



## Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 September 2017

**Hungarian Helsinki Committee**

### **How many?**

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Total
Blocked entries at the border fence <sup>1</sup>	1 679	2 183	647	27	395	1 024	848	938	7 741
Escorts to the external side of the border fence <sup>1</sup>	1 423	1 050	350	118	330	711	725	1 237	5 944
Irregular migrants apprehended	138	166	37	46	112	50	162	303	1 014
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 240</b>	<b>3 399</b>	<b>1 034</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1 785</b>	<b>1 735</b>	<b>2 478</b>	<b>14 699</b>

**As a result of the "8-kilometre rule" legalising push-backs, the daily limit of people admitted to enter the transit zone (5-5 persons during working days since February 2017), and the changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017<sup>1</sup> the number of registered asylum applications remains low.**

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Asylum applications registered in Hungary	536	433	321	205	247	237	238	274	2 491

In January-August 2017, **618** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 68 were refugee and 550 were "subsidiary protection" statuses) while **2 551** applications were rejected. Recognition rate for those arriving from war- and terror-torn countries remains low.

Country of Origin	All in-merit decisions	Granted Protection	Refused Protection	Rate of Recognition
<b>Afghanistan</b>	1 359	225 (14 refugee, 211 subsidiary protection)	1 134	<b>19,8%</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	370	65 (7 refugee, 58 subsidiary protection)	305	<b>17,5%</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	12	9 (1 refugee, 8 subsidiary protection)	3	<b>75%</b>
<b>Syria</b>	826	253 (9 refugee, 244 subsidiary protection)	573	<b>30,6%</b>

### **From where?**

In January-August 2017, the majority of asylum-seekers (**82 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 18 % from Syria, 42 % from Afghanistan, 22 % from Iraq and 0,2 % from Somalia. Of all the applicants, **44 %** were **children** and **35 % women**.

### **Where are they?**

Based on the information provided to the HHC by UNHCR, the Immigration and Asylum Office hosted **471** asylum-seekers in its facilities on 21 August 2017: **25** were accommodated at **open reception centres** and **19** were **detained in asylum detention centres**. **A total of 427 people were detained in the two transit zones.**

### **Dublin returns**

In January-August 2017, **128** asylum-seekers were **returned to Hungary** under the Dublin Regulation, primarily from Austria (79) and Germany (30). No transfers took place in August.

### **Returns to Serbia**

Police statistics show that in January-July 2017, **140** irregular migrants were officially **returned to Serbia**. (Neither the refusal of the asylum applications in the transit zones, nor the "legalised" push-backs since 5 July result in such official readmissions). Of the 140 persons readmitted to Serbia, 95 were Serbian citizens. None of the returnees were Syrian, Afghan, Iraqi or Somali citizens.

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<sup>1</sup> For further information on the „8-kilometre rule”, please see the [HHC's note](#). According to the [changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017](#), the so-called „8-kilometre rule” is applicable to the entire territory of Hungary when a „state of crisis due to mass migration” is in effect. The government proclaimed a nationwide „state of crisis due to mass migration” and it was in effect in August 2017.