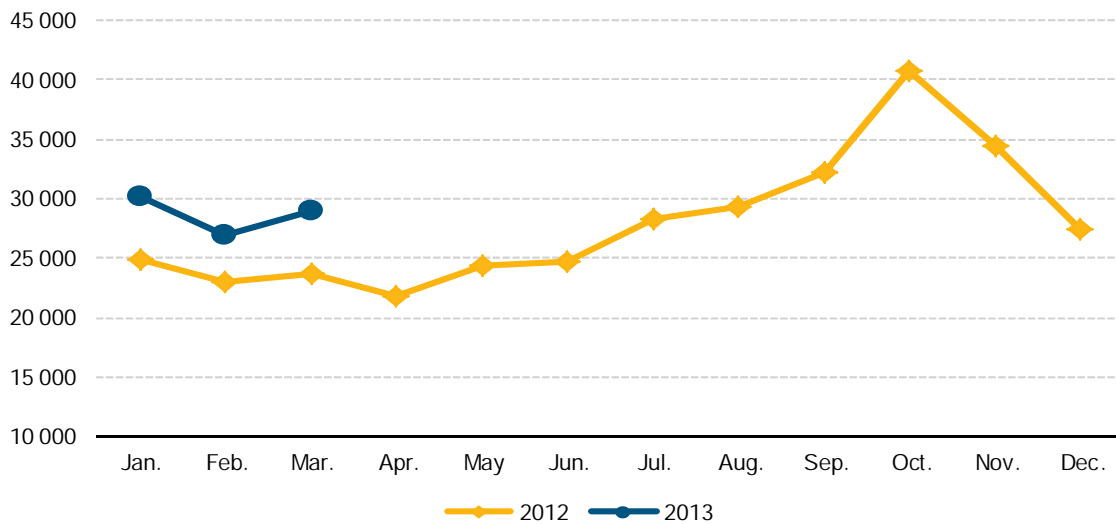


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: first quarter 2013

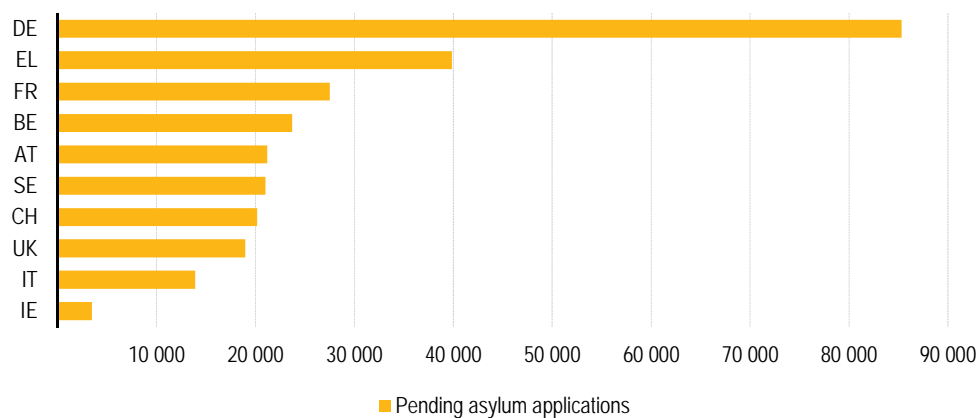
Asylum applicants in the EU-27 rose to more than 85 000 in Q1 2013, an increase of around 15 000 compared to Q1 2012

Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-27, January 2012 – March 2013



Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 2: Pending asylum applications on 31st of March 2013 (¹)

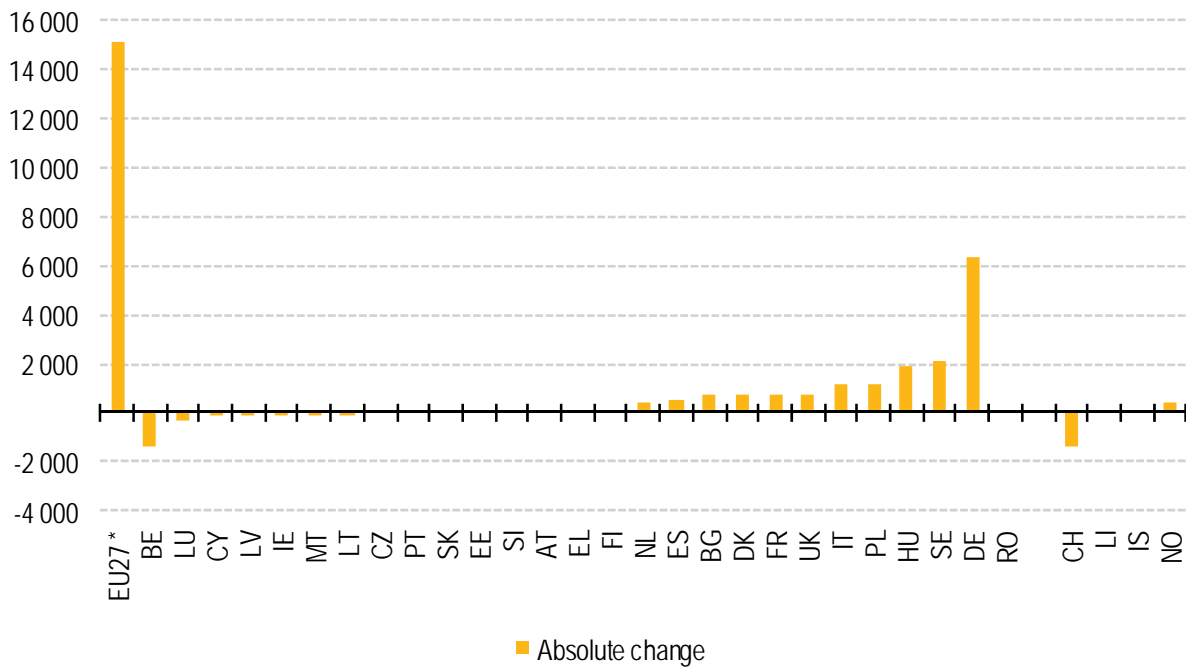


(¹) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyapentzm](#))

Germany reported by far the highest increase in asylum applicants in Q1 2013, more than 6 000 compared to Q1 2012

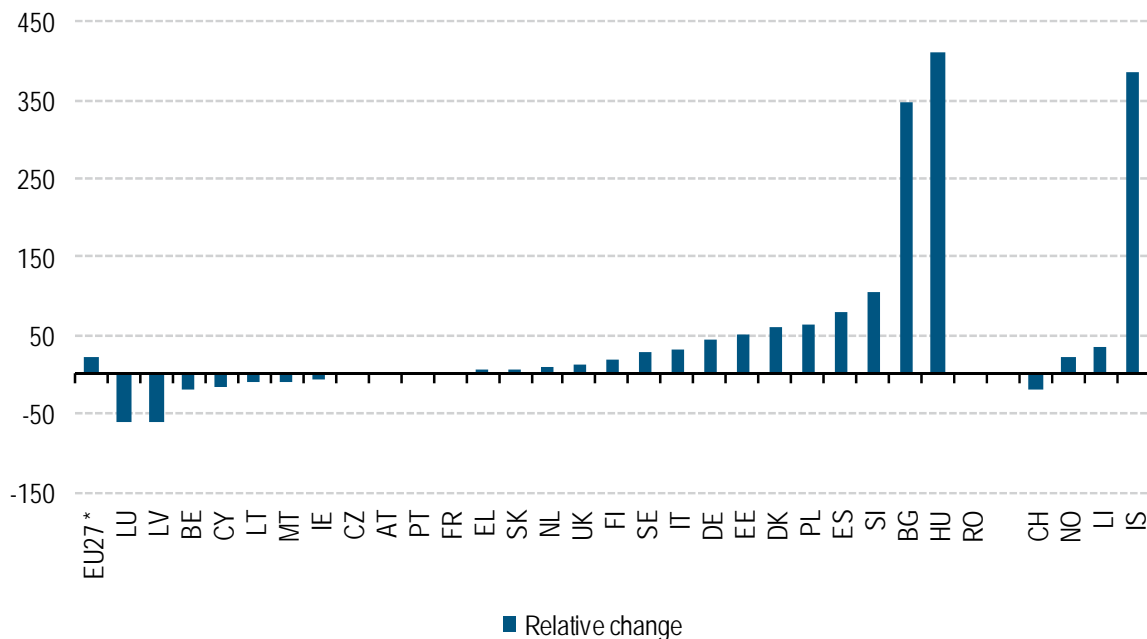
Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q1 2012 and Q1 2013



* EU27 aggregate excluding RO; data for Romania are not available for Q1 2013
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Nearly 4 times more asylum applicants in Hungary and Bulgaria in Q1 2013 compared to the same quarter of previous year

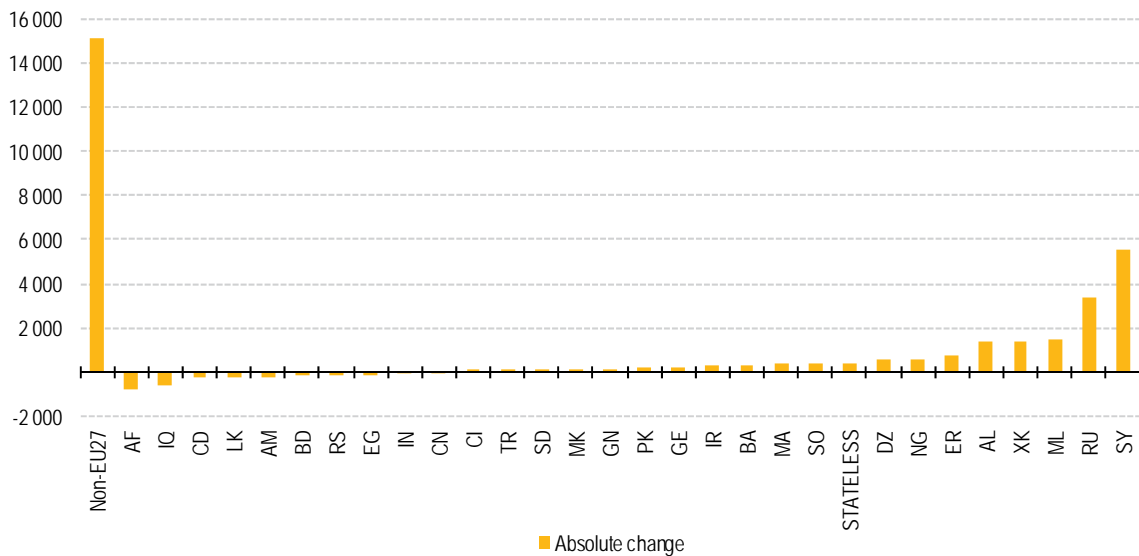
Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q1 2012 and Q1 2013, %



* EU27 aggregate excluding RO; data for Romania are not available for Q1 2013
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

High increase of asylum applicants from Syria and Russia in the EU-27 in Q1 2013, around 6 000 and 4 000 more respectively

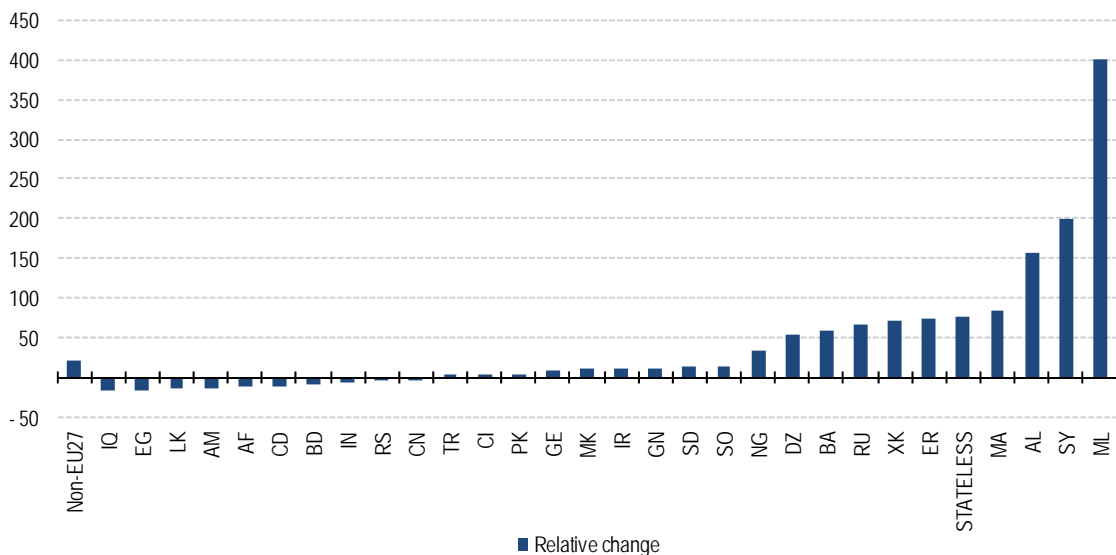
Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, absolute change between Q1 2012 and Q1 2013



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding RO
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

4 times more asylum seekers from Mali in Q1 2013 compared to Q1 2012

Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, relative change between Q1 2012 and Q1 2013, %



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding RO
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q1 2012 – Q1 2013

	Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q4 2012			Q1 2013			Change in % between Q4-2012 and Q1 2013	Change in % between Q1 2012 and Q1 2013	Applicants per million inhabitants (²) Q1 2013	Last 12 months
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.				
EU-28 (¹)	24 835	22 960	23 785	21 765	24 370	24 760	28 320	29 245	32 170	40 690	34 425	27 510	30 290	27 135	29 160	86 585	170	349 845	
EU-27 (¹)	24 835	22 960	23 785	21 765	24 370	24 760	28 320	29 245	32 170	40 690	34 425	27 510	30 125	26 990	28 990	86 105	170	346 365	
Belgium	2 645	2 380	2 195	2 130	2 330	2 330	2 505	2 225	2 360	2 715	2 210	2 055	2 230	1 815	1 835	5 880	- 16	- 19	26 755
Bulgaria	75	65	65	45	85	85	80	120	120	195	205	260	250	230	425	900	37	348	2 085
Czech Republic	60	65	60	40	65	65	45	80	60	85	55	60	70	50	65	185	- 7	0	740
Denmark	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	610	640	595	745	550	575	1 875	1	61	6 755
Germany	5 515	4 710	4 470	4 095	4 390	4 935	5 635	6 830	8 745	12 470	10 165	5 575	8 175	6 620	6 270	21 065	- 25	43	83 910
Estonia	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	5	*	5	10	10	5	25	167	50	85
Ireland	100	85	60	70	75	70	90	85	70	105	70	75	80	85	65	225	- 9	- 7	940
Greece	565	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	1 255	1 030	850	755	705	610	2 070	- 34	6	9 700
Spain	215	215	215	150	210	290	190	205	200	240	255	170	280	445	435	1 165	73	81	3 085
France	4 805	5 315	5 130	4 560	4 430	4 935	5 435	4 965	4 635	6 285	5 185	5 780	4 910	5 410	5 650	15 970	- 7	5	62 175
Croatia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	165	145	170	480	:	:	480
Italy	1 155	1 170	1 420	1 055	1 515	1 030	1 550	1 545	1 435	2 180	2 005	1 285	1 720	1 255	1 935	4 910	- 10	31	18 510
Cyprus	125	115	140	130	150	120	155	150	165	155	140	90	100	140	80	320	- 17	- 16	1 575
Latvia	10	25	35	15	25	20	5	10	20	15	15	15	5	5	15	25	- 37	- 59	165
Lithuania	40	25	45	70	60	55	75	45	55	40	60	75	40	35	25	100	- 44	- 11	635
Luxembourg	220	135	205	195	265	180	235	135	125	165	120	70	80	70	75	225	- 37	- 60	1 715
Hungary	185	105	165	95	135	130	200	180	160	320	260	220	300	670	1 350	2 320	191	410	4 020
Malta	80	25	30	15	400	400	175	180	345	40	335	60	25	20	75	120	- 73	- 11	2 065
Netherlands	1 335	1 260	1 145	925	875	920	970	1 010	1 035	1 360	1 155	1 115	1 655	1 235	1 255	4 145	14	11	13 510
Austria	1 310	1 000	1 220	1 240	1 350	1 235	1 650	1 755	1 775	2 120	1 530	1 245	1 210	1 185	1 195	3 590	- 27	2	17 485
Poland	505	570	740	715	600	720	905	1 040	1 365	1 365	1 110	1 120	740	850	1 395	2 985	- 17	64	11 920
Portugal	35	5	25	30	30	20	30	50	15	10	25	20	25	25	25	70	39	4	295
Romania	200	185	300	235	265	275	240	240	260	160	95	60	120	:	:	120	:	:	1 950
Slovenia	15	25	15	10	15	30	35	25	30	35	30	50	55	20	30	105	- 9	104	365
Slovakia	35	25	30	35	60	90	115	70	75	80	65	50	30	35	30	95	- 52	7	735
Finland	220	185	215	175	220	255	275	325	345	310	335	235	265	235	245	745	- 16	20	3 220
Sweden	2 720	2 370	2 475	2 450	3 245	3 095	4 110	4 355	4 910	5 490	4 560	4 090	3 800	2 960	2 865	9 720	- 31	28	46 020
United Kingdom	2 280	1 900	2 200	1 950	2 415	2 050	2 460	2 380	2 595	2 880	2 775	2 285	2 455	2 330	2 370	7 155	- 10	12	28 950
Iceland	5	5	*	15	5	5	25	20	5	10	15	5	30	20	20	75	135	387	180
Liechtenstein	10	*	5	5	5	5	10	5	10	10	10	5	15	5	*	20	- 14	21	75
Norway	775	635	655	660	665	815	875	950	925	1 000	870	855	990	685	830	2 505	- 8	- 19	10 125
Switzerland	2 590	2 225	2 240	2 415	2 315	2 525	2 765	2 775	2 240	2 390	2 365	1 580	2 120	1 785	1 820	5 725	- 10	36	27 115

(¹) Data for RO are available only until January 2013; EU aggregates and other indicators are based on available data

(²) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2013, except for EU-28, EU-27, EL, HR, IT and CY as of 1st of January 2012

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period.

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asvappctzm)

Table 2: Asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*) by citizenship (including new asylum applicants), Q1 2012-Q1 2013 (1)

	Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q4 2012			Q1 2013			Last 12 months			
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.				
	Change in %																		
Non-EU/27	24 835	22 960	23 765	21 765	24 370	24 760	28 320	29 245	32 170	40 690	34 425	27 510	30 125	26 990	28 990	8 105	- 16	20	349 365
Russia - (RU)	1 730	1 635	1 705	1 510	1 320	1 595	2 120	2 180	2 190	2 770	2 740	2 785	2 650	2 615	3 170	8 435	2	66	27 645
Syria - (SY)	920	955	915	1 135	1 370	1 460	2 115	2 280	3 080	3 380	3 300	2 700	3 360	2 495	2 540	8 395	-10	201	29 715
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 360	2 020	2 400	2 010	2 235	2 260	2 535	2 485	2 300	2 900	2 440	2 070	2 175	1 835	1 870	5 880	-21	-13	27 115
Pakistan - (PK)	1 415	1 325	1 425	1 415	1 475	1 505	1 695	1 820	1 870	2 110	2 100	1 545	1 480	1 325	1 505	4 310	-25	4	19 845
Somalia - (SO)	1 225	930	880	895	1 280	1 350	1 245	1 215	1 180	1 330	1 485	1 260	1 375	890	1 170	3 430	-16	13	14 665
Kosovo - (XK)	705	565	710	515	735	800	820	755	935	1 400	1 185	1 085	1 085	1 130	1 160	3 380	-8	71	11 615
Serbia - (RS)	1 525	1 055	890	645	580	720	980	1 470	3 025	4 775	2 345	1 060	1 205	1 145	985	3 330	-59	-4	18 925
Iran - (IR)	1 150	910	865	1 070	960	920	1 090	1 215	1 250	1 570	1 500	1 090	1 385	950	930	3 265	-21	12	13 925
Iraq - (IQ)	1 220	1 075	1 010	830	1 075	1 135	1 165	1 210	1 090	1 365	1 155	845	1 140	805	795	2 740	-19	-17	12 605
Nigeria - (NG)	615	525	580	530	595	545	585	695	625	840	715	600	735	705	880	2 320	8	35	8 050
Georgia - (GE)	605	700	800	795	820	825	975	1 005	1 265	1 270	910	860	830	725	755	2 310	-24	10	11 035
Albania - (AL)	275	250	340	435	1 025	625	790	560	670	865	890	740	660	735	835	2 230	-10	157	8 830
CD - (CD)	690	805	725	665	670	700	655	670	625	845	580	645	555	675	720	1 950	-6	-12	8 015
Eritrea - (ER)	375	320	380	300	335	500	530	550	665	860	995	580	725	515	630	1 870	-23	73	7 185
Mali - (ML)	80	125	160	150	185	155	245	160	240	320	340	255	440	625	775	1 840	101	401	3 890
Sri Lanka - (LK)	665	630	705	595	665	600	640	545	470	645	615	550	535	590	585	1 710	-6	-14	7 040
Turkey - (TR)	485	585	530	520	510	490	525	435	450	600	595	495	515	600	540	1 660	-2	4	6 270
Bangladesh - (BD)	550	665	590	545	520	410	410	445	425	590	590	540	560	550	550	1 660	-4	-8	6 140
Algeria - (DZ)	515	370	430	395	410	395	445	295	375	475	375	330	455	515	665	1 635	39	24	5 125
Guinea - (GN)	455	440	505	435	475	470	480	420	410	535	555	455	505	490	575	1 570	2	12	5 805
Armenia - (AM)	525	600	425	375	330	385	505	435	425	540	495	480	495	460	400	1 355	-11	-12	5 330
MK - (MK)	450	395	290	340	415	430	670	1 340	1 880	2 145	925	345	385	440	435	1 260	-63	11	9 755
China - (CN)	430	395	435	420	470	425	365	440	400	475	405	390	410	375	430	1 220	-4	-3	5 005
Stateless	190	205	175	175	220	265	305	275	365	500	435	395	410	305	295	1 010	-24	77	3 945
BA - (BA)	190	190	220	130	175	600	755	510	575	1 120	1 015	355	390	280	275	945	-62	58	6 185
Morocco - (MA)	190	200	190	195	240	205	245	200	205	290	240	235	255	230	385	870	14	52	2 920
India - (IN)	265	225	290	235	285	255	330	240	275	330	270	225	250	255	220	730	-12	-6	3 170
Sudan - (SD)	215	180	215	155	205	265	250	210	240	245	210	210	255	195	235	690	4	13	2 680
Egypt - (EG)	265	285	230	190	175	215	220	240	200	240	210	185	210	240	215	665	5	-15	2 535
Ivory Coast - (CI)	185	220	230	185	205	230	250	220	215	265	245	190	180	190	290	665	-5	4	2 670
Other	4 365	4 195	4 520	3 975	4 420	4 020	4 390	4 225	4 255	5 110	4 555	4 020	4 515	4 090	4 170	12 775	5	-2	51 735

(*) Data for RO are available until January 2013; aggregates and other indicators are based on available data

(1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2013;

Kosovo - UNSCR 1244; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asvdpdctzm)

Nearly every second asylum applicant in Poland was aged less than 18 in Q1 2013

Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group ⁽¹⁾, 1st quarter 2013, %

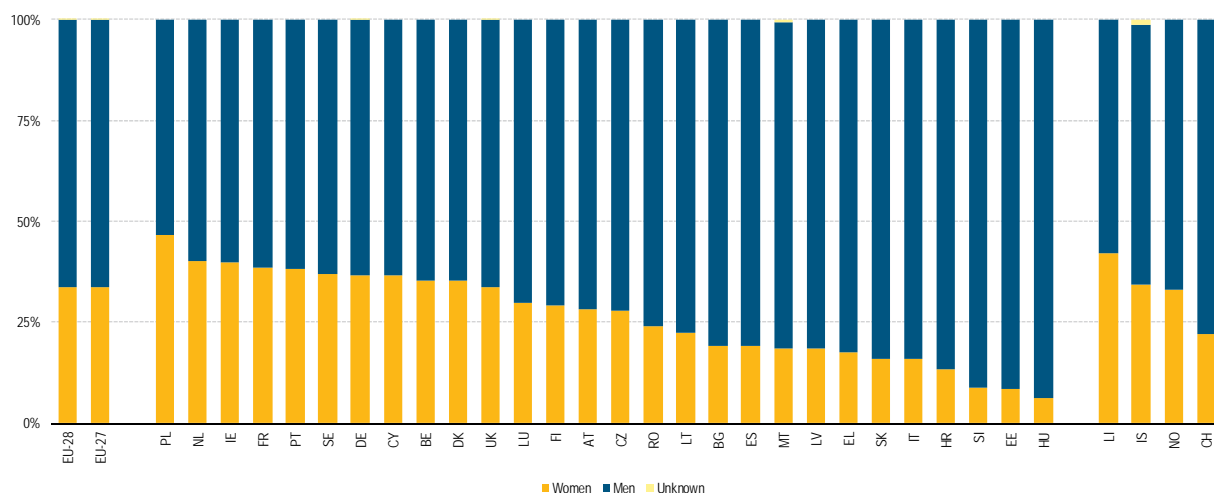
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-28 ⁽¹⁾	86 585	19.9	5.7	52.6	20.4	1.1	0.3
EU-27 ⁽¹⁾	86 105	20.0	5.7	52.5	20.5	1.1	0.3
Belgium	5 880	21.1	6.9	51.6	19.5	0.9	0.0
Bulgaria	900	11.8	6.0	66.6	14.9	0.8	0.0
Czech Republic	185	13.4	1.1	41.9	40.3	3.2	0.0
Denmark	1 875	21.4	7.8	47.7	22.1	1.1	0.0
Germany	21 065	26.4	6.2	46.8	19.6	1.0	0.0
Estonia	25	4.2	8.3	79.2	8.3	0.0	0.0
Ireland	225	24.2	4.0	45.4	25.1	1.3	0.0
Greece	2 070	2.6	4.6	82.9	9.7	0.1	0.0
Spain	1 165	8.7	2.0	66.7	22.0	0.7	0.0
France	15 970	17.9	3.0	52.1	26.0	1.0	0.0
Croatia	480	8.8	6.7	69.8	14.8	0.0	0.0
Italy	4 910	6.4	3.0	76.4	14.0	0.2	0.0
Cyprus	320	13.8	3.1	59.7	22.6	0.6	0.0
Latvia	25	7.4	14.8	51.9	25.9	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	100	13.1	1.0	61.6	24.2	0.0	0.0
Luxembourg	225	18.2	6.2	47.6	27.1	0.9	0.0
Hungary	2 320	4.5	4.6	80.9	10.0	0.0	0.0
Malta	120	11.8	5.0	60.5	20.2	0.8	1.7
Netherlands	4 145	24.9	7.3	44.2	21.6	1.4	0.5
Austria	3 590	22.8	9.7	50.6	16.2	0.7	0.0
Poland	2 985	40.6	4.2	37.1	17.4	0.8	0.0
Portugal	70	11.3	18.3	53.5	15.5	1.4	0.0
Romania ⁽¹⁾	120	16.5	4.1	56.2	23.1	0.0	0.0
Slovenia	105	6.7	18.3	58.7	16.3	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	95	7.4	1.1	68.1	22.3	1.1	0.0
Finland	745	19.5	5.9	54.2	19.7	0.3	0.4
Sweden	9 720	20.9	9.0	45.1	22.7	2.3	0.0
United Kingdom	7 155	13.7	5.4	55.3	21.4	1.3	2.9
Iceland	75	13.7	5.4	55.3	21.4	1.3	2.9
Liechtenstein	20	24.7	2.7	46.6	23.3	0.0	1.4
Norway	2 505	13.9	7.7	60.4	17.3	0.7	0.0
Switzerland	5 725	17.9	4.5	60.0	17.2	0.4	0.0

⁽¹⁾ RO data are available only for January 2013; EU aggregates and distributions by age are based on available data

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by gender ⁽¹⁾, 1st quarter 2013, %



⁽¹⁾ RO data are available only for January 2013; EU aggregates and distributions by gender are based on available data

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

1 out of 2 asylum applicants from Russia was aged below 18 in the EU-27 in Q1 2013

Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by age group, 1st quarter 2013, % (¹)

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU27	86 105	20.0	5.7	52.5	20.5	1.1	0.3
Russia - (RU)	8 435	43.5	4.2	31.8	19.8	0.7	0.0
Syria - (SY)	8 395	21.9	5.9	44.9	24.3	3.0	0.1
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 880	16.7	18.3	53.1	10.4	1.4	0.1
Pakistan - (PK)	4 310	7.4	2.5	70.6	17.8	0.8	0.7
Somalia - (SO)	3 430	20.1	8.6	59.5	10.0	1.4	0.4
Kosovo - (XK)	3 380	27.8	5.4	44.7	21.5	0.6	0.0
Serbia - (RS)	3 330	38.7	6.8	30.0	23.8	0.7	0.0
Iran - (IR)	3 265	12.9	4.7	53.7	26.9	1.1	0.7
Iraq - (IQ)	2 740	25.8	5.9	44.6	21.3	2.3	0.1
Nigeria - (NG)	2 320	18.4	1.2	63.5	15.9	0.0	0.9
Georgia - (GE)	2 310	17.8	2.1	51.5	27.8	0.7	0.0
Albania - (AL)	2 230	25.6	10.0	43.9	19.1	1.1	0.3
CD - (CD)	1 950	17.9	3.8	51.7	25.5	1.0	0.2
Eritrea - (ER)	1 870	11.0	4.2	68.6	15.6	0.4	0.2
Mali - (ML)	1 840	4.3	3.2	77.8	14.6	0.1	0.0
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 710	10.9	1.9	64.0	20.9	1.4	1.0
Turkey - (TR)	1 660	10.1	2.8	70.0	16.3	0.6	0.1
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 660	4.1	2.2	74.3	18.5	0.2	0.7
Algeria - (DZ)	1 635	4.2	5.7	73.9	15.9	0.1	0.2
Guinea - (GN)	1 570	14.7	7.7	69.3	8.0	0.2	0.1
Armenia - (AM)	1 355	20.8	4.9	39.3	32.0	3.0	0.0
MK - (MK)	1 260	36.5	6.3	31.4	25.7	0.2	0.0
China - (CN)	1 220	8.1	2.3	49.2	39.5	0.4	0.5
Stateless	1 010	21.7	4.1	43.5	26.2	4.5	0.1
BA - (BA)	945	39.2	7.3	32.0	21.2	0.4	0.0
Morocco - (MA)	870	3.4	13.4	66.1	16.8	0.1	0.1
India - (IN)	730	3.2	2.2	76.7	17.4	0.0	0.5
Sudan - (SD)	690	6.4	3.2	69.5	19.5	0.4	1.0
Egypt - (EG)	665	15.8	3.6	57.4	20.7	2.0	0.6
Ivory Coast - (CI)	665	7.7	3.0	65.0	23.8	0.3	0.3
Other	12 775	14.7	4.4	56.5	23.4	0.6	0.4

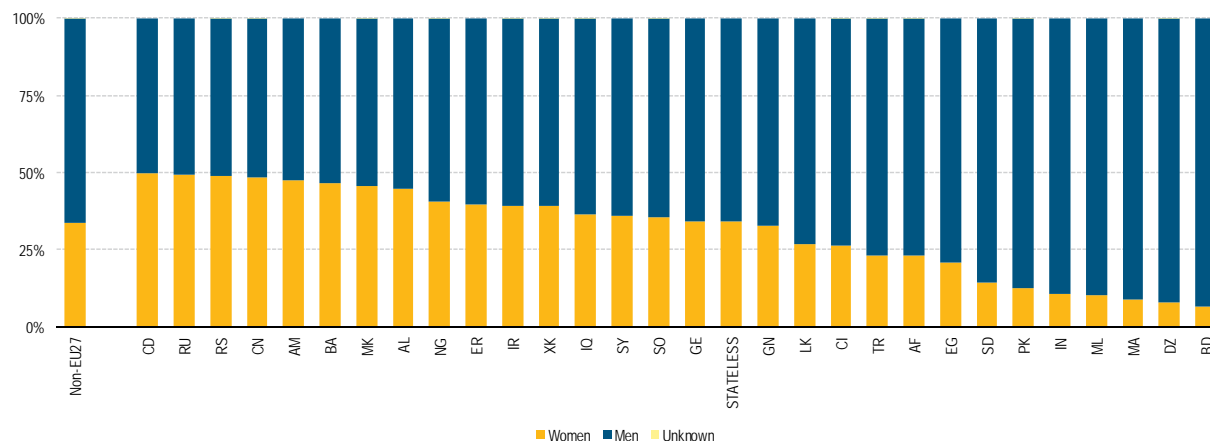
(*) Data for RO are available only for January 2013

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2013 in the EU-27

(²) MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by gender, 1st quarter 2013, % (¹)



(*) Data for RO are available only for January 2013

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2013 in the EU-27

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Russians and Syrians represent nearly 20 per cent of all asylum seekers in the EU in Q1 2013

Table 5: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 1st quarter 2013 ⁽¹⁾

EU-28 (*)			EU-27 (*)		
	#	%		#	%
Syria	8 460	10	Russia	8 435	10
Russia	8 445	10	Syria	8 395	10
Afghanistan	5 990	7	Afghanistan	5 880	7
Pakistan	4 325	5	Pakistan	4 310	5
Somalia	3 495	4	Somalia	3 430	4
Other	55 870	65	Other	55 655	65

BELGIUM			BULGARIA			CZECH REPUBLIC			DENMARK		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Guinea	550	9	Syria	320	36	Ukraine	45	24	Serbia	365	19
Afghanistan	545	9	Algeria	140	16	Syria	20	10	Syria	260	14
Russia	505	9	Mali	75	8	Cuba	15	8	Somalia	250	13
Kosovo	420	7	Iraq	50	5	Armenia	15	7	Russia	205	11
CD	380	6	Stateless	45	5	Russia	10	6	Afghanistan	125	7
Other	3 485	59	Other	270	30	Other	85	46	Other	665	36

GERMANY			ESTONIA			IRELAND			GREECE		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	3 055	14	Vietnam	15	67	Nigeria	35	16	Pakistan	415	20
Syria	2 445	12	Russia	*	8	Syria	20	10	Bangladesh	315	15
Serbia	2 025	10	Iran	*	8	Pakistan	15	7	Afghanistan	250	12
Afghanistan	1 680	8	Pakistan	*	8	Albania	15	7	Syria	145	7
Iran	1 180	6	Tunisia	*	4	CD	10	5	Georgia	120	6
Other	10 685	51	Other	*	4	Other	125	55	Other	825	40

SPAIN			FRANCE			CROATIA			ITALY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Mali	495	43	Russia	1 380	9	Afghanistan	110	23	Nigeria	535	11
Syria	160	14	Kosovo	1 375	9	Algeria	80	16	Pakistan	485	10
Algeria	65	6	CD	1 305	8	Syria	65	14	Afghanistan	485	10
Palestine	40	4	Albania	1 060	7	Somalia	65	13	Somalia	455	9
Nigeria	40	3	Sri Lanka	810	5	Morocco	25	5	Eritrea	435	9
Other	360	31	Other	10 040	63	Other	135	28	Other	2 515	7

CYPRUS			LATVIA			LITHUANIA			LUXEMBOURG		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Syria	115	37	Georgia	10	37	Georgia	35	34	Kosovo	30	12
Egypt	50	16	Afghanistan	*	7	Russia	25	23	Bosnia and Herzegovina	25	11
Bangladesh	40	12	Somalia	*	4	Afghanistan	20	18	Serbia	20	8
Vietnam	20	7	Iran	*	4	Armenia	5	7	Montenegro	20	8
Philippines	15	5	Iraq	*	4	Belarus	5	6	Albania	15	7
Other	75	24	Other	10	44	Other	10	11	Other	120	53

HUNGARY			MALTA			NETHERLANDS			AUSTRIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Kosovo	400	17	Syria	65	53	Somalia	645	16	Russia	660	18
Afghanistan	380	16	Libya	15	12	Iraq	510	12	Afghanistan	660	18
Pakistan	375	16	Eritrea	10	8	Afghanistan	415	10	Syria	310	9
Algeria	365	16	Iran	10	8	Iran	370	9	Pakistan	235	7
Syria	160	7	Morocco	5	6	Syria	350	8	Nigeria	190	5
Other	640	28	Other	15	14	Other	1 850	45	Other	1 535	43

POLAND			PORTUGAL			ROMANIA (*)			SLOVENIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	2 160	72	Guinea	15	18	Syria	70	59	Syria	20	21
Georgia	495	17	Nigeria	5	6	Egypt	10	7	Kosovo	15	16
Syria	85	3	Congo	5	4	Pakistan	5	4	Algeria	10	11
Armenia	85	3	Gambia	5	4	Turkey	5	3	Turkey	10	8
Vietnam	20	1	Mali	5	4	Nigeria	5	3	Morocco	10	8
Other	140	5	Other	45	63	Other	30	23	Other	40	37

SLOVAKIA			FINLAND			SWEDEN			UNITED KINGDOM		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Somalia	20	20	Iraq	175	24	Syria	2 555	26	Pakistan	1 180	16
Georgia	15	14	Russia	80	11	Somalia	1 025	11	Iran	780	11
Eritrea	5	7	Afghanistan	50	7	Afghanistan	735	8	Sri Lanka	530	7
Russia	5	6	Nigeria	45	6	Eritrea	690	7	Syria	420	6
Ukraine	5	6	Somalia	40	6	Stateless	620	6	Albania	420	6
Other	45	46	Other	355	48	Other	4 095	42	Other	3 825	53

ICELAND			LIECHTENSTEIN			NORWAY			SWITZERLAND		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Croatia	40	55	Russia	5	32	Somalia	460	18	Nigeria	680	11.9
Albania	10	15	Kyrgyzstan	5	26	Eritrea	385	15	Tunisia	640	11.2
Russia	5	7	Somalia	*	11	Afghanistan	205	8	Eritrea	545	9.5
Algeria	5	4	Ukraine	*	5	Nigeria	180	7	Morocco	280	4.93
Georgia	5	4	Morocco	*	5	Sudan	160	6	Afghanistan	260	4.54
Other	10	15	Other	5	21	Other	1 115	44	Other	3 315	58

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2013 in the EU-27

(*) Data for RO are available only for January 2013; EU aggregates are based on available data

Absolute number of asylum applications

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Germany accounts for nearly 25 per cent of all asylum applicants in the EU-27 in Q1 2013

Table 6: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-27 (*), 1st quarter 2013 (1)

NON-EU27			#	(%)
Germany			21 065	24
France			15 970	19
Sweden			9 720	11
United Kingdom			7 155	8
Belgium			5 880	7
Other			26 315	31

RUSSIA - (RU)			#	(%)
Germany			3 055	36
Poland			2 160	26
France			1 380	16
Austria			660	8
Belgium			505	6
Other			675	8

PAKISTAN - (PK)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			1 180	27
Germany			800	19
France			505	12
Italy			485	11
Greece			415	10
Other			925	21

SERBIA - (RS)			#	(%)
Germany			2 025	61
Denmark			365	11
Sweden			345	10
France			235	7
Belgium			190	6
Other			175	5

NIGERIA - (NG)			#	(%)
Italy			535	23
Germany			400	17
United Kingdom			365	16
France			330	14
Austria			190	8
Other			500	22

CD - (CD)			#	(%)
France			1 305	67
Belgium			380	19
Germany			70	4
United Kingdom			55	3
Spain			25	1
Other			110	6

SRI LANKA - (LK)			#	(%)
France			810	47
United Kingdom			530	31
Germany			190	11
Netherlands			85	5
Belgium			30	2
Other			65	4

ALGERIA - (DZ)			#	(%)
Hungary			365	22
France			335	20
Germany			195	12
Austria			145	9
Bulgaria			140	9
Other			450	28

MK - (MK)			#	(%)
Germany			765	60
Belgium			175	14
France			135	11
Sweden			105	8
Netherlands			30	2
Other			55	4

MOROCCO - (MA)			#	(%)
Germany			235	27
Sweden			120	14
Austria			95	11
Hungary			90	10
Italy			80	9
Other			250	28

EGYPT - (EG)			#	(%)
Germany			110	17
France			95	14
United Kingdom			60	9
Netherlands			55	9
Austria			50	8
Other			290	44

NON-EU27			#	(%)
Germany			21 065	24
France			15 970	19
Sweden			9 720	11
United Kingdom			7 155	8
Belgium			5 880	7
Other			26 315	31

SYRIA - (SY)			#	(%)
Sweden			2 555	30
Germany			2 445	29
United Kingdom			420	5
Netherlands			350	4
Bulgaria			320	4
Other			2 305	27

SOMALIA - (SO)			#	(%)
Sweden			1 025	30
Netherlands			645	19
Germany			490	14
Italy			455	13
Denmark			250	7
Other			560	16

IRAN - (IR)			#	(%)
Germany			1 180	36
United Kingdom			780	24
Netherlands			370	11
Sweden			325	10
Austria			155	5
Other			455	14

GEORGIA - (GE)			#	(%)
France			620	27
Germany			580	25
Poland			495	21
Greece			120	5
Sweden			110	5
Other			390	17

ERITREA - (ER)			#	(%)
Sweden			690	37
Italy			435	23
United Kingdom			205	11
Netherlands			190	10
Germany			175	9
Other			170	9

TURKEY - (TR)			#	(%)
France			620	37
Germany			480	29
Italy			175	10
Belgium			95	6
United Kingdom			75	5
Other			215	13

GUINEA - (GN)			#	(%)
France			575	37
Belgium			550	35
Germany			215	14
Netherlands			65	4
United Kingdom			30	2
Other			140	9

CHINA - (CN)			#	(%)
France			545	45
United Kingdom			265	22
Germany			110	9
Belgium			90	7
Netherlands			70	6
Other			135	11

INDIA - (IN)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			295	40
Germany			245	33
Austria			80	11
Belgium			25	3
Greece			20	3
Other			70	9

IVORY COAST - (CI)			#	(%)
France			280	42
Italy			60	9
Hungary			60	9
Greece			50	8
Bulgaria			45	6
Other			170	25

AFGHANISTAN - (AF)			#	(%)
Germany			1 680	29
Sweden			735	12
Austria			660	11
Belgium			545	9
Italy			485	8
Other			1 775	30

KOSOVO - (XK)			#	(%)
France			1 375	41
Germany			745	22
Belgium			420	12
Hungary			400	12
Sweden			240	7
Other			200	6

IRAQ - (IQ)			#	(%)
Germany			1 055	39
Netherlands			510	19
Sweden			295	11
Belgium			185	7
Finland			175	6
Other			520	19

ALBANIA - (AL)			#	(%)
France			1 060	47
United Kingdom			420	19
Belgium			220	10
Sweden			170	8
Germany			145	6
Other			220	10

MALI - (ML)			#	(%)
Spain			495	27
France			365	20
Italy			355	19
Germany			240	13
Belgium			95	5
Other			295	16

BANGLADESH - (BD)			#	(%)
France			595	36
Greece			315	19
United Kingdom			275	17
Germany			125	8
Italy			95	6
Other			250	15

ARMENIA - (AM)			#	(%)
France			650	48
Germany			245	18
Belgium			120	9
Poland			85	6
Sweden			70	5
Other			185	14

BA - (BA)			#	(%)
Germany			505	53
France			160	17
Sweden			90	9
Belgium			60	6
Italy			55	6
Other			80	8

SUDAN - (SD)			#	(%)
France			200	29
United Kingdom			170	25
Germany			85	12
Netherlands			50	8
Sweden			50	8
Other			130	19

AZERBAIJAN - (AZ)			#	(%)
France			285	44
Germany			190	29
Sweden			60	9
Belgium			50	8
Netherlands			40	6
Other			25	4

(*) Data for RO are available only for January 2013

(1) Citizships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2013 in the EU-27

Absolute number of asylum applications

Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Table 7: New asylum applicants, Q1 2012 – Q1 2013

	Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q4 2012			Q1 2013			Change in % between Q4 2012 and Q1 2013	Change in % between Q1 2012 and Q1 2013	Applicants per million inhabitants (*) Q1 2013	Last 12 months
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.				
EU-28	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
EU-27	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Belgium	1 845	1 540	1 515	1 395	1 520	1 395	1 550	1 460	1 660	1 725	1 390	1 345	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Bulgaria	60	55	50	30	65	65	55	105	105	190	200	255	245	215	410	35	423	120	
Czech Republic	45	55	40	20	50	50	25	50	30	60	35	45	45	30	50	-8	-7	10	
Denmark	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	610	640	595	745	550	575	1	61	335	
Germany	4 655	3 915	3 695	3 285	3 585	4 120	4 745	5 480	6 920	10 195	8 990	4 875	7 320	5 795	5 570	-22	52	230	
Estonia	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	5	5	*	5	10	10	167	50	20	
Ireland	100	85	55	65	75	70	90	85	65	105	70	70	80	80	65	-10	-7	50	
Greece	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	1 255	1 030	850	755	705	610	-34	6	185	
Spain	200	190	180	145	195	265	170	190	185	230	245	160	270	425	415	75	96	25	
France	4 175	4 660	4 430	3 965	3 850	4 230	4 750	4 410	4 175	5 680	4 650	5 315	4 475	4 945	5 140	-7	10	220	
Croatia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	1 545	1 435	2 180	2 005	1 285	1 720	1 255	1 935	-10	122	85	
Cyprus	120	110	135	130	145	120	155	150	155	150	130	85	95	130	75	-17	-17	355	
Latvia	10	25	30	15	25	20	5	10	20	10	15	5	5	5	15	-14	-63	10	
Lithuania	40	20	35	55	50	50	65	35	50	35	50	70	20	25	15	-62	-41	20	
Luxembourg	220	130	200	195	255	175	225	130	120	165	115	65	75	70	70	-38	-61	395	
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Malta	75	20	30	15	395	400	170	175	345	40	335	60	25	20	60	-76	-18	245	
Netherlands	935	895	825	665	605	645	710	790	720	1 040	905	935	1 285	960	965	12	21	190	
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	390	445	590	610	500	590	805	870	1 255	1 205	945	970	615	700	1 280	-17	82	65	
Portugal	35	5	25	30	30	15	30	50	15	10	25	20	25	25	25	39	4	5	
Romania	195	185	290	230	265	265	220	230	255	155	75	55	120	:	:	:	:	:	
Slovenia	10	20	10	5	10	30	25	20	25	30	25	50	50	15	30	-11	135	45	
Slovakia	20	10	15	20	45	65	105	55	60	60	50	45	15	15	15	-71	10	10	
Finland	205	170	200	165	200	245	255	300	325	300	320	220	250	200	225	-19	17	125	
Sweden	2 720	2 370	2 470	2 450	3 245	3 090	4 110	4 355	4 910	5 490	4 560	4 085	3 795	2 960	2 965	-31	29	1 015	
United Kingdom	2 200	1 835	2 145	1 885	2 340	1 985	2 385	2 305	2 525	2 810	2 685	2 220	2 390	2 245	2 290	-10	12	110	
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Norway	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Switzerland	2 255	1 915	1 900	2 130	2 115	2 355	2 610	2 600	2 080	2 200	2 185	1 460	1 935	1 625	1 655	-11	-14	650	
																			24 950

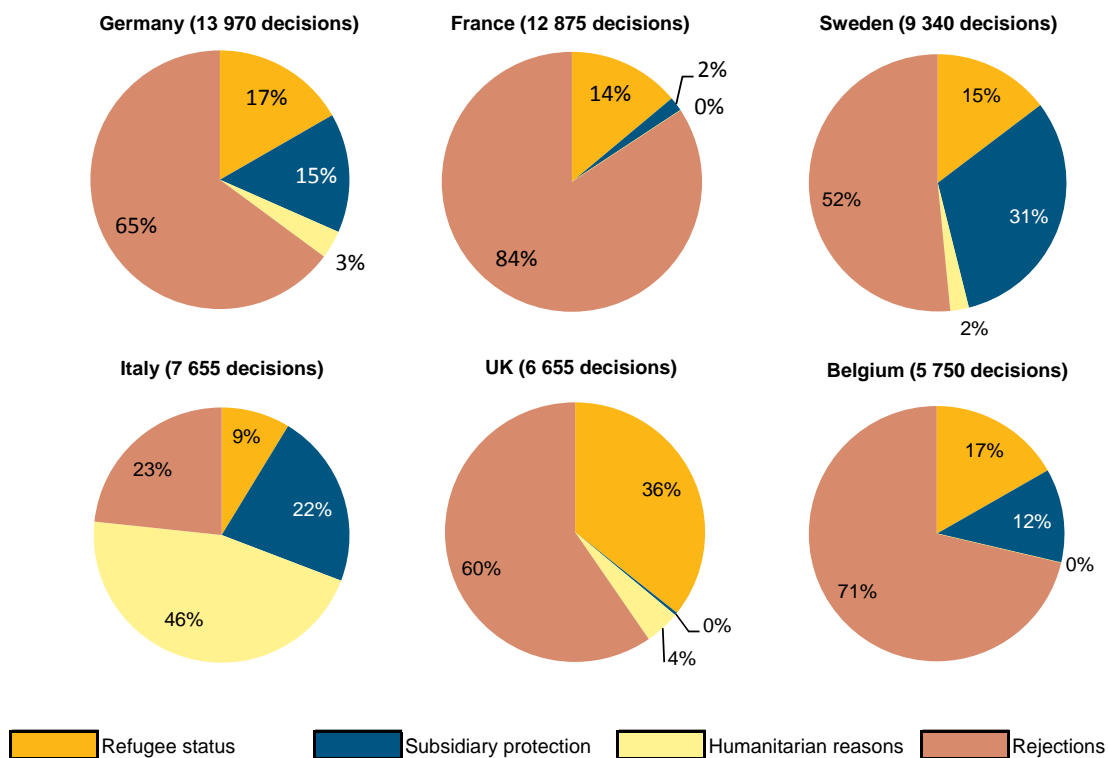
(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2013, except for EU-28, EU-27, EL, HR, IT and CY as of 1st January 2012

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

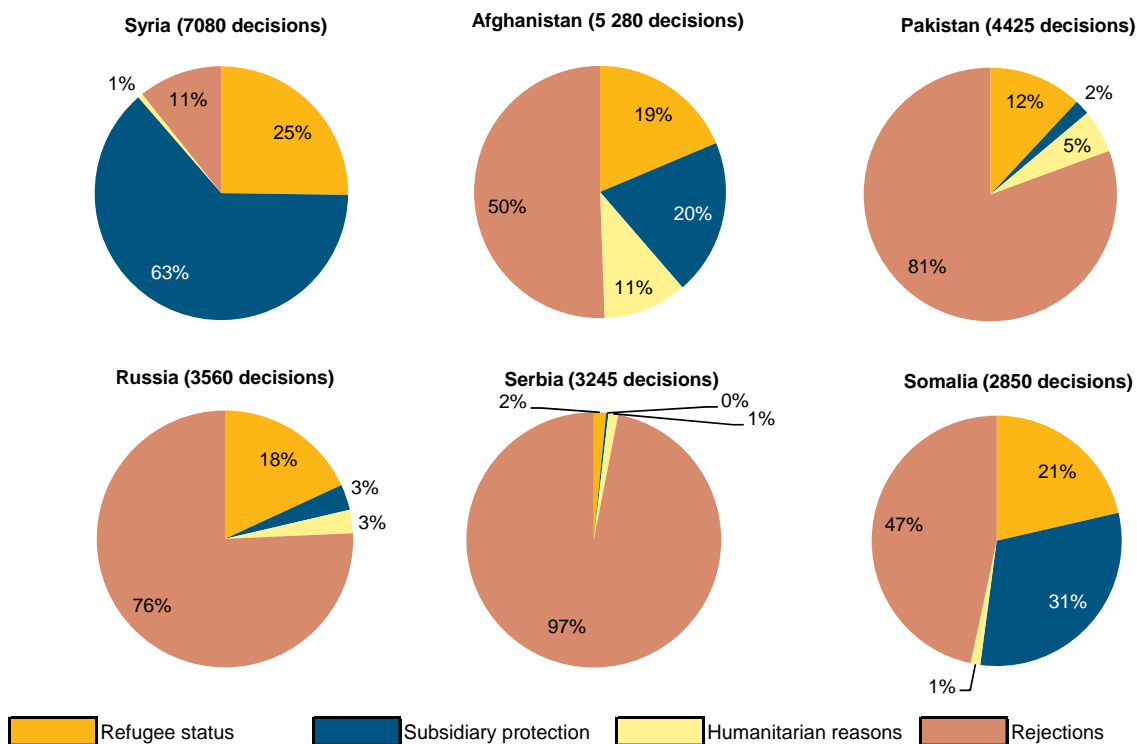
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asvappctzm](#))

Figure 9: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States (¹), 1st quarter 2013



(¹) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q1 2013
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-27 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships (¹), 1st quarter 2013



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes; data for RO are not available
 (¹) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q1 2013
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

1 out of 3 first instance decisions in the EU-27 in Q1 2013 were positive

Table 8: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 1st quarter 2013 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	
GERMANY (13 970 decisions)				
Iraq	625 Syria	1 740 Afghanistan	305 Serbia	1 865
Syria	490 Somalia	90 Iraq	35 MK	815
Iran	420 Afghanistan	55 Russia	35 Afghanistan	725
Other	795 Other	200 Other	115 Other	5 655
SWEDEN (9 340 decisions)				
Syria	495 Syria	1 845 Afghanistan	105 Somalia	825
Afghanistan	215 Eritrea	405 Stateless	25 Serbia	455
Somalia	180 Stateless	225 Somalia	15 Syria	445
Other	480 Other	460 Other	70 Other	3 095
UNITED KINGDOM (6 655 decisions)				
Iran	450 Afghanistan	5 Albania	70 Pakistan	775
Syria	435 Iran	5 Afghanistan	45 Sri Lanka	355
Pakistan	310 Pakistan	5 Iran	20 Iran	310
Other	1 180 Other	10 Other	155 Other	2 530
EU-28 (69 430 decisions)				
Syria	1 785 Syria	4 490 Nigeria	930 Pakistan	3 575
Iran	1 270 Afghanistan	1 060 Ghana	615 Serbia	3 140
Afghanistan	985 Somalia	875 Afghanistan	570 Russia	2 695
Other	6 765 Other	2 965 Other	2 645 Other	35 075
FRANCE (12 875 decisions)				
Russia	260 Afghanistan	60 Not applicable	CD	960
CD	230 Syria	50	Armenia	935
Sri Lanka	155 Armenia	20	Bangladesh	720
Other	1 145 Other	105	Other	8 235
ITALY (7 655 decisions)				
Eritrea	200 Mali	685 Nigeria	905 Nigeria	375
Somalia	65 Somalia	230 Ghana	615 Pakistan	300
Pakistan	60 Afghanistan	170 Pakistan	225 Senegal	235
Other	340 Other	605 Other	1 770 Other	875
OTHER (18 935 decisions)				
Afghanistan	330 Syria	810 Russia	70 Pakistan	1 650
Syria	295 Afghanistan	550 Afghanistan	45 Afghanistan	1 280
Russia	295 Somalia	365 Syria	40 Russia	1 260
Other	1 350 Other	695 Other	85 Other	9 815
EU-27 (69 335 decisions)				
Syria	1 785 Syria	4 490 Nigeria	930 Pakistan	3 575
Iran	1 270 Afghanistan	1 065 Ghana	615 Serbia	3 140
Afghanistan	985 Somalia	875 Afghanistan	570 Russia	2 695
Other	6 765 Other	2 965 Other	2 645 Other	34 985

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q1 2013
 CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome, 1st quarter 2013

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-28 (*)	69 430	24 950	10 805	9 390	4 755	44 485
EU-27 (*)	69 335	24 945	10 805	9 380	4 755	44 390
Belgium	5 750	1 650	960	685	-	4 100
Bulgaria	255	165	5	160	-	90
Czech Republic	165	55	35	15	*	115
Denmark	1 520	485	260	190	35	1 035
Germany	13 970	4 910	2 330	2 085	490	9 060
Estonia	10	*	0	*	*	10
Ireland	215	30	25	5	-	185
Greece	2 855	70	0	0	15	2 785
Spain	655	105	35	65	*	550
France	12 875	2 025	1 790	235	-	10 850
Croatia	100	5	-	5	-	95
Italy ⁽¹⁾	7 655	5 870	665	1 690	3 510	1 785
Cyprus	170	*	0	0	*	165
Latvia	35	10	0	10	-	25
Lithuania	45	10	*	10	-	40
Luxembourg	430	20	15	5	-	410
Hungary	345	65	20	40	5	280
Malta	535	470	15	410	45	65
Netherlands	.	.	.	.	.	.
Austria	4 235	1 185	670	515	-	3 045
Poland	610	145	30	30	85	465
Portugal	65	45	5	35	-	25
Romania	.	.	.	.	.	.
Slovenia	60	5	5	*	-	55
Slovakia	50	15	*	5	10	35
Finland	825	400	170	185	50	425
Sweden	9 340	4 520	1 370	2 935	220	4 815
United Kingdom	6 655	2 690	2 375	25	290	3 965
Iceland	45	*	*	*	*	40
Liechtenstein	10	*	*	*	*	10
Norway	2 580	1 335	990	265	80	1 245
Switzerland	3 970	1 085	630	140	315	2 880

(*) EU-28 and EU-27 are based on data available

Data for NL and RO are not available

⁽¹⁾ See country information notes

- data are not applicable

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

9 out of 10 first instance decisions granted to Syrians were positive while almost all those granted to Serbians were negative in Q1 2013 in the EU-27

Table 10: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-27 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 1st quarter 2013 (¹)

First instance decisions					First instance decisions										
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections						
SYRIA - SY					AFGHANISTAN - AF										
Sweden	495	Sweden	1 845	Malta	35	Sweden	445	Germany	255	Austria	235	Germany	305	Germany	725
Germany	490	Germany	1 740	Slovak Republic	5	Germany	120	Sweden	215	Belgium	225	Sweden	105	Austria	625
UK	435	Belgium	425	Sweden	*	Austria	45	Belgium	175	Sweden	215	Italy	60	Sweden	350
Other	370	Other	480	Other	*	Other	155	Other	335	Other	380	Other	95	Other	970
PAKISTAN - PK					RUSSIA - RU										
UK	310	Italy	70	Italy	225	Greece	1 000	France	260	Austria	25	Poland	70	Germany	720
Germany	95	Sweden	5	UK	10	UK	775	Austria	175	Sweden	25	Germany	35	Austria	600
Italy	60	UK	5	Finland	5	France	515	Belgium	80	Denmark	20	Sweden	5	France	600
Other	65	Other	0	Other	*	Other	1 280	Other	130	Other	45	Other	*	Other	775
SERBIA - RS					SOMALIA - SO										
France	35	Italy	10	Italy	30	Germany	1 865	Sweden	180	Italy	230	Sweden	15	Sweden	825
Belgium	5	Germany	*	Germany	5	Sweden	455	Germany	140	Sweden	175	Italy	5	France	120
Austria	5	Sweden	*	Sweden	5	Denmark	355	UK	130	Malta	120	UK	5	Denmark	115
Other	*	Other	0	Other	0	Other	465	Other	160	Other	345	Other	*	Other	275
OTHER					NON-EU										
UK	1 420	Italy	1 170	Italy	3 185	France	9 290	UK	2 375	Sweden	2 935	Italy	3 510	France	10 850
France	1 345	Sweden	665	UK	230	Germany	5 285	Germany	2 330	Germany	2 085	Germany	490	Germany	9 060
Germany	1 315	Malta	215	Germany	140	Belgium	3 170	France	1 790	Italy	1 690	UK	290	Sweden	4 815
Other	2 120	Other	705	Other	160	Other	12 470	Other	4 310	Other	2 670	Other	465	Other	19 665

(*) Data for NL and RO are not available; for NL see methodological notes

(¹) Citiznships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q1 2013

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 11: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-27 (*), 1st quarter 2013 (¹)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
Non-EU27	69 335	24 945	10 805	9 380	4 755	44 390
Syria - (SY)	7 080	6 320	1 785	4 490	45	760
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 280	2 610	985	1 055	570	2 670
Pakistan - (PK)	4 425	855	530	85	245	3 570
Russia - (RU)	3 560	865	645	115	105	2 695
Serbia - (RS)	3 245	105	50	10	40	3 140
Somalia - (SO)	2 850	1 520	610	875	35	1 330
Iran - (IR)	2 540	1 370	1 270	55	50	1 165
Nigeria - (NG)	2 485	1 065	60	80	930	1 420
Iraq - (IQ)	2 235	1 170	900	210	60	1 065
CD - (CD)	2 090	390	345	25	20	1 700
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 965	255	40	15	200	1 710
Kosovo - (XK)	1 860	75	35	20	20	1 785
Eritrea - (ER)	1 800	1 395	620	750	25	405
Armenia - (AM)	1 500	125	60	35	30	1 375
Guinea - (GN)	1 435	370	260	30	80	1 065
Georgia - (GE)	1 425	45	30	*	15	1 380
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 415	320	300	10	10	1 095
MK - (MK)	1 335	20	15	5	5	1 310
Turkey - (TR)	1 165	270	155	30	85	895
BA - (BA)	965	85	20	*	65	880
Albania - (AL)	965	145	60	5	75	820
Mali - (ML)	965	760	40	690	25	205
Ghana - (GH)	860	655	15	25	615	200
China - (CN)	850	195	180	5	10	655
Stateless	830	535	205	305	25	295
Algeria - (DZ)	815	65	40	5	15	755
Ivory Coast - (CI)	735	280	80	70	130	450
Senegal - (SN)	670	185	35	10	140	480
Sudan - (SD)	590	275	225	35	20	315
Morocco - (MA)	540	65	20	10	35	480
Other	10 855	2 550	1 190	325	1 035	8 310

(*) Data for NL and RO are not available; for NL see methodological notes

(¹) Citiznships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q1 2013

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Methodology

COMMENTS

All data presented in this publication are rounded to the nearest 5.

All data presented in this publication are provisional (except as otherwise stated) and may be a subject to change.

As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the EU is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this publication refer to the official composition of the EU in the most recent month for which data is available. Thus publications with data for months up to June 2013 will comment on EU27 series, while publications with data for July 2013 onwards will comment on EU28 series.

[Eurostat's guidelines](#) can be found on the Eurostat website.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Due to the implementation of a new computing system, **The Netherlands** is temporarily unable to provide statistics on first instance decisions on asylum applications.

In **France** data on pending applications do not include accompanied minors aged less than 16 whose application is examined jointly with their parent's application. According to France, these missing pending applications are estimated to be about 20 per cent of the total number of pending applications.

The number of rejections at first instance in **Italy** includes a number of recommendations to issue an authorization to stay for humanitarian reasons. These recommendations are issued by the National Asylum Commission to the Police. Therefore the number of first instance rejections can be overestimated. Indeed, some individuals might be counted twice under the same reference period: first as a person rejected and recommended for an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons and subsequently as a person granted an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons.

DATA SOURCES

The data used for this publication are provided to Eurostat by the Ministries of Interior, Justice or immigration agencies of the Member States. Data are based entirely on relevant administrative sources. Apart from statistics on new asylum applicants, these data are supplied by Member States according to the provisions of Article 4 of the [Regulation \(EC\) 862/2007](#) of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE

'**Asylum applicant**' means a person having submitted an application for international protection or having been included in such application as a family member during the reference period. 'Application for international protection' means an application for international protection as defined in Art.2(g) of [Council Directive 2004/83/EC](#), i.e. including requests for refugee status or for subsidiary protection status, irrespective of whether the application was lodged on arrival at border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether the person entered the territory legally (e.g. as a tourist) or illegally. In deciding when to regard an asylum application as having been lodged, the principles expressed in Article 4(1) of Council Regulation 2003/343/EC should be applied, i.e. 'An application for asylum shall be deemed to have been lodged once a form submitted by the applicant for asylum or a report prepared by the authorities has reached the competent authorities of the Member State concerned. Where an application is not made in writing, the time elapsing between the statement of intention and the preparation of a report should be as short as possible'. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure (Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003) are included in the number of asylum applications. Within the same reference period every person being a subject of asylum application is counted only once, therefore repeat applications are not recorded if the first application has been lodged in the same reference period. However, such a repeat application will be recorded if lodged in a different reference month. It means that the aggregation of the monthly figures may overestimate the number of persons applying for international protection within the aggregated period (quarter or year).

In some Member States (**IT**, **MT** and **DK**) due to restrictions of the asylum procedure (e.g. time limits for lodging repeat application) repeat applications may be very rare. Therefore the number of new asylum applicants may equal or almost equal the number of asylum applicants.

The number of asylum applicants and the number of first instance decisions during the same reference period differs. This is due to the time lag between the date of asylum application and the date of the

decision on asylum application. The duration of this time lag may vary considerably depending on the national asylum procedure and the administrative workload. Asylum application lodged in one reference period may therefore result in a decision in a later period, while some asylum decisions reported for that period may relate to the applications lodged in previous reference periods.

'New asylum applicant' means a person having submitted an application for international protection for the first time. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure are included in the statistics on new asylum applicants if such persons are also a subject of first asylum application. All Member States are requested to supply these data but their provision is voluntary. As persons are counted once only, statistics on new asylum applicants may be used for preparation of annual aggregates.

Person being a subject of **'a pending application'** means a person who is the subject of application for international protection under consideration by the responsible national authority at the end of the reference period. It includes the number of persons with pending applications at all instances of the administrative and/or judicial procedure.

'Rejected applicant' means a person covered by a first instance decision rejecting an application for international protection, including decisions considering applications as inadmissible or as unfounded and decisions under priority and accelerated procedures, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period.

'Person granted refugee status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting refugee status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Refugee status means status as defined in Art.2 (d) of Directive 2004/83/EC within the meaning of Art.1 of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951, as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967. According to the Art.2(c) of that Directive refugee means a third country national who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is outside the country of nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country, or a stateless person, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it.

'Person granted subsidiary protection status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting subsidiary protection status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Subsidiary protection status means status as defined in Art.2 (f) of Directive 2004/83/EC. According to the Art.2(e) of that Directive a person eligible for subsidiary protection means a third country national or a stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person concerned, if returned to his or her country of origin, or in the case of a stateless person, to his or her country of former habitual residence, would face a real risk of suffering serious harm and is unable, or, owing to such risk, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country.

'Person granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance' means a person covered by another first instance decision granting authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons under national law concerning international protection, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. **It includes persons** who are not eligible for international protection as currently defined law but are nonetheless protected against removal under the obligations that are imposed on all Member States by international refugee or human rights instruments or on the basis of principles flowing from such instruments. Examples of such categories include persons who are not removable on ill health grounds and unaccompanied minors.

'Dublin procedure' means a procedure according to the Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003, establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national.

ABBREVIATIONS

Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE), the United Kingdom (UK), Iceland (IS), Lichtenstein (LI), Norway (NO) and Switzerland (CH).

EU ASYLUM POLICY

The Directorate-General for Home Affairs (DG HOME) is responsible for developing EU policies on asylum. For more information please see:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm

Further information

Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

Data on Population and Social conditions, Asylum:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/data/database>
(Select "International Migration and asylum" and "Asylum")

Further information about Population and social conditions:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/introduction>

European Statistical Data Support:

Contact details for this support network can be found on the Eurostat website at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>.