



Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 May 2017

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

How many?

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

2017	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	Total
Blocked entries at the border fence ¹	1 679	2 183	647	27	4 536
Escorts to the external side of the border fence ¹	1 423	1 050	350	118	2 941
Irregular migrants apprehended	138	166	37	46	387
Total	3 240	3 399	1 034	191	7 864

As a result of the "8-kilometre rule" legalising push-backs, the daily limit of people admitted to enter the transit zone (5-5 persons during working days since February 2017), and the changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017¹ the number of registered asylum applications remains low.

2017	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	Total
Asylum applications registered in Hungary	536	433	321	205	1 495

In January-April 2017, **101** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 28 were refugee and 73 were "subsidiary protection" statuses) while **2 240** 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	994	22	972	2,2%
Iraq	251	8	243	3,1%
Somalia	10	7	3	70%
Syria	597	29	568	4,8%

From where?

In January-April 2017, the majority of asylum-seekers (**78 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 15 % from Syria, 41 % from Afghanistan, 21 % from Iraq and 0,3 % from Somalia. Of all the applicants, **40 %** were **children** and **32 %** **women**.

Where are they?

Based on the information provided to the HHC by UNHCR, the Immigration and Asylum Office hosted **191** asylum-seekers in its facilities on 18 April 2017: **17** were accommodated at **open reception centres** and **174** were **detained in asylum detention centres**.

Dublin returns

In January-April 2017, **124** 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-April 2017, only **29** 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 29 persons readmitted to Serbia, 18 were Serbian citizens. None of the returnees were Syrian, Afghan, Iraqi or Somali citizens.

¹ For further information on the „8-kilometre rule”, please see the [HHC's note](#). According to the [changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017](#), the so-called „8-kilometre rule” is applicable to the entire territory of Hungary when a „state of crisis due to mass migration” is in effect. The government proclaimed a nationwide „state of crisis due to mass migration” and it was in effect in April.