



## Hungary: Key Asylum Figures for 2017

**Hungarian Helsinki Committee**

### **How many?**

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Blocked entries at the border fence <sup>1</sup>	1 679	2 183	647	27	395	1 024	848	938	834	709	1 117	563	10 964
Escorts to the external side of the border fence <sup>1</sup>	1 423	1 050	350	118	330	711	725	1 237	1 098	687	869	538	9 136
Irregular migrants apprehended	138	166	37	46	112	50	162	303	312	181	64	46	1 617
<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>2 244</b>	<b>1 577</b>	<b>2 050</b>	<b>1 147</b>	<b>21 717</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.**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Asylum applications	536	433	321	205	247	237	238	274	234	234	228	210	3 397

In 2017, **1216** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 106 were refugee and 1110 were "subsidiary protection" statuses) while **2 880** applications were rejected. Recognition rates for those arriving from war- and terror-torn countries remain low.

Country of Origin	All in-merit decisions	Granted Protection	Refused Protection	Rate of Recognition
<b>Afghanistan</b>	1 749	529 (20 refugee, 509 subsidiary protection)	1 220	<b>30 %</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	688	178 (10 refugee, 168 subsidiary protection)	510	<b>26 %</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	15	12 (1 refugee, 11 subsidiary protection)	3	<b>80 %</b>
<b>Syria</b>	957	384 (10 refugee, 374 subsidiary protection)	573	<b>40 %</b>

### **From where?**

In 2017, the majority of asylum-seekers (**83 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 17 % from Syria, 42 % from Afghanistan, 24 % from Iraq and 0,3 % from Somalia. Of all the applicants, **47 %** were **children** and **36,5 % women**.

### **Where are they?**

Based on the information provided to the HHC by UNHCR, the Immigration and Asylum Office hosted **493** asylum-seekers in its facilities on 11 December 2017: **15** were accommodated at **open reception centres** and **5** were **detained in asylum detention centres**. **A total of 473 people were detained in the two transit zones, including 213 children.**

### **Dublin returns**

In 2017, **129** asylum-seekers were **returned to Hungary** under the Dublin Regulation, primarily from Austria (78) and Germany (30).

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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 throughout 2017.