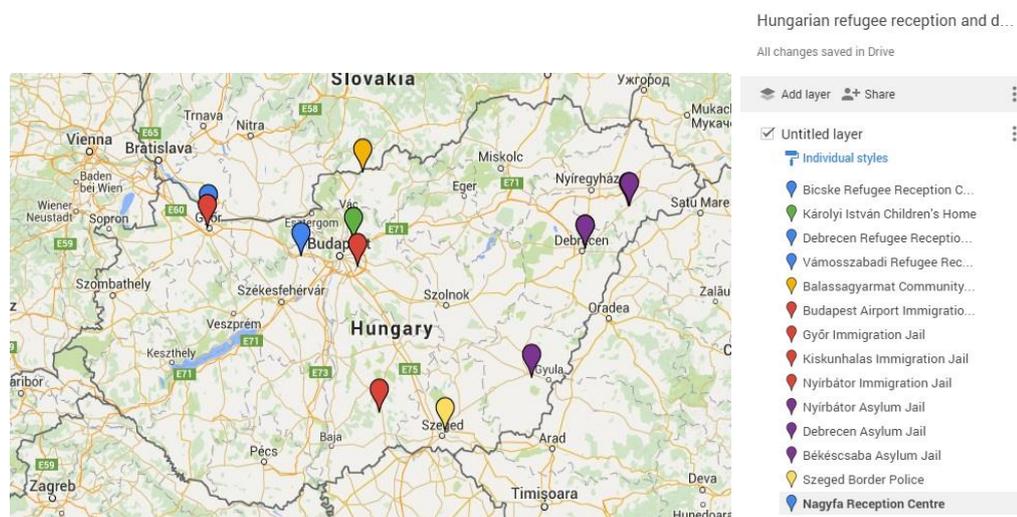


ASYLUM IN HUNGARY

You are now in **Hungary (Magyarország)**. The official language is Hungarian (*magyar*). Hungary is a Member State of the European Union (EU) and is in Central-Eastern Europe.



You are given a free train/bus ticket, with this ticket should go the refugee camp (*befogadó állomás*) in Debrecen, Bicske, Vámoszabadi or Balassagyarmat. **You can use the train and the bus but not in Budapest. The ticket is only valid for 1 day, you have to arrive in the camp until then!**



From Szeged to Debrecen the train takes 4-5 hours and you have to change the train in **Cegléd**.

From Szeged to Bicske the train takes 3-5 hours and you have to change in **Kelenföld** or **Budapest**.

From Szeged to Vámoszabadi the train takes 4-5 hours and you have to change the train in **Kelenföld**. You will arrive in Győr and from Győr you have to take a bus to Vámoszabadi, which is 30 minutes from Győr.

From Szeged to Balassagyarmat the train takes more than 5-6 hours. You have to change the train 2 times: in **Budapest** (Keleti or Kőbánya-Kispest) and in **Aszód**. If you take the train to **Budapest-Újpest** you can continue by **bus** as well to Balassagyarmat.



For more information on trains visit: <http://elvira.mav-start.hu/>

In the refugee camp you get a **bed** and 3 times **food** every day (or money to buy food for yourself, around 1000 Hungarian forints per day). You get **pocket money**, around 8000 Hungarian Forints (=25 EUR) every months. You have to get a **humanitarian residence card** (*hum.tart*) with your personal data. You can ask for the **doctor** if you have medical problems and you should get basic health care.



Hungarian Helsinki Committee

If you need a lawyer in the camp, look for the **lawyer** of the **Hungarian Helsinki Committee**. The lawyer is for free, you do not have to pay anything.

In **Debrecen** Helsinki Committee lawyer is there every day (Monday-Friday).

In **Bicske** the Helsinki lawyer is there every Wednesday.

In **Vámosszabadi and Balassagyarmat** the Helsinki lawyer is there every second week. Please ask the social workers about the exact days.



If you cannot sleep, have bad memories ask for **Cordelia Foundation's psychologists**.

If you ask for asylum in Hungary you will have a **short and a long interview** where you have to tell your problems in your country. You will have a **translator**, don't be shy, that translator is important. Make sure you say if you do not understand each other! Make sure to ask a copy of the interview's record. The case officer will not tell your story to anyone else, you can speak openly.

If you have fingerprint in another EU country you can be sent back there (**Dublin system**). If you give your fingerprint to Hungarian police at the border or at the Immigration Office you can be sent back to Hungary. If you leave Hungary and stay **3 months outside the European Union** you cannot be deported back here. You need evidence (ticket, money) that you stayed outside the EU so authorities believe you.

About 4-6 months after the long interview you will get a decision. Positive decision may be that you are recognised as refugee (*menekült*) or you get subsidiary protection for 5 years (*oltalmazott*) or you get humanitarian status (*befogadott*).

- 1) **Refugee** gets ID card for **10 years**, can work, can do integration (Hungary can give you money for 2 years), **take family here**, children can go to school
- 2) **Subsidiary protection** is a **5 years** status, can work, can do integration (Hungary can give you money for 2 years), children can go to school
- 3) **Humanitarian** is a 1 year status cannot work, does not receive money, cannot take family here

If you get negative decision you have to go back to your home country.



If you do not want the negative decision, maximum **8 days after the decision** you can appeal to the **judge (bíró)**. Do not miss the deadline! You can write down in your language that you ask the judge to review the decision and you want to get refugee status.



Detention: you can be put in prison (jail) as a refugee in Hungary if the immigration office thinks that you will escape and not wait until your decision. This can be **maximum 6 months**. You have to tell the judge if you had serious problems in your home country, if you have health problems to release you from the prison. Look for the lawyer of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee for help.



The currency in Hungary is Forint (HUF). Use official money exchange shop (*pénzváltó, cambio, geldwechsel*).



You can drink tap water (*ivóvíz*) unless it is marked like this:

At railway stations volunteers of **Migration Aid** and **MigSzol** groups can give you information, food, water, medical aid if necessary and the possibility to take a shower. They can help you find the train.