



Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 March 2017

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

How many?

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

	2017	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Blocked entries under the so-called "8-kilometre rule" ¹		3 102	3 233	6 335
Irregular migrants apprehended at other parts of Hungary		138	166	304
Total		3 240	3 399	6 639

As a result of the "8-kilometre rule" legalising push-backs and the daily limit of people admitted to enter the transit zone (5-5 persons during working days in February), the number of registered asylum applications remain low:

	2017	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Asylum applications registered in Hungary		536	433	969

In January-February 2017, **34** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 12 were refugee and 22 were "subsidiary protection" statuses) while **1711** applications were rejected. Recognition rate for those arriving from war- and terror-torn countries is extremely low.

Country of Origin	All in-merit decisions	Granted Protection	Refused Protection	Rate of Recognition
Afghanistan	756	3	753	0,4%
Iraq	164	4	160	2,4%
Somalia	6	3	3	50%
Syria	484	6	478	1,2%

From where?

In January-February 2017, the majority of asylum-seekers (**77 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 15 % from Syria, 42 % from Afghanistan, 20 % from Iraq and 0,5 % from Somalia. Of all the applicants, **36 %** were **children** and **27 % women**.

Where are they?

Based on the information provided to the HHC by UNHCR, the Office of Immigration and Refugee Affairs hosted **414** asylum-seekers in its facilities on 27 February: **115** were accommodated at **open reception centres** and **299 were detained in asylum detention centres**.

Dublin returns

From 1 January till 24 February 2017, **88** asylum-seekers were **returned to Hungary** under the Dublin Regulation, primarily from Austria (55) and Germany (25).

Returns to Serbia

Police statistics show that in January 2017, only **3** 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 3 persons readmitted to Serbia, 2 were Serbian and 1 was a Turkish citizen. None of the returnees were Syrian, Afghan, Iraqi or Somali citizens.

¹ For further information on the „8-kilometre rule”, please see: <http://www.helsinki.hu/en/hungary-access-denied/>