

ASYLUM STATISTICS MONTHLY REPORT

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I. OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, ASYLUM DECISIONS AND CASELOAD

(Source: Immigration Office and CGRS)

May 2016

Asylum applications (Immigration Office)	% of	total number of asylum applications
Total number of persons having filed an application for asylum	1.193	
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	836	70,1%
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	357	29,9%
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	104	8,7%
Decisions (CGRA)		% of total number of decisions
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)		
	123	
Number of persons having received a decision	2.185	
Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)		
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)	1.127	51,6%
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SF)		
	245	11,2%
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)		
	173	7,9%
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	545	24,9%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	0	0,0%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)		
	15	0,7%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU		
Member State)	2	0,1%
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	6	0,3%
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	72	3,3%
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	2.308	
Caseload (CGRS)	lumber of cases	

Refusals to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application are included in the monthly total of final decisions taken by the CGRS. Decisions to take into consideration a subsequent application are intermediary decisions and are **not** included in the monthly total of final decisions. Decisions to withdraw or end a protection status are also not included in the final decisions.

The protection rate corresponds to the number of persons who were granted refugee status or subsidiary protection status by the CGRS compared to the total number of persons who received a final decision.

This mode of calculation conforms to EU standards.

18.302



2016

Asylum applications (Immigration Office)	% of total	% of total number of asylum applications		
Total number of persons having filed an application for asylum	8.232			
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	6.594	80,1%		
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	1.638	19,9%		
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	589	7,2%		
Decisions (CGRA)	Q	% of total number of decisions		
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	633			
Number of persons having received a decision	10.991			
Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)		_		
	5.308	48,3%		
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)	1.559	14,2%		
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)				
	948	8,6%		
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	2.663	24,2%		
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	39	0,4%		
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)				
	65	0,6%		
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU		·		
Member State)	17	0,2%		
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	178	1,6%		
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	374	3,4%		
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	11.624			
Caseload (CGRS)	Number of cases			
Total caseload	18.302			

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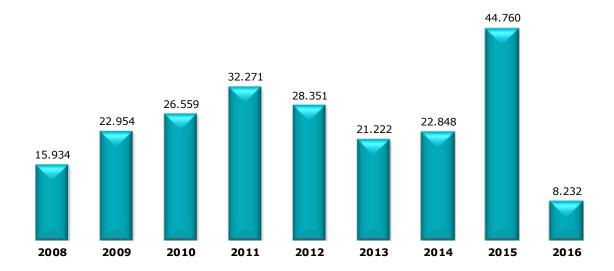
(Source: Immigration Office)

1. Number of applications for asylum (first and subsequent applications)

a. Total number of persons who filed an asylum application in 2016

				+/- in %
	2015	2016	2016	compared to
	2010	2010	compared to	previous
			2015	month
January	1.717	2.842	65,5%	-45,7%
February	1.642	1.523	-7,2%	-46,4%
March	1.755	1.374	-21,7%	-9,8%
April	1.627	1.300	-20,1%	-5,4%
May	2.094	1.193	-43,0%	-8,2%
June	2.894			
July	3.601			
August	5.595			
September	6.830			
October	6.043			
November	5.724			
December	5.238		•	
Total	44.760	8.232		

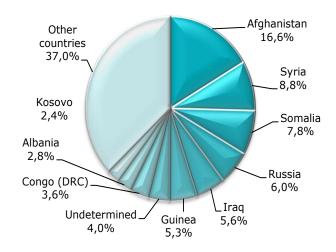
Total number of persons who filed an asylum application (2008-2016)





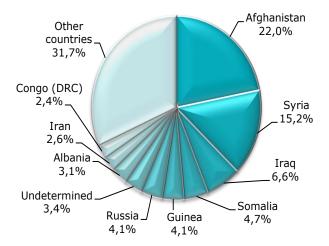
b. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed an asylum application in may 2016

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	198
2 Syria	105
3 Somalia	93
4 Russia	72
5 Iraq	67
6 Guinea	63
7 Undetermined	48
8 Congo (DRC)	43
9 Albania	33
10 Kosovo	29
Other countries	442
Total may 2016	1.193



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed an asylum application in 2016

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	1807
2 Syria	1253
3 Iraq	546
4 Somalia	386
5 Guinea	340
6 Russia	337
7 Undetermined	277
8 Albania	258
9 Iran	214
10 Congo (DRC)	201
Other countries	2.613
Total 2016	8.232





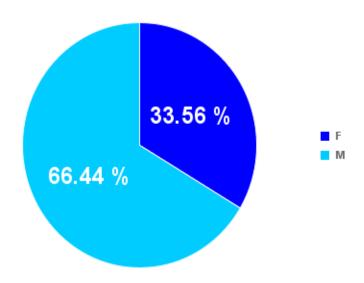
c. Number of persons who filed an asylum application per country of origin

	2042					Country of origin			2014	2015	2016
Country of origin Afghanistan	2012 3288	2013 1674	2014 2331	2015 8308	1807	Country of origin Libanon	2012 129	2013 96	103	2015	68
Albania	1076	775	732	827	258		29	28	31	16	3
Algeria	255	160	191	139	39		20	20	64	83	10
Angola	236	168	108	88	38		10	3	3	3	0
Argentina	9	0	100	1	0		1	Ŭ	Ŭ		0
Armenia	607	425	281	277	80		835	424	403	335	44
Australia		2			0		3	4		4	1
Austria					2		2		1	1	0
Azerbaijan	144	139	90	55	24		2			1	0
Bahrein		4			0		130	154	81	53	14
Bangladesh	520	214	164	123	34	Malta					0
Belorussia	70	67	42	32	13	M auretania	268	263	165	131	36
Benin	85	62	42	39	13	Mauritius	8	4	1	2	1
Bhutan	6	9	2	4	1	M exico	1	8	3	5	3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	205	171	150	58	20	Moldova	21	15	20	14	5
Brasil		3	1	5	1	Mongolia	53	33	27	21	0
Bulgaria	60	38	16	14	1	M o ntenegro	103	20	19	15	5
Burkina-Faso	118	123	90	57		Morocco	113	147	191	229	97
Burundi	180	209	118	316		M o zambique	1				0
Cameroon	573	457	416	335	121	M yanmar	22	14	14	11	2
Canada	3	3		1	1		1		1	1	0
Central African Rep.	8	13	65	25	15		227	64	20	79	11
Chad	28	27	23	11	1	Netherlands	9	4	5	2	0
Chili	1				5					1	0
China	442	457	167	446	126					1	0
Colombia	15	11	2	5	6		105	95	128	95	0
Comores	2				0		216	198	154	145	35
Congo RD	1592	1540	826	790	201		116	41	3	1	52
Congo RP	27	27	18	12	13	Pakistan	838	399	358	529	1
Costa Rica	1				0	Palestina	5	5	8	11	146
Croatia	28	25	19	4	0	Panama				2	3
Cuba	6	8	5	4	1	Paraguay	1	1			0
Cyprus	1		1	0	0	Peru		1		1	0
Czech Rep.	14	9	3		0	Philippines		2	1	6	0
Denmark				1	0	Poland	1	1	5	3	0
Djibouti	123	154	157	128	54	Portugal	1				0
Dominican Rep.	0	0	3	2	1	Romania	64	75	39	28	3
Ecuador			1	1	1	Russia	2653	2150	1848	1322	337
Egypt	102	143	129	75	33	Rwanda	465	366	324	287	108
El Salvador	21	22	25	37	35	Sao Tomé & Principe			2		0
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	1	1	1	Saoudi A rabia	0	2		3	0
Eritrea	81	72	822	362	114	Senegal	569	379	275	260	62
Ethiopia	62	39	70	78	25	Serbia	1097	685	502	374	91
Fidji				1	1	Sierra Leone	70	49	76	21	10
France	4	1	1	3	4	Singapo re				1	0
Gabon	4	4	7	12	1	Slovakia	39	17	24	25	7
Gambia	80	79	49	72	22	Slovenia		1			0
Georgia	507	371	432	299	112	Somalia	458	271	367	2091	386
Germany				5	6	South Africa	1	5	2	1	0
Ghana	94	71	46	25	18	South Corea	1			2	0
Greece				5	1	South Sudan		5	5	6	4
Guatemala	13	3	3	1	5	Spain	1			1	0
Guinea	2189	1610	1438	955	340		146	126	138	164	38
Guinea-Bissau	28	15	16	9	1	Stateless Persons		10	3	12	2
Guyana	1		1			Sudan	101	76	158	137	27
Haïti	1	3	8	17	2	Surinam	15	5	5	3	2
Honduras	2		4	2	0					1	0
Hungary	33	12	11	1	0					1	0
Indefinite	406	448	1116	1208	277	Syria	1030	1134	2706	10415	1253
India	121	70	84	79	28		9	2	10	20	1
Indonesia				2	0		82	64	31	13	10
Iran	499	435	480	630	214				3		1
Iraq	975	930	1394	9469	546		257	225	157	177	55
Israel	7	4	1	4	2		66	62	68	81	27
Italy	3	2	3		0	,	463	318	278	304	129
lvory Coast	257	168	136	119	54			0		1	0
Jamaica	1		10	6	0		23	21	15	21	5
Japan	1					Ukraine	88	65	569	434	76
Jordania	33	20	33	31	7		2			1	0
Kampuchea				1	0	Ü				1	0
Kazakhstan	224	133	69	22	2	Uruguay	1				0
Kenia	44	33	25	13	9		4	2	2	4	1
Kirghizistan	80	86	57	62	10		14	16	3	11	0
Kosovo	1741	1268	842	737	136	Venezuela		2	19	19	15
Kuwait	1			4	1	Vietnam	4	16	3	2	0
Laos		1			0	Western Sahara	18	10	20	47	0
Latvia	1		4	1	0				2	0	10
Lesotho			1		0	Zambie			2		0
						Zimbabwe		2	3	5	2
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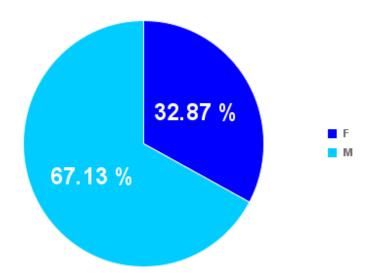


d. Male/Female ratio of persons who filed an asylum application

May 2016

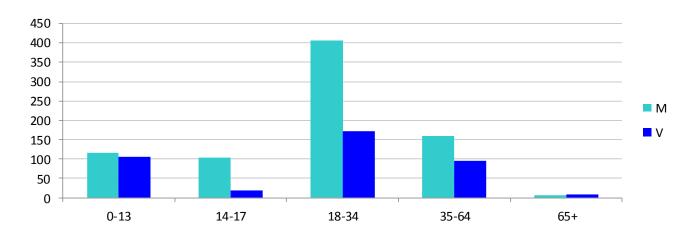


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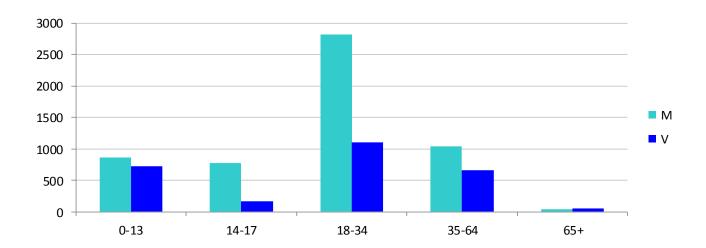




e. Age graph (with gender breakdown) of persons who filed an asylum application May 2016



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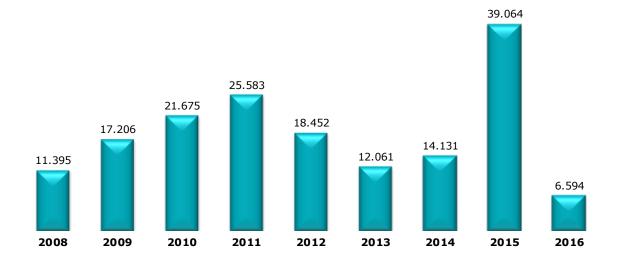


2. First applications for asylum

a. Total number of persons who filed a first asylum application in 2016

			+/- in %	+/- in %
	2015	2016	2016	compared to
	2013	2010	compared to	previous
			2015	month
January	1.213	2.396	97,5%	-50,4%
February	1.072	1.313	22,5%	-45,2%
March	1.171	1.016	-13,2%	-22,6%
April	1.117	1.033	-7,5%	1,7%
May	1.615	836	-48,2%	-19,1%
June	2.326			
July	3.137			
August	5.166			
September	6.360			
October	5.532			
November	5.528			
December	4.827	•		
Total	39.064	6.594		

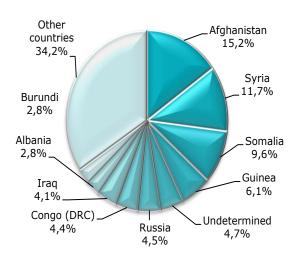
Total number of persons who filed a first asylum application (2008-2016)





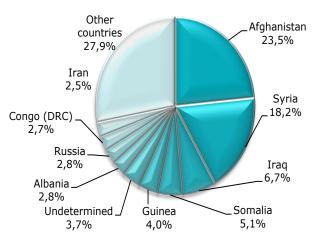
a. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a first asylum application in may 2016

Land van herkomst	Aantal personen
1 Afghanistan	127
2 Syria	98
3 Somalia	80
4 Guinea	51
5 Undetermined	39
6 Russia	38
7 Congo (DRC)	37
8 Iraq	34
9 Albania	23
10 Burundi	23
Other countries	286
Total may 2016	836



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a first asylum application in 2016

Land van herkomst	Aantal personen
1 Afghanistan	1549
2 Syria	1199
3 Iraq	444
4 Somalia	336
5 Guinea	265
6 Undetermined	247
7 Albania	187
8 Russia	182
9 Congo (DRC)	177
10 Iran	168
Other countries	1.840
Totaal 2016	6.594



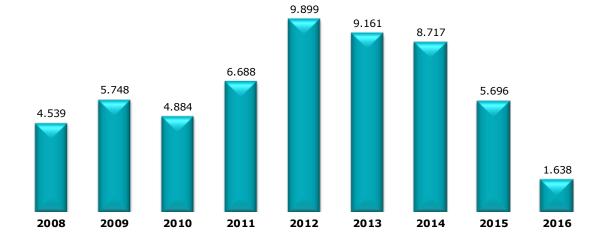


3. Subsequent applications for asylum

a. Total number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application in 2016

			+/- in %	+/- in %
	2015	2016	2016	compared to
	2013	2010	compared to	previous
			2015	month
January	504	446	-11,5%	8,5%
February	570	210	-63,2%	-52,9%
March	584	358	-38,7%	70,5%
April	510	267	-47,6%	-25,4%
May	479	357	-25,5%	33,7%
June	568			
July	464			
August	429			
September	470			
October	511			
November	196			
December	411	•	•	
Total	5.696	1.638		

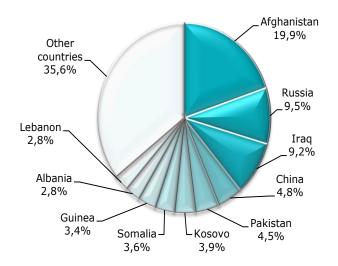
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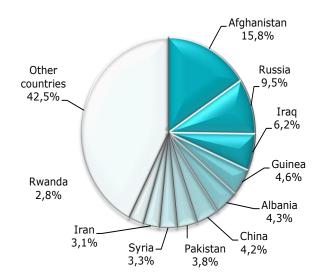
b. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application in may 2016

	Country of origin	Number of persons
1	Afghanistan	71
2	Russia	34
3	Iraq	33
4	China	17
5	Pakistan	16
6	Kosovo	14
7	Somalia	13
8	Guinea	12
9	Albania	10
10	Lebanon	10
	Other countries	127
Tota	l may 2016	357



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application in $2016\,$

Country of orig	in Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	258
2 Russia	155
3 Iraq	102
4 Guinea	75
5 Albania	71
6 China	69
7 Pakistan	62
8 Syria	54
9 Iran	50
10 Rwanda	46
Other countries	696
Total 2016	1.638





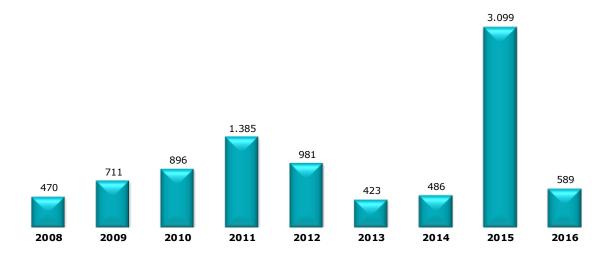
4. Applications for asylum filed by unaccompanied foreign minors

The figures in the table below are regularly updated. The original figures refer to applications filed by young people who declare to be unaccompanied minors at the start of their asylum procedure. The Immigration Office updates these figures according to the result of the bone tests carried out to determine their real age.

a. Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in 2015-2016

	2015	2016	+/- in % compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	53	185	249,1%	-77,0%
February	43	136	216,3%	-26,5%
March	36	86	138,9%	-36,8%
April	35	78	122,9%	-9,3%
May	79	104	31,6%	33,3%
June	117			
July	181			
August	214			
September	349			
October	423			
November	765			
December	804			
Total	3.099	589		

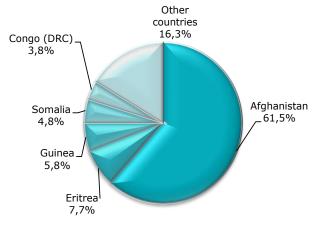
b. Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in 2008-2016





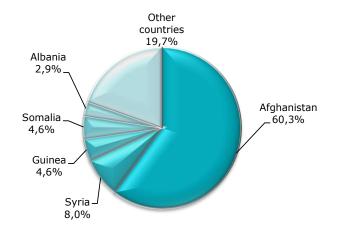
c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in may 2016

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	64
2 Eritrea	8
3 Guinea	6
4 Somalia	5
5 Congo (DRC)	4
Other countries	17
Total may 2016	104



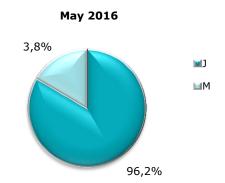
Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in 2016

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	355
2 Syria	47
3 Guinea	27
4 Somalia	27
5 Albania	17
Other countries	116
Total 2016	589



d. Proportion boys/girls among unaccompanied foreign minors 2008-2016

	Boys	Girls
2008	71,4%	28,6%
2009	78,0%	22,0%
2010	72,9%	27,1%
2011	77,9%	22,1%
2012	74,7%	25,3%
2013	67,6%	32,4%
2014	71,4%	28,6%
2015	83,5%	16,5%
2016	89,0%	11,0%





III. ASYLUM DECISIONS

1. Decisions taken by the Immigration Office

(Source: Immigration Office)

May 2016

	Number of persons
Transfer of files to CGRS	1.698
25/26 quater (Dublin)	281
Renunciation,	180
Total	2.159

The Immigration Department has a power of decision with regard to the application of the Dublin Regulation (annexes 25/26 quater), renunciations... If the Immigration Department does not make a decision, the case will be transferred to the CGRS for examination.

2. Decisions taken by the CGRS

(Source: CGRS)

a. Number of persons who received an asylum decision

	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Number of persons who received refugee status (RS)	923	1.012	1.141	1.105	1.127	5.308
Number of persons who received subsidiairy protection status (SP)	250	341	377	346	245	1.559
Number of persons whose asylum application was taken into consideration (multiple application)	99	96	128	187	123	633
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (subsequent application)	138	218	216	203	173	948
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP	408	517	513	522	490	2.450
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	27	6	4	2	0	39
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country)	7	21	13	9	15	65
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in other EU Member State)	2	4	7	2	2	17
Number of persons for whom a technical decision was taken	17	55	45	41	55	213
Number of persons excluded from RS and/or SP	3	4	0	5	6	18
Number of persons for whom RS of SP ceased to apply	0	2	1	1	2	6
Number of persons whose RS or SP was withdrawn	6	2	6	0	7	21
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application	29	83	109	63	63	347
Total	1.909	2.361	2.560	2.486	2.308	11.624



b. Number of decisions (cases)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
Recognition of refugee status (RS)	769	830	908	904	851	4.262
Granting of subsidiary protection status (SP)	177	258	257	243	182	1.117
						0
Decision to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	82	80	105	136	95	498
Refusal to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	125	177	178	173	137	790
						0
Refusal of RS and SP	331	446	439	437	416	2.069
Refusal to take the application into consideration (EU)	14	4	1	2	0	21
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Safe country)	5	18	11	6	8	48
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Refugee in another EU Member State)	2	4	6	2	2	16
Technical refusal	15	53	39	32	36	175
Exclusion from RS and SP	3	2	0	5	4	14
Cessation of RS or SP	0	2	1	1	2	6
Withdrawal of RS or SP	6	2	6	0	7	21
Renunciation + return with IOM	28	69	102	57	61	317
Devoid of purpose (art. 55 regularisation)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1.557	1.945	2.053	1.998	1.801	9.354



c. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who received refugee status in 2016

Country of origin	Number of beneficiaries of refugee status	Total number of decisions	
1 Syria	2.248	3.163	71,1%
2 Iraq	737	1.806	40,8%
3 Somalia	205	385	53,2%
4 Afghanistan	170	521	32,6%
5 Eritrea	144	166	86,7%
6 Undetermined	110	139	79,1%
7 Guinea	93	187	49,7%
8 Russia	59	170	34,7%
9 China	44	60	73,3%
10 Iran	33	50	66,0%
Other countries	335	1.380	24,3%
Total 2016	4.178	8.027	52,0%

Refusals to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application are included in the monthly total of final decisions taken by the CGRS. Decisions to take into consideration a subsequent application are intermediary decisions and are **not** included in the monthly total of final decisions. Decisions to withdraw or end a protection status are also not included in the final decisions.

The protection rate corresponds to the number of persons who were granted refugee status or subsidiary protection status by the CGRS compared to the total number of persons who received a final decision.

This mode of calculation conforms to EU standards.

d. Top 5 of countries of origin of persons who received subsidiary protection status in 2016

Country of origin	Number of beneficiaries of subsidiary protection	Total number of final decisions	
1 Syria	986	4.016	24,6%
2 Iraq	238	2.339	10,2%
3 Afghanistan	202	814	24,8%
4 Somalia	102	490	20,8%
5 Russia	5	277	1,8%
Other countries	26	3.028	0,9%
Total 2016	1.559	10.964	14,2%

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This mode of calculation conforms to EU standards.



e. Top 10 of countries of origin as to number of cases in which a decision to recognise refugee status was taken in 2016

Country of origin	Number of decisions granting refugee status	Total number of final decisions	
1 Syria	2.303	2.981	77,3%
2 Iraq	752	1.928	39,0%
3 Somalia	238	478	49,8%
4 Afghanistan	174	723	24,1%
5 Ertirea	152	181	84,0%
6 Undetermined	124	154	80,5%
7 Guinea	69	200	34,5%
8 Russia	49	193	25,4%
9 China	42	133	31,6%
10 Iran	31	57	54,4%
Other countries	330	1.805	18,3%
Total 2016	4.264	8.833	48,3%

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The protection rate corresponds to the number of persons who were granted refugee status or subsidiary protection status by the CGRS compared to the total number of persons who received a final decision.

This mode of calculation conforms to EU standards.

f. Top 5 of countries of origin as to number of cases in which a decision to grant subsidiary protection was taken in 2016

Country of origin	Number of decisions granting subsidiary protection	Total number of final decisions	
1 Syria	601	2.981	20,2%
2 Iraq	205	1.928	10,6%
3 Afghanistan	184	723	25,4%
4 Somalia	101	478	21,1%
5 Ukrain	5	68	7,4%
Other countries	21	2.655	0,8%
Total 2016	1.117	8.833	12,6%

Refusals to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application are included in the monthly total of final decisions taken by the CGRS. Decisions to take into consideration a subsequent application are intermediary decisions and are **not** included in the monthly total of final decisions. Decisions to withdraw or end a protection status are also not included in the final decisions.

The protection rate corresponds to the number of persons who were granted refugee status or subsidiary protection status by the CGRS compared to the total number of persons who received a final decision.

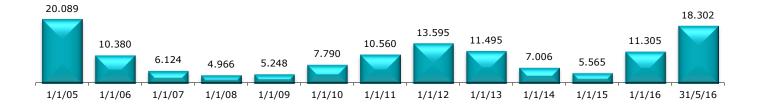
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IV. EVOLUTION OF THE TOTAL CASELOAD OF THE CGRA

At the end of April 2016, the total caseload of the CGRS amounted to **18.302** cases (22.791 persons). As **4.500** cases can be considered a normal caseload, the actual backlog amounted to **13.802** cases.

Total caseload per year (number of cases)



Caseload over the last sixteen months (number of cases)

