ASYLUM STATISTICS MARCH 2018

GENERAL OVERVIEW

ASYLUM APPLICATIONS	March 2018	2018
Number of persons who introduced a first application *	1.344	4.171
Number of persons who introduced a subsequent asylum application	435	1.258
Total	1.779	5.429

DECISIONS	March 2018	2018
Intermediary decisions		
Number of persons who received a decision to take into consideration their subsequent asylum application	116	293
Final decisions		
Number of persons who received a decision granting refugee status	889	2.185
Number of persons who received a decision granting subsidiary protection status	193	496
Number of persons who received a decision refusing to take into consideration their subsequent asylum application	433	1.007
Number of persons who received a decision refusing to take into consideration their asylum application (EU, safe country of origin, refugee in another EU Member State)	39	159
Number of persons who received a decision refusing refugee status and refusing subsidiary protection status	799	1.690
Number of persons whose protection status was revoked or ended	32	72
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	2.501	5.902

CASELOAD	End March 2018
	6.994 dossiers

* This category includes asylum applications made at the border and on Belgian territory, as well as applications from beneficiaries of relocation and resettlement (0 persons in March) in Belgium.

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I. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS (Source: Immigration Office)

Number of persons who claimed asylum in 2015,2016, 2017 and 2018

	Total number of asylum applications 2015	First applications 2015	Subsequent applications 2015
January	1.717	1.213	504
February	1.642	1.072	570
March	1.755	1.171	584
April	1.627	1.117	510
May	2.094	1.615	479
June	2.894	2.326	568
July	3.601	3.137	464
August	5.595	5.166	429
September	6.830	6.360	470
October	6.043	5.532	511
November	5.724	5.528	196
December	5.238	4.827	411
Total	**44.760**	**39.064**	**5.696**

	Total number of asylum applications 2016	First applications 2016	Subsequent applications 2016
January	2.842	2.396	446
February	1.523	1.313	210
March	1.374	1.016	358
April	1.300	1.033	267
May	1.193	836	357
June	1.089	790	299
July	1.322	1.084	238
August	1.673	1.254	419
September	1.496	1.176	320
October	1.705	1.330	375
November	1.614	1.261	353
December	1.579	1.181	398
Total	**18.710**	**14.670**	**4.040**

	Total number of asylum applications 2017	First applications 2017	Subsequent applications 2017
January	1.461	1.151	310
February	1.416	1.081	335
March	1.784	1.377	407
April	1.424	1.084	340
May	1.643	1.290	353
June	1.614	1.267	347
July	1.529	1.172	357
August	1.790	1.437	353
September	1.898	1.553	345
October	1.787	1.357	430
November	1.742	1.377	365
December	1.600	1.227	373
Total	**19.688**	**15.373**	**4.315**

	Total number of asylum applications 2018	First applications 2018	Subsequent applications 2018
January	1.893	1.458	435
February	1.757	1.369	388
March	1.779	1.344	435
April			
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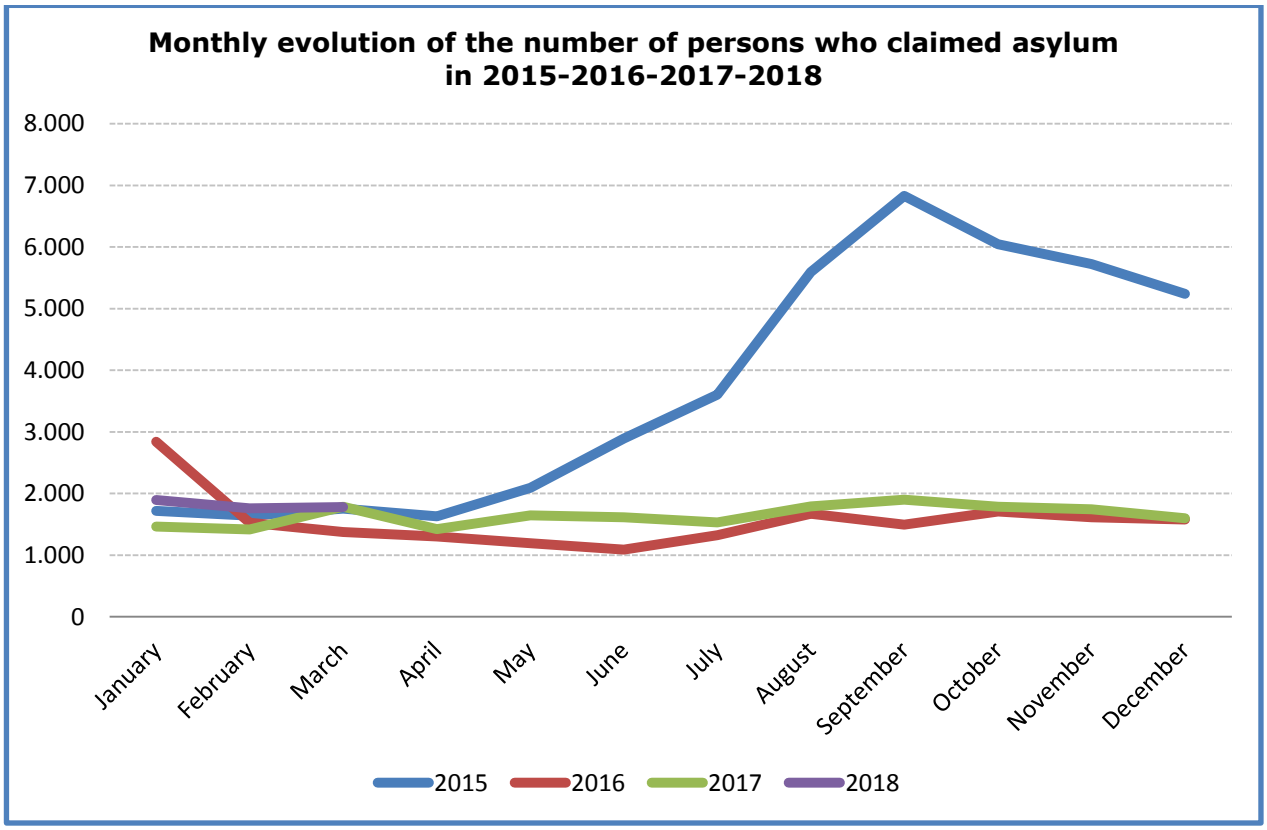
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total	**5.429**	**4.171**	**1.258**


Monthly evolution of the number of persons who claimed asylum in 2015-2016-2017-2018
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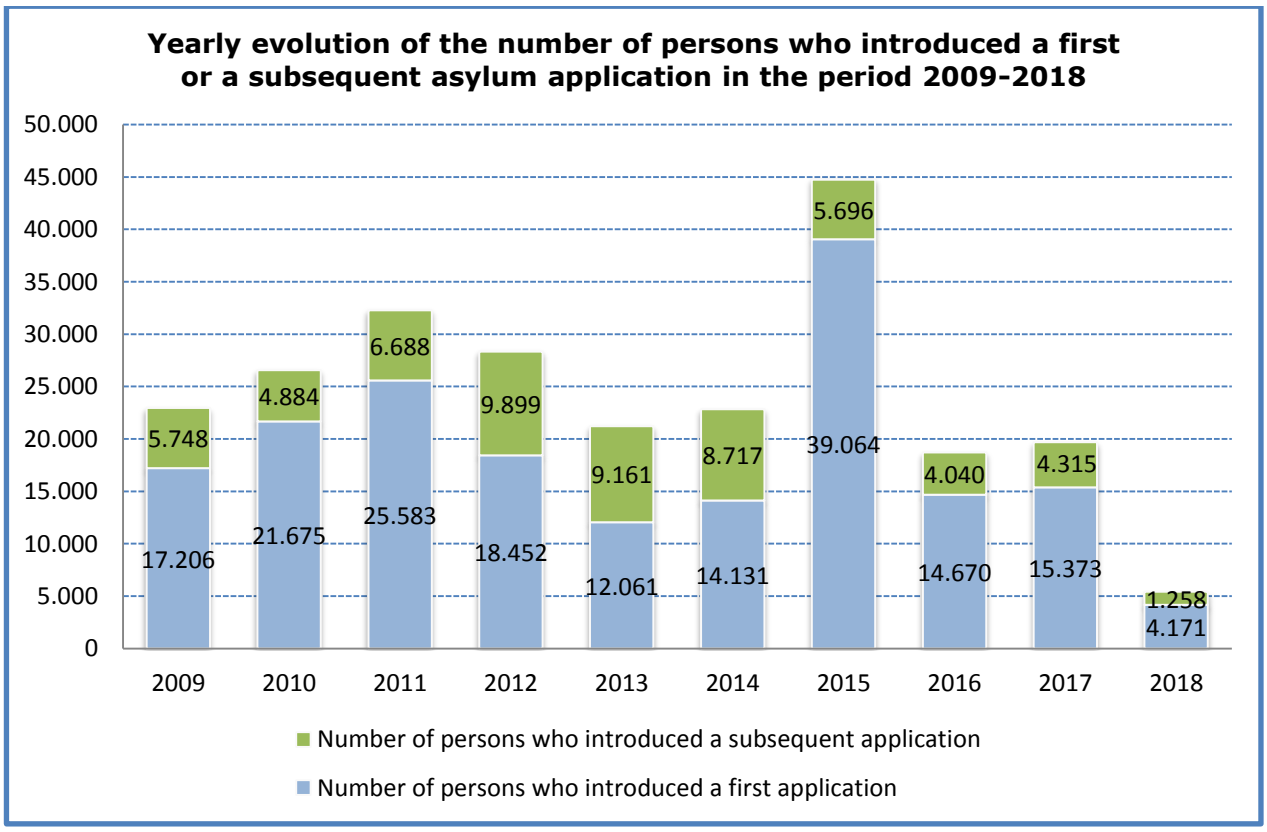
Yearly evolution of the number of persons who introduced a first or a subsequent asylum application in the period 2009-2018
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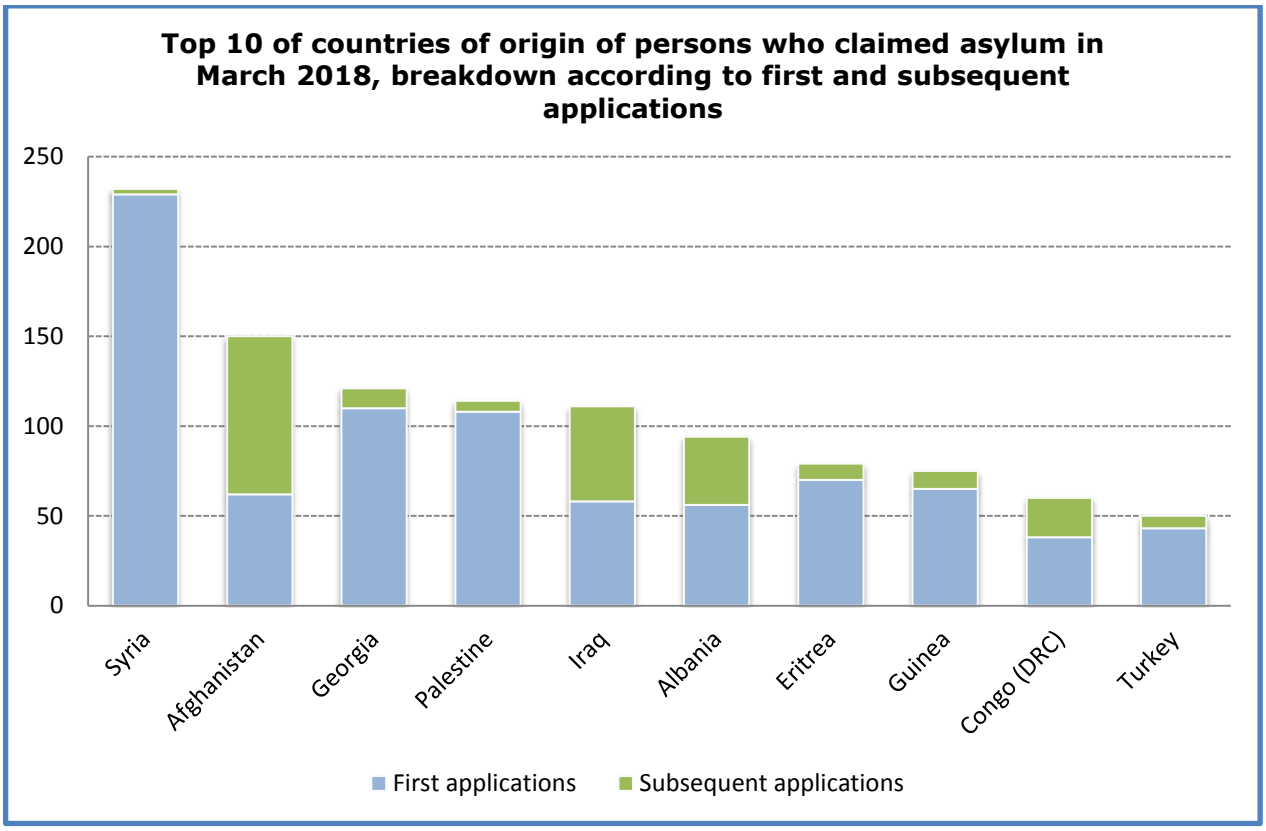
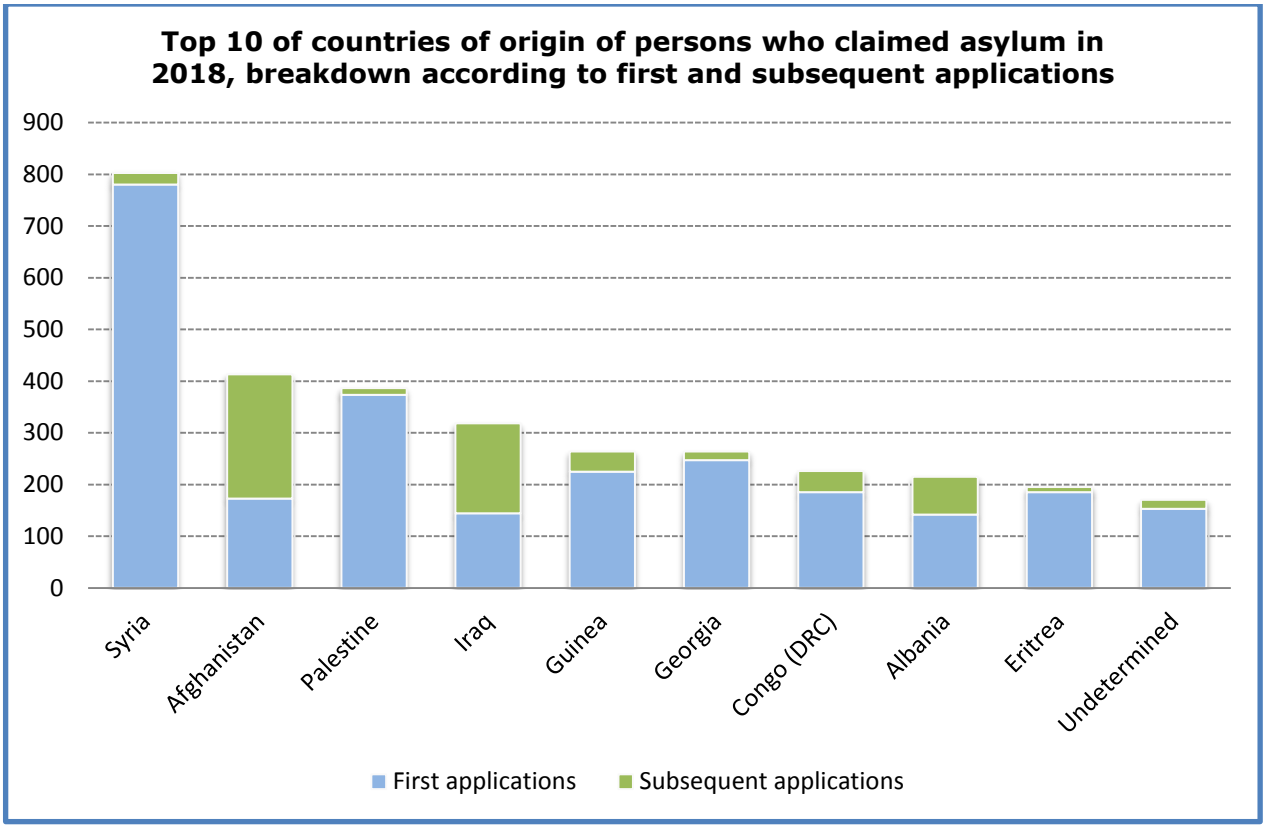
Number of persons who introduced a subsequent application
Number of persons who introduced a first application

Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who claimed asylum in March 2018				
	Country of origin	**Total number of asylum applications**	**First applications**	**Subsequent applications**
1	Syria	232	229	3
2	Afghanistan	150	62	88
3	Georgia	121	110	11
4	Palestine	114	108	6
5	Iraq	111	58	53
6	Albania	94	56	38
7	Eritrea	79	70	9
8	Guinea	75	65	10
9	Congo (DRC)	60	38	22
10	Turkey	50	43	7
	Other countries	693	505	188
	Total March 2018	**1.779**	**1.344**	**435**



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who claimed asylum in 2018				
	Country of origin	Total number of asylum applications	First applications	Subsequent applications
1	Syria	802	780	22
2	Afghanistan	413	173	240
3	Palestine	386	373	13
4	Iraq	318	144	174
5	Guinea	264	225	39
6	Georgia	264	247	17
7	Congo (DRC)	226	185	41
8	Albania	215	142	73
9	Eritrea	195	185	10
10	Undetermined	170	153	17
	Other countries	2.176	1.564	612
	Total 2018	**5.429**	**4.171**	**1.258**



II. ASYLUM DECISIONS (Source: CGRS)

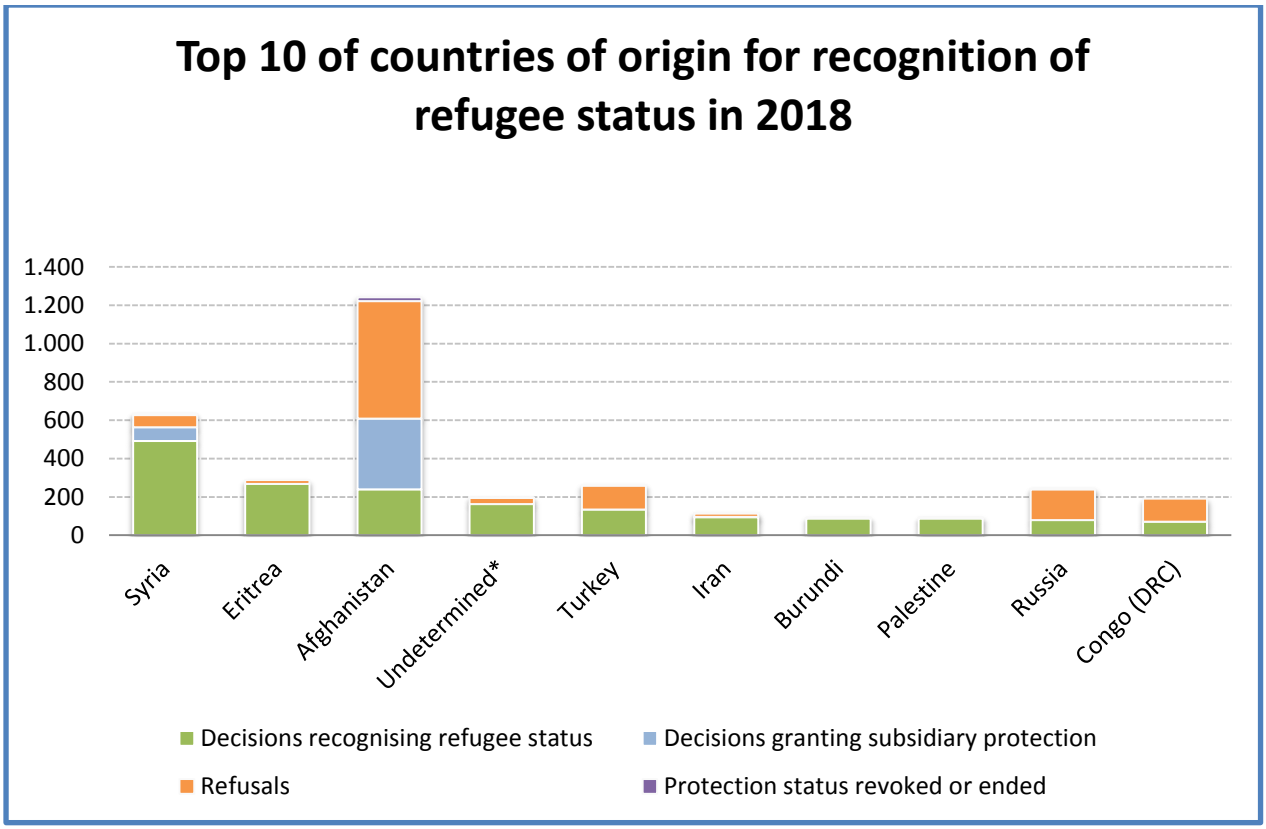
Number of persons who received an asylum decision													
Decisions	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot
Intermediairy decisions													
Number of persons who received a decision take into consideration their subsequent asylum application	68	109	116										293
Final decisions													
Number of persons who received a decision recognising refugee status	612	684	889										2.185
Number of persons who received a decision granting subsidiary protection status	145	158	193										496
Number of persons who received a decision refusing to take into consideration their subsequent asylum application	300	274	433										1.007
Number of persons who received a decision refusing to take into consideration their subsequent asylum application	64	56	39										159
Number of persons who received a decision refusing refugee status and refusing subsidiary protection status	433	458	799										1.690
Number of persons whose protection status was revoked or ended	16	24	32										72
Total number of persons who received an asylum decision	1.638	1.763	2.501										5.902

Number of decisions (cases)													
Decisions	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot
Intermediary decisions													
Decision to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	55	85	94										234
Final decisions													
Recognition of refugee status (RS)	455	467	638										1.560
Granting of subsidiary protection status (SP)	129	133	182										444
Refusal to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	250	231	350										831
Refusal to take the application into consideration (EU, Safe country, Refugee in another EU Member State)	52	44	34										130
Refusal of refugee status and refusal of subsidiary protection status	362	385	660										1.407
Protection status revoked or ended	14	21	32										67
Total number of decisions	1.317	1.366	1.990										4.673

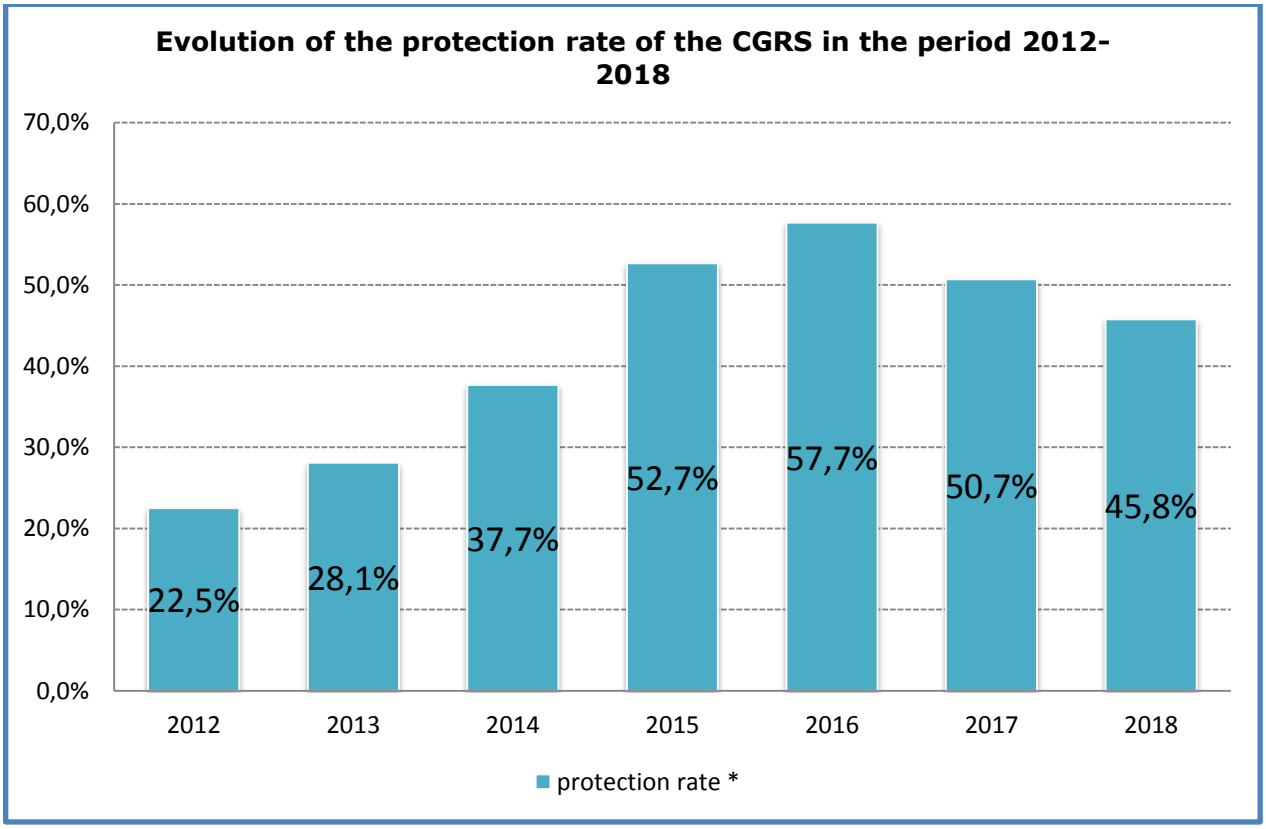
Top 10 of countries of origin for recognition of refugee status in 2018

	Country of origin	Decisions recognising refugee status	Decisions granting subsidiary protection	Protection status revoked or ended	Refusals	Total number of final decisions *
1	Syria	491	72	6	64	633
2	Eritrea	268	0	0	20	288
3	Afghanistan	240	369	20	612	1.241
4	Undetermined*	162	0	1	34	197
5	Turkey	134	0	3	125	262
6	Iran	95	1	2	18	116
7	Burundi	88	0	0	5	93
8	Palestine	87	0	0	7	94
9	Russia	79	0	3	161	243
10	Congo (DRC)	71	0	0	121	192
	Other countries	470	54	37	1.689	2.250
Total 2018		**2.185**	**496**	**72**	**2.856**	**5.609**

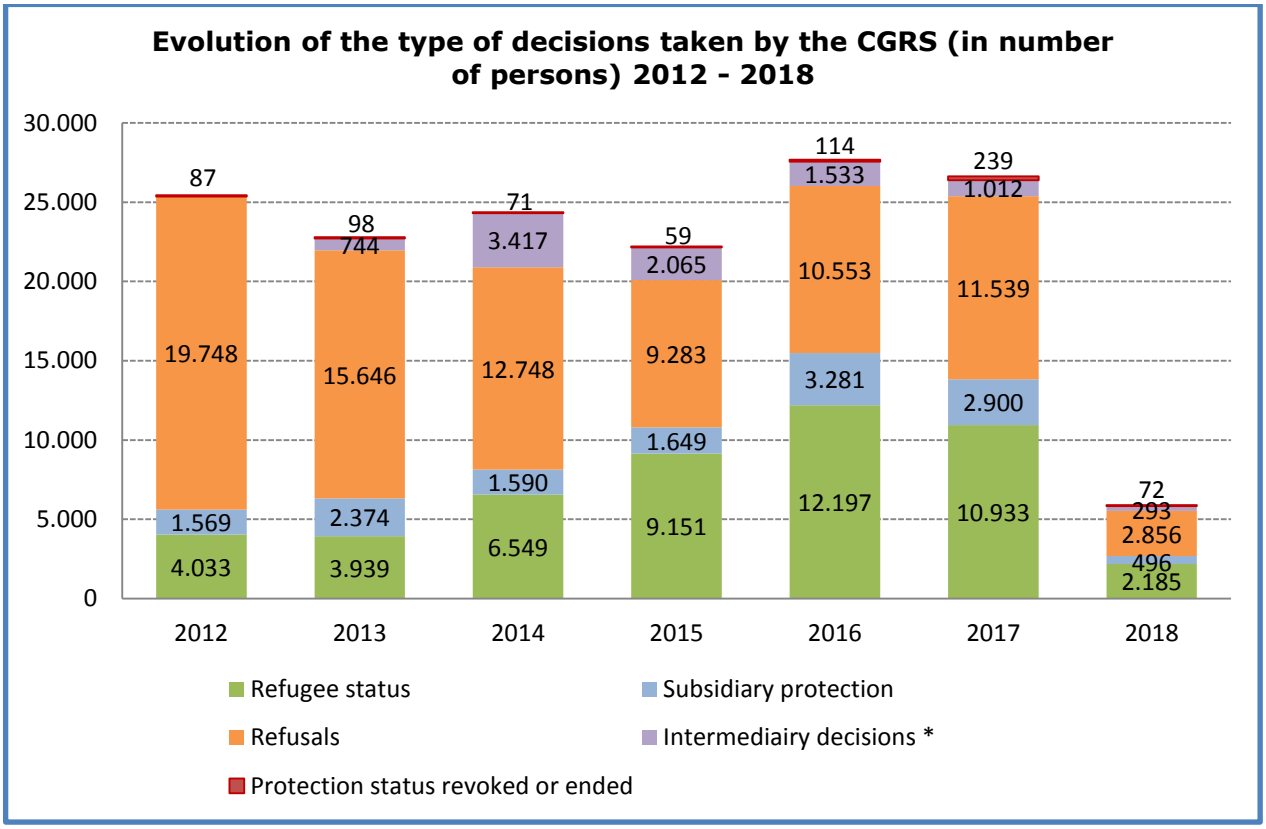
* The decisions to **refuse** to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application are included in the final decisions of the CGRS. The decisions to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application are a kind of intermediary decision and are therefore **not included** in the final decisions.



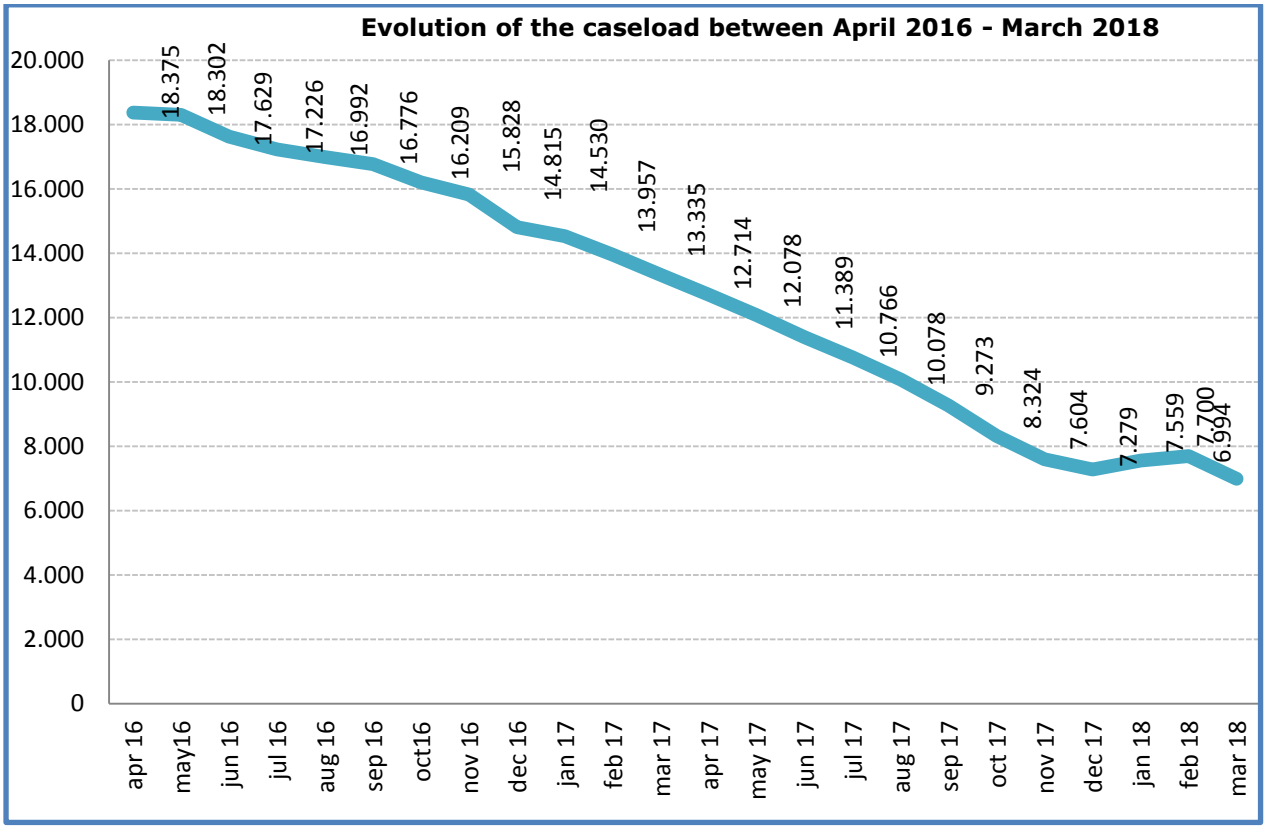
* 'Undetermined' includes persons whose nationality could not be ascertained, stateless persons,…



* The protection rate is the percentage of applications leading to recognition of refugee status or granting of subsidiary protection status compared to the total number of applications in which a decision was taken.



* 'Intermediary decisions' are decisions to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application. As of 1 September 2013, the CGRS is competent to examine subsequent asylum applications in first instance. This was formerly the competence of the immigration Office.

III. CASELOAD (Source: CGRS)

At the end of March 2018, the total caseload of the CGRS amounted to **6,994** asylum dossiers (9,042 persons). As a normal caseload corresponds to **4,500** dossiers, the actual backlog amounts to **2,494** dossiers.