

Refugees, immigrants, and migrants in higher education: Opportunities & Challenges

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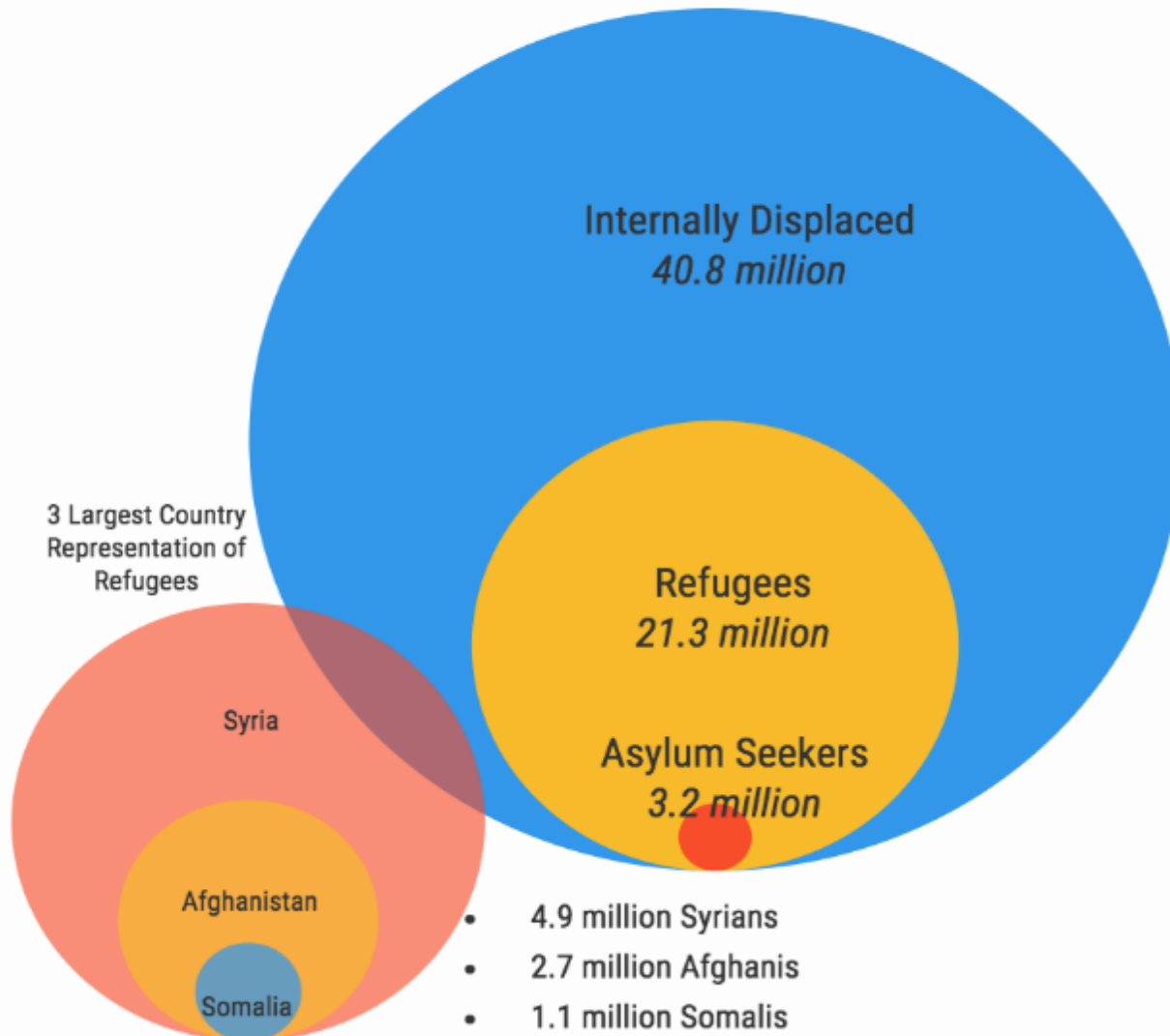
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Refugee, Immigrant or Migrant?

- **Refugee:** person fleeing armed conflict or persecution (*UNHCR*)
- **Immigrant:** a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country (*Oxford dictionary*)
- **Migrant:** chooses to move not because of a direct threat of persecution or death, but mainly to improve life by finding work, education, family reunion, or other reasons (*UNHCR*)

A Global Demographic Snapshot: People on the move in 2016

65 million people displaced



US Snapshot

42,414
Refugees₂
(10/16-4/17)

3759-Myanmar
5167-Somalia
6065-Syria
6139-Iran

8 of 14 million
immigrants in
workforce are
unauthorized₂
2016

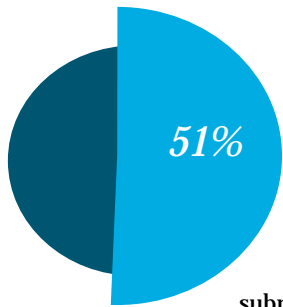
63,000
unaccompanied
minors from
Central America₃
2013-14

1-3 million migrants leave
homes to plant, cultivate,
harvest & pack fruits,
vegetables & nuts_{4,5} 2015

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21.3 million
refugees worldwide

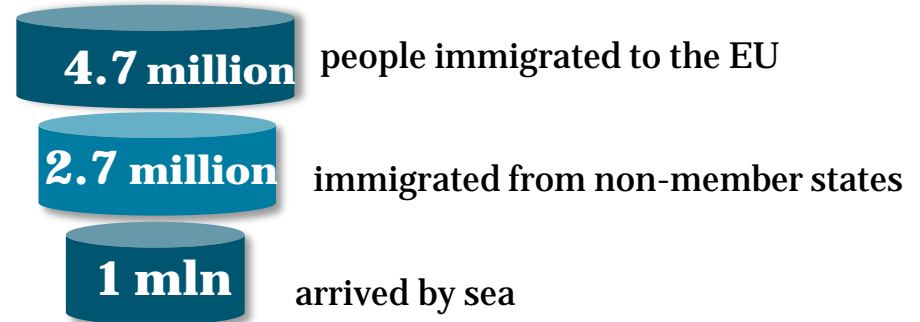


refugees are under
18 years old

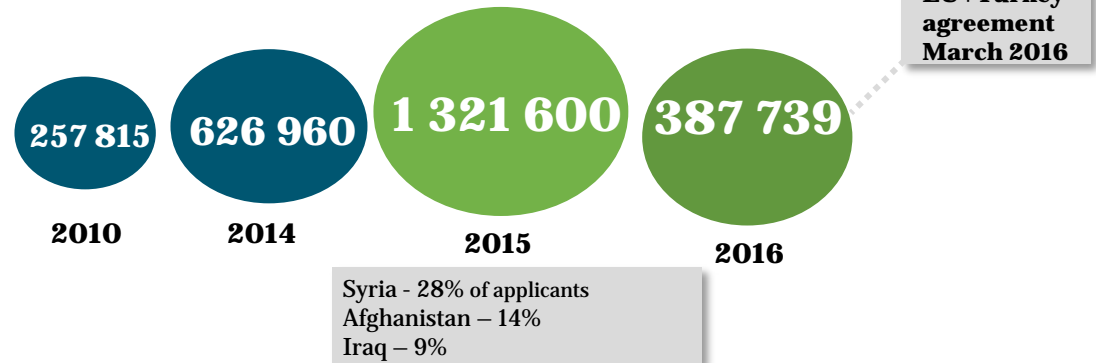
93 295 asylum applications
submitted by unaccompanied minors
in Europe in 2015

only **1%** of refugees gain
access to higher education

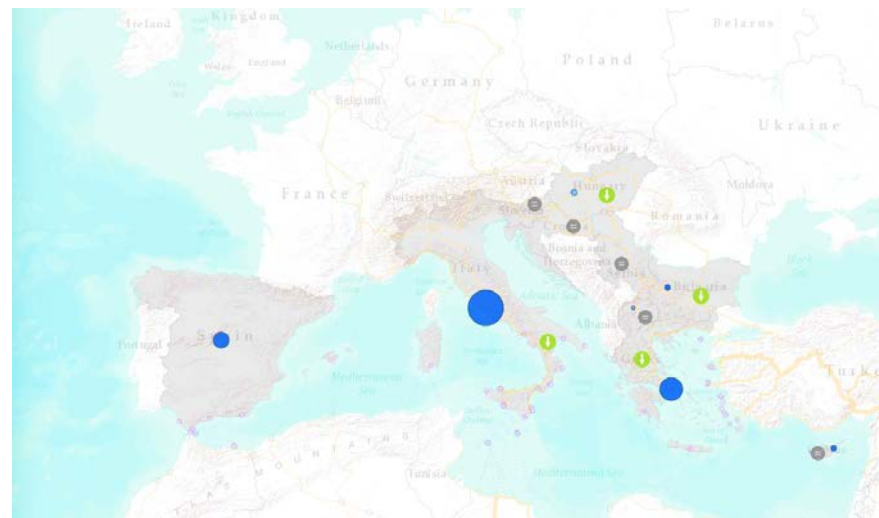
Migration to the EU+Norway in 2015



Asylum applications in Europe



Migration flows in Europe 2017



Arrival recent trends: 1 week (25-31 May)

Country	Arrivals
Italy	10 128
Greece	575
Bulgaria	4
Sum of arrivals	10 707

Main nationalities of arrivals (April 2017)

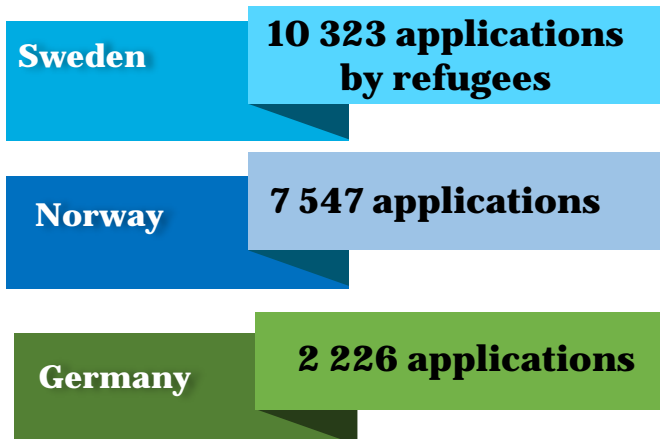
To Italy: Nigeria, Bangladesh, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Gambia

To Greece: Syria, Iraq, Republic of Congo, Algeria, Afghanistan

To Bulgaria: Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey

Inclusion on campus

Applications received for recognition of qualifications by ENICs and NARICs in 2015



Challenges faced when accessing higher education in Europe



Germany received **476 510 asylum seekers in 2015** (or 10% of all)

Norway received **31 150 applications for asylum in 2015**, only **47%** with **positive decision**

Inclusion on campus and beyond

Local authorities, Agencies for Quality Assurance in Education

- **Waive from fee for qualifications recognition procedures**
- **Offer adapted procedures to facilitate recognition of qualifications**
- **Study grants and scholarships for refugees**
- **European Qualifications Passport for refugees**

Universities, public education institutions, voluntary student initiatives

- **No requirement for asylum accepted status**
- **Provide information regarding higher education opportunities**
- **Groups of support for newly arrived immigrants**
- **Intensive language courses or 1-year programs**
- **Welcome or integrating refugee in degree programs**
- **Foundation courses to prepare for the university studying**
- **Open lectures, seminars, use of facilities incl. library**
- **MOOCs in specific study courses**
- **“study hubs” – spaces for studying**
- **Study-buddy partner programs**

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