



Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 April 2017

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

How many?

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

	2017	Jan.	Feb.	March	Total
Blocked entries at the border fence		1 679	2 183	647	4 509
Escorts to the external side of the border fence under the so-called "8-kilometre rule" ¹		1 423	1 050	350	2 823
Irregular migrants apprehended at other parts of Hungary		138	166	37	341
Total		3 240	3 399	1 034	7 673

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 since February 2017), the number of registered asylum applications remains low:

	2017	Jan.	Feb.	March	Total
Asylum applications registered in Hungary		536	433	321	1290

In January-March 2017, **73** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 19 were refugee and 54 were "subsidiary protection" statuses) while **2 131** 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	950	10	940	1%
Iraq	225	7	218	3,1%
Somalia	10	7	3	70%
Syria	567	21	546	3,7%

From where?

In January-March 2017, the majority of asylum-seekers (**78 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 16 % from Syria, 42 % from Afghanistan, 20 % from Iraq and 0,4 % from Somalia. Of all the applicants, **38 %** were **children** and **29 %** **women**.

Where are they?

Based on the information provided to the HHC by UNHCR, the Immigration and Asylum Office hosted **282** asylum-seekers in its facilities on 27 March 2017: **57** were accommodated at **open reception centres** and **225** were **detained in asylum detention centres**.

Dublin returns

In January-March 2017, **121** asylum-seekers were **returned to Hungary** under the Dublin Regulation, primarily from Austria (79) and Germany (30).

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/>