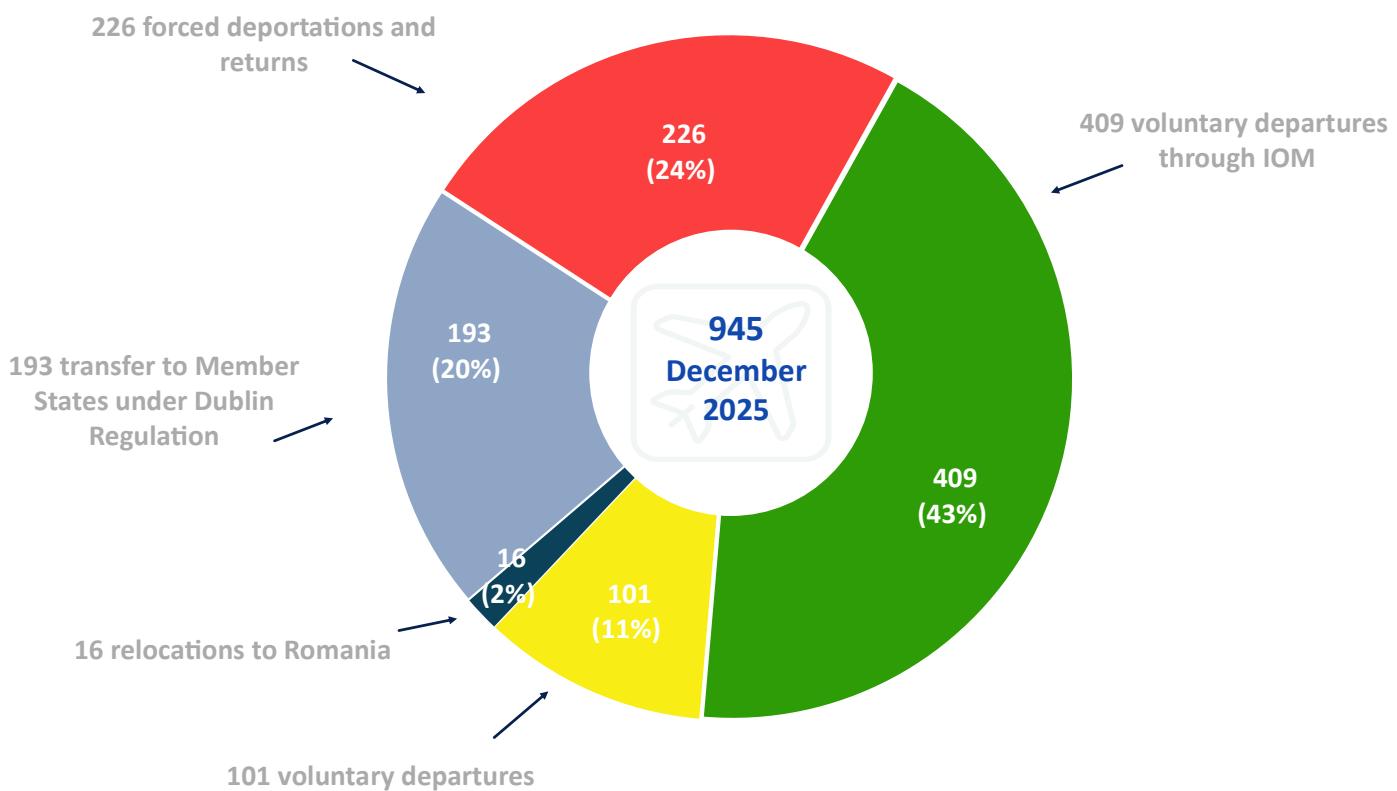


Chart 31. Helios Junior Enrollments per nationality and age. See Appendix Table 16

## 12. Returns - Departures

In December 2025 the departures from Greece to third countries outside the EU, as well as to member states of the European Union are the following:

- 226 forced deportations and returns of third country nationals, based on agreements of the European Union, but also bilateral agreements of our country.
- 409 voluntary departures through IOM.
- 101 voluntary departures of immigrants from our country to their countries of origin.
- 193 transfers to Member States of the European Union under the Dublin Regulation.
- 16 people seeking International Protection was transferred to Romania in the context of voluntarily relocation program.
- Returns under the EU - Turkey Joint Declaration have not been made since December 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 945 people left the country in December, while 5.398 arrived.



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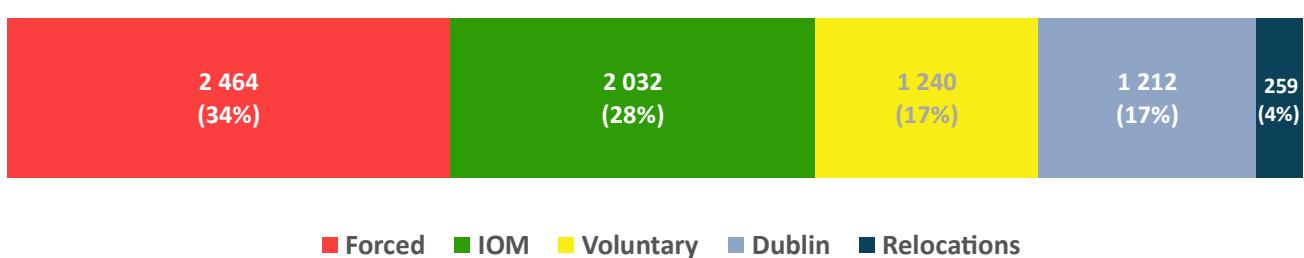
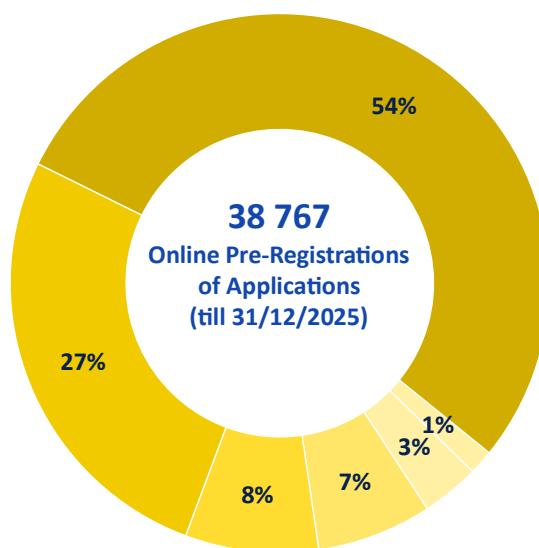


Chart 32. Returns-Departures – See Appendix Table 17.

All tables are included in Appendix A

### 13. Special Edition – Arrivals of Ukraine citizens due to war



Attica

Thessaloniki

Crete

Western  
Greece

Alimos

Rhodes

Chart 33. Total Ukrainian Residents & Online pre-registrations of applications (December 2025) - See Appendix Table 18

Until 31/12/2025 there were issued 38.138 cards for Temporary Protection to displaced people from Ukraine where 70% refers to women and 30% to men.

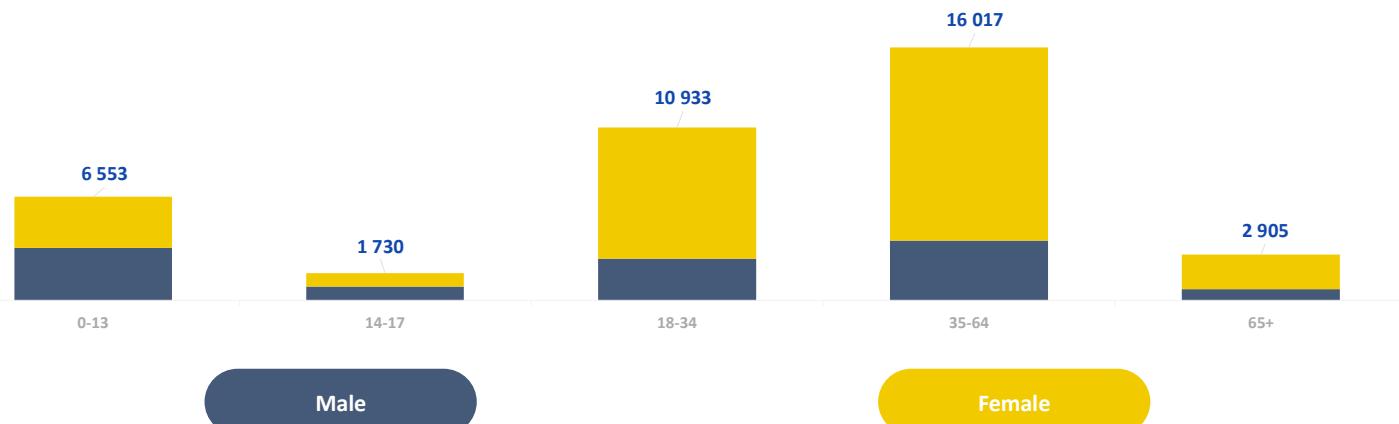
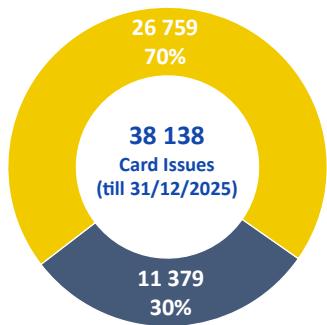


Chart 34. Total card issues to Ukrainians for Temporary Protection per age group and gender (December 2025) - See Appendix Table 19

#### 14. Special Edition – Migration flows in central mediterranean route

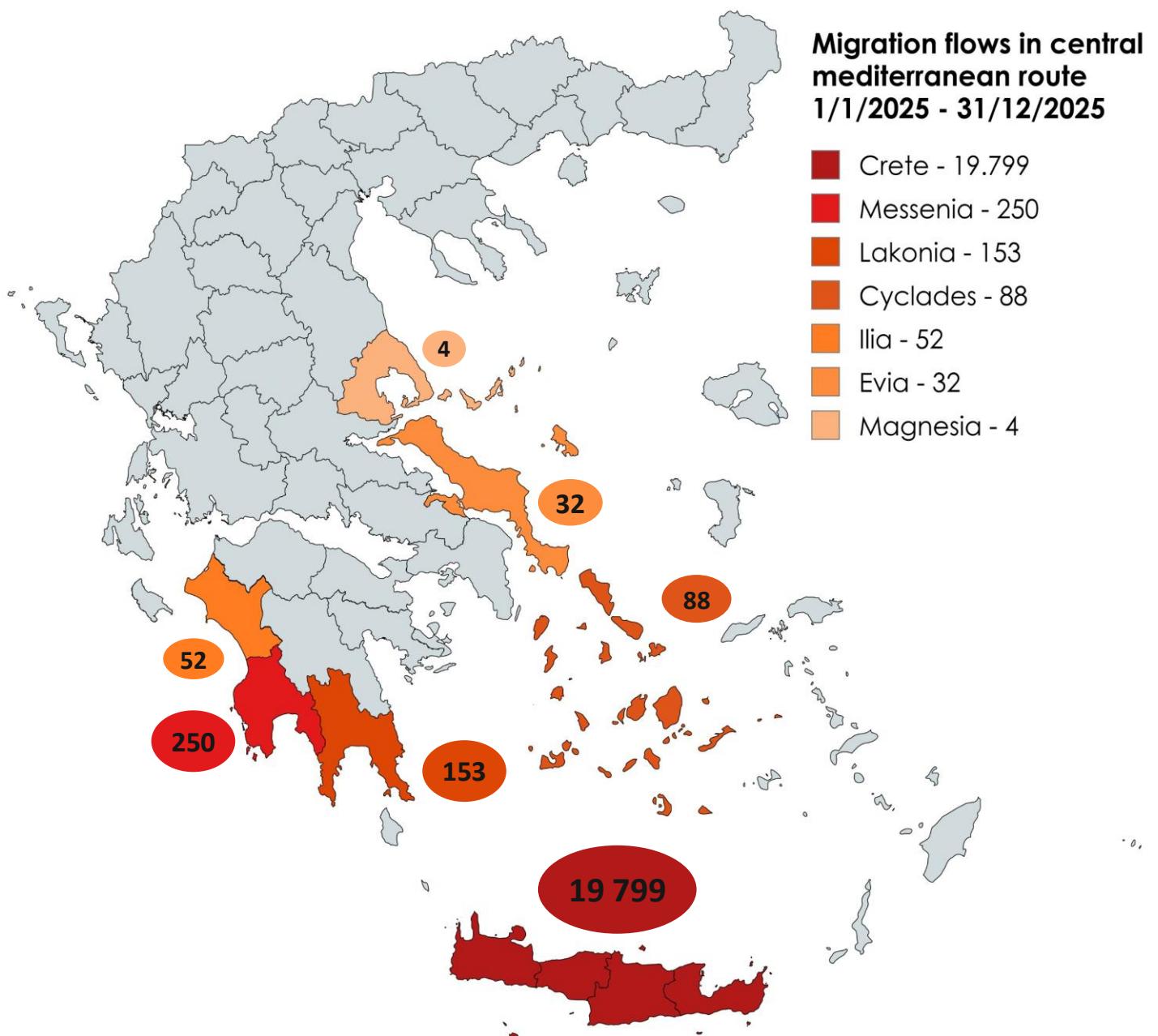


Chart 35. Migration flows in central mediterranean route (1/1/2025-31/12/2025) - See Appendix Table 20

## 15. Special Edition – Annual data regarding Arrivals, Residents & 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance Procedures

### 15a. Arrivals

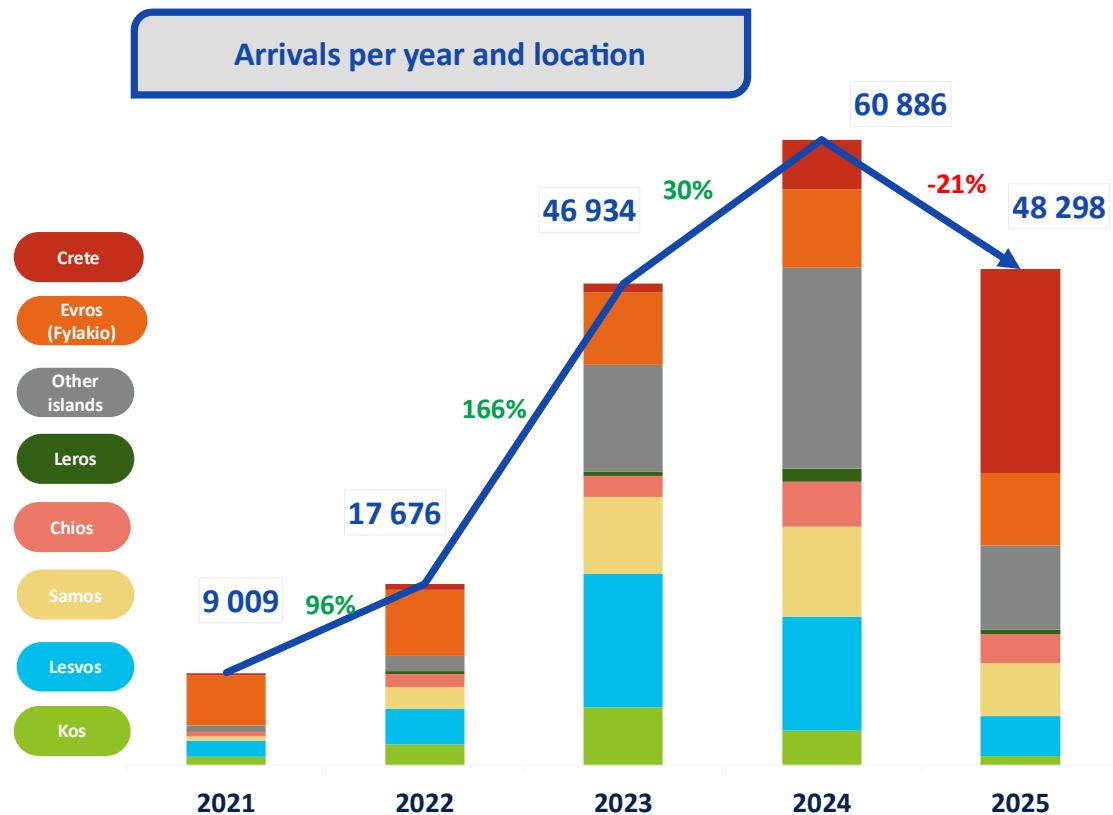


Chart 36: Arrivals per year and location for years 2021-2025

### 15b. Residents

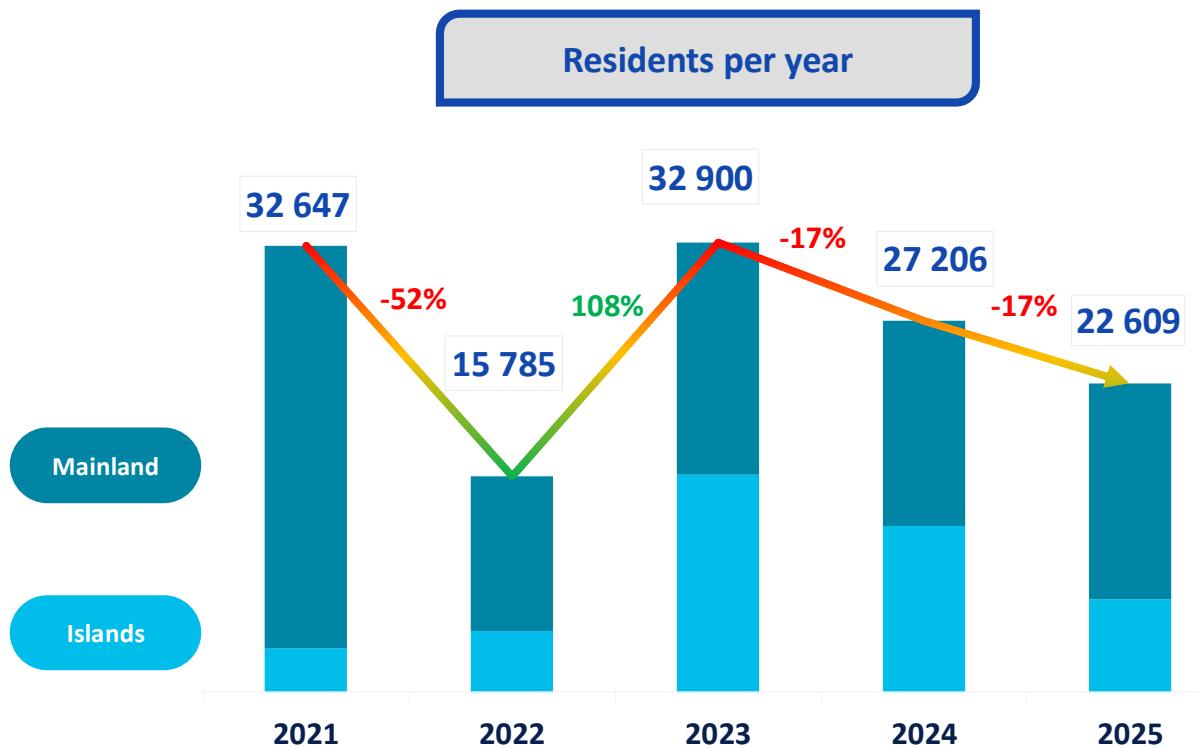


Chart 37: Residents per year and location for years 2021-2025

## 15c. Arrivals - Applications for International Protection

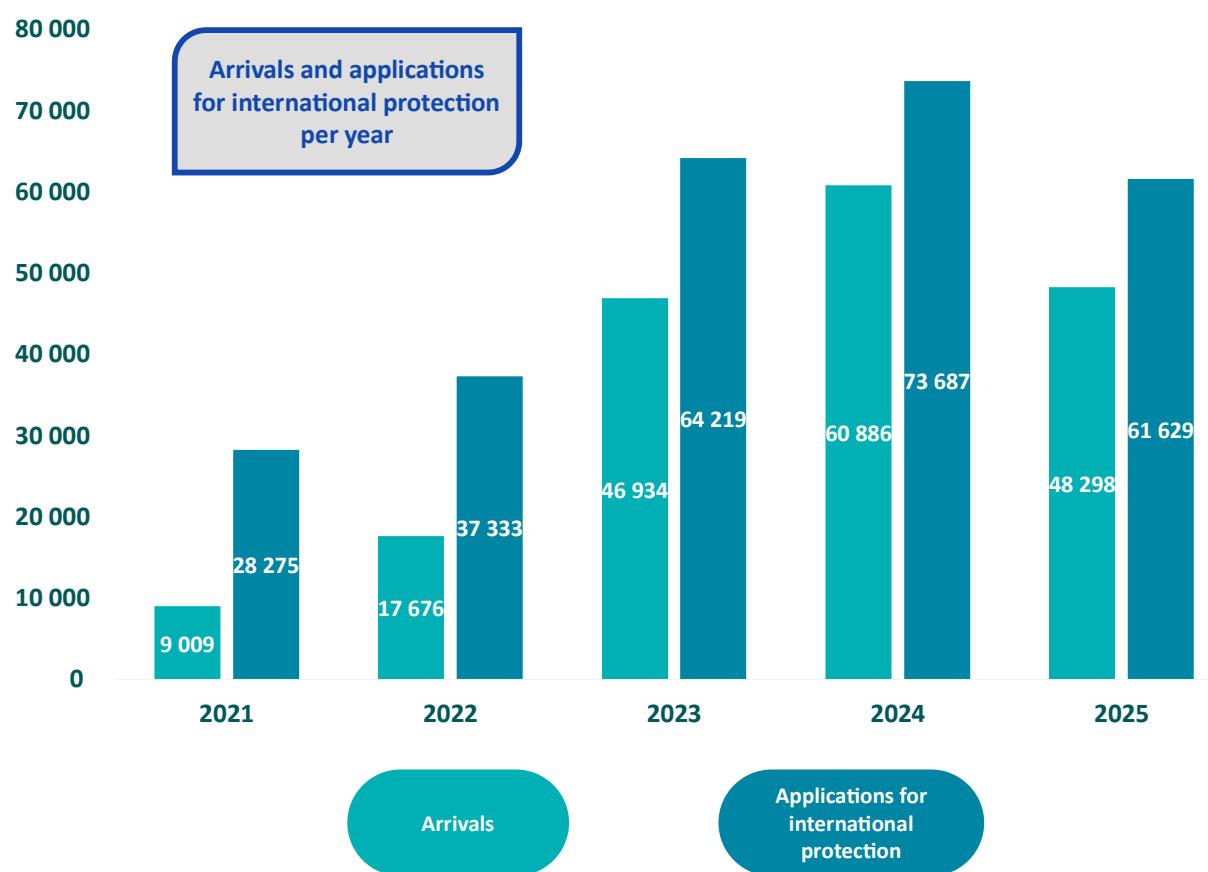


Chart 38: Arrivals and Applications for International protection per year for years 2021-2025

## 15d. 1<sup>st</sup> Instance Procedures

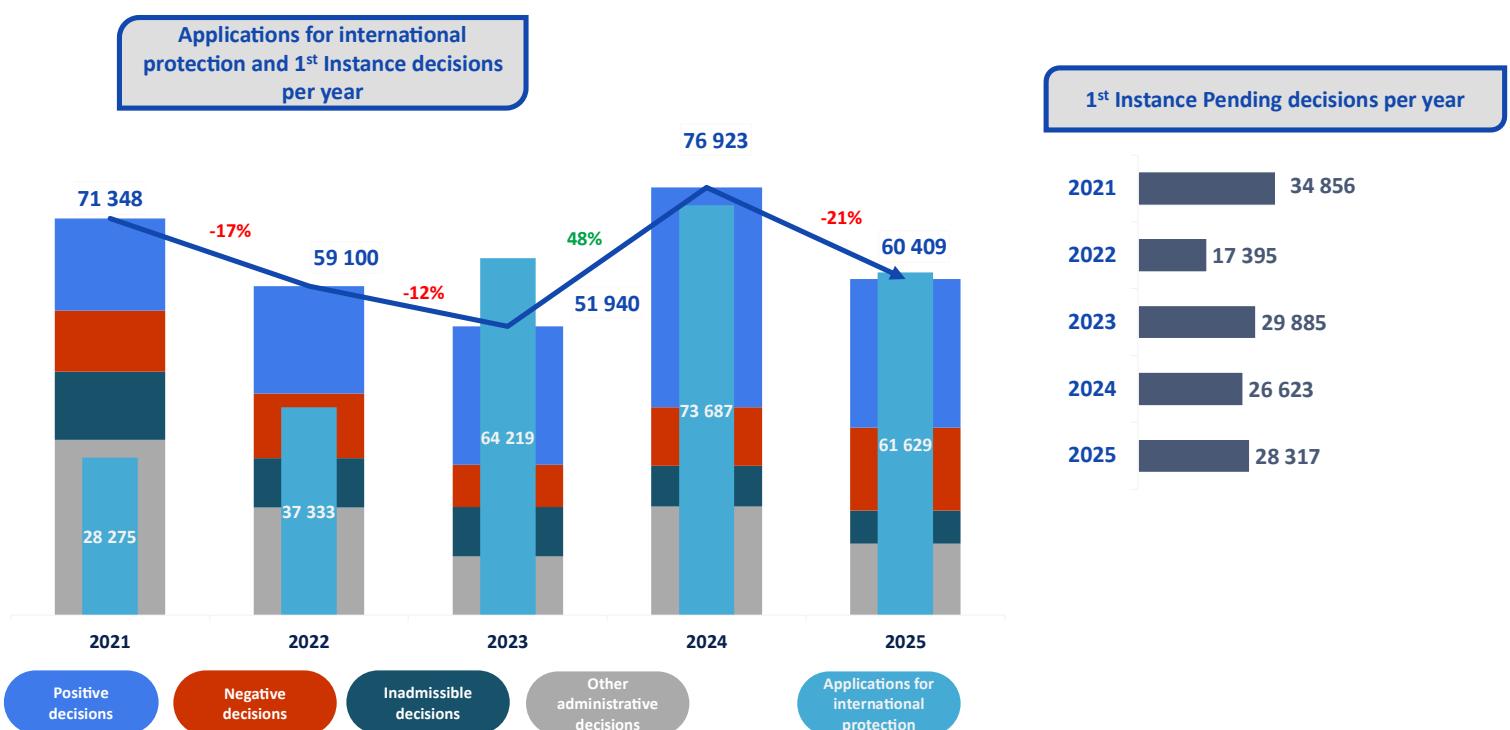


Chart 39: Applications for International protection, 1<sup>st</sup> Instance decisions and pending decisions per year for years 2021-2025

## 15e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance Procedures

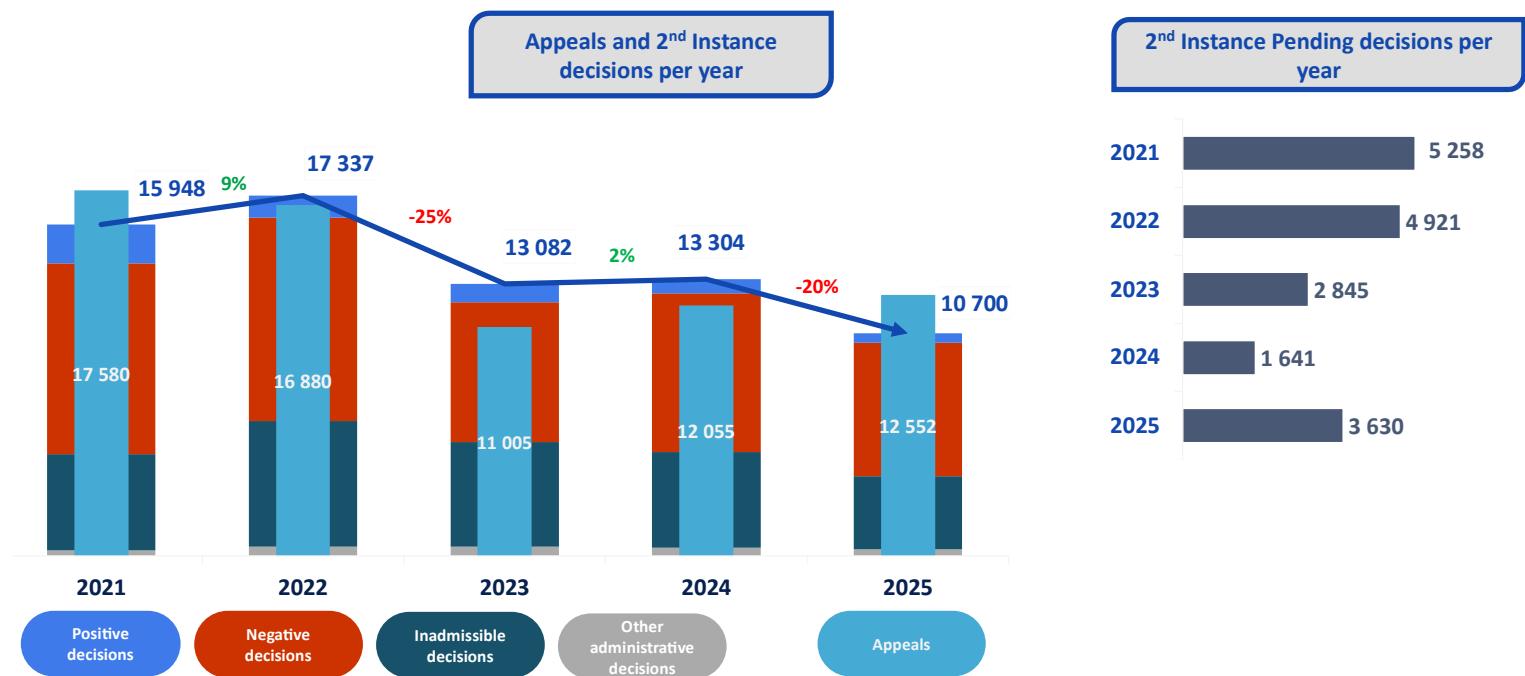


Chart 40: Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance decisions and pending decisions per year for years 2021-2025