



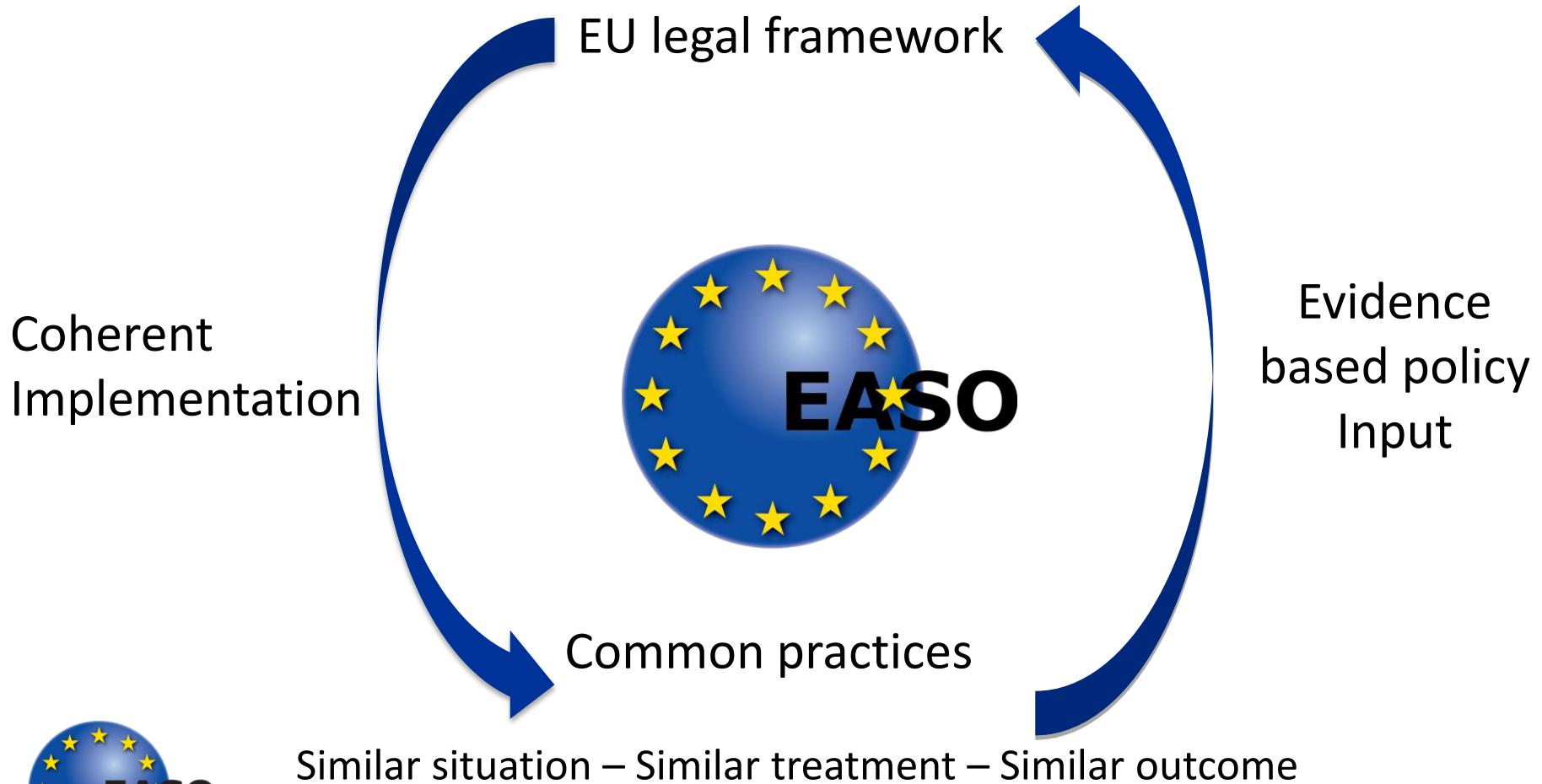
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# The European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

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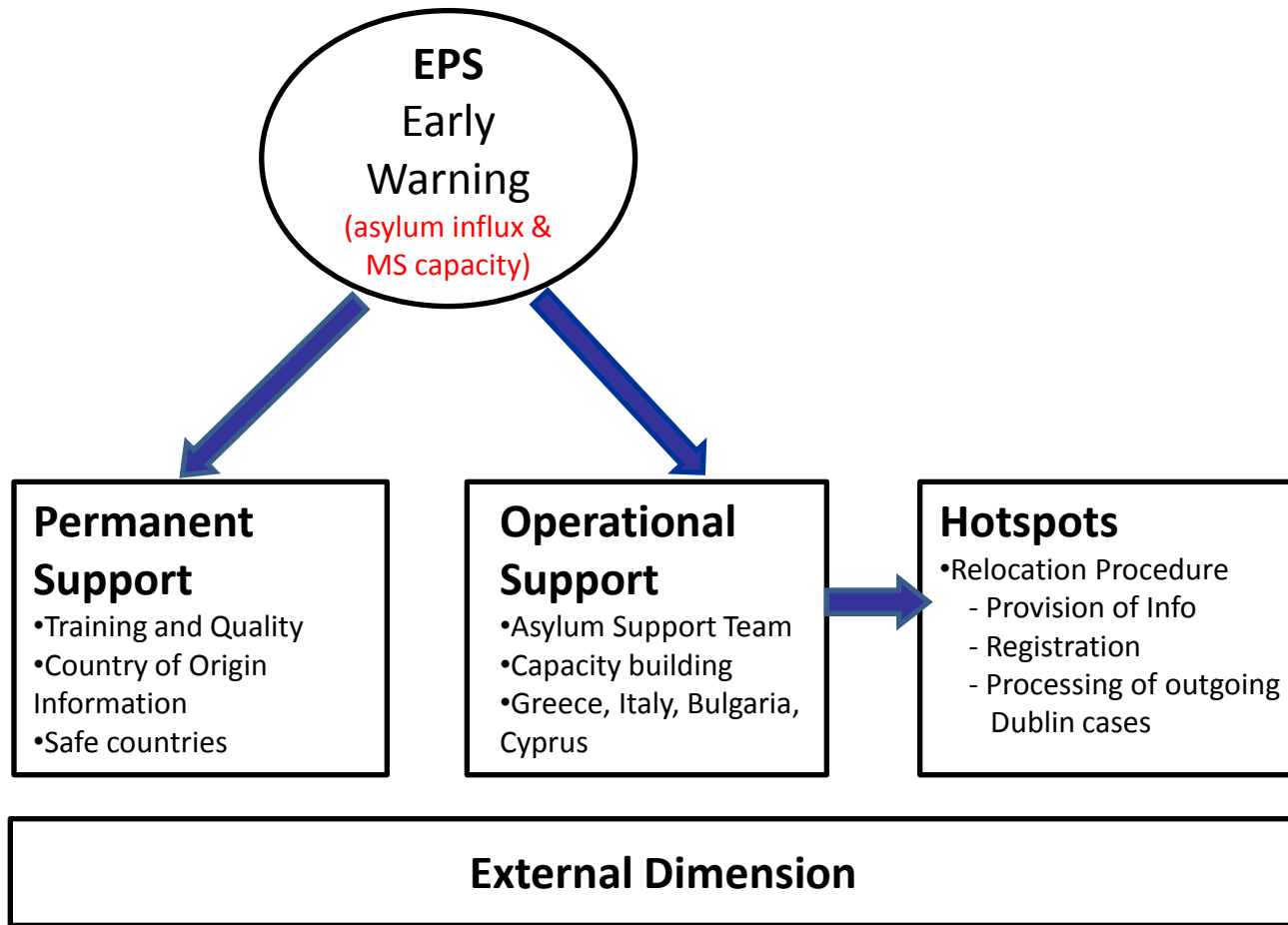
# Common European Asylum System



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# EASO Tools and Activities



# EASO and the Hotspots: What do we do?

- **Provision of information** on the asylum procedures and on the relocation procedure to the persons disembarking, in order to inform applicants of the benefits of relocation (In the hotspots) and on the asylum procedure in Italy and Greece.
- **Registration** of the application for international protection of persons eligible for relocation. This activity may include additional vulnerability assessment or preliminary nationality assessment.
- **Matching** of applicants with the most appropriate MS of Relocation and preparing the transfer to the MS of Relocation. EASO experts will assist the units processing such files as well with regular Dublin cases.
- **Detecting fraudulent documents** during the registration process of applicants for international protection.



# EASO and the Hotspots: How does it work?



Provision of information  
at the disembarkation  
points



EASO staff doing the  
registration



EASO staff support the  
match-making exercise



Departure of people to  
be relocated



Arrival at destination



# Current positions of EASO experts



# State of play on EASO work in the hotspots

- Operations in Italy and Greece have started;
- Current needs are satisfied with some 30 experts already deployed; Further deployments will hinge upon scaling up the operations and technical infrastructure;
- **Realities in IT and EL are different. Flexible and tailor-made approach needed;**
- **Changing reality on the ground**



# EASO asked for 374 experts, 177 have been pledged

Member State	Experts offered by MS	Experts currently deployed
Austria	45	1
Belgium	15	3
Bulgaria	1	
Croatia	2	
Cyprus		
Czech Republic	10	3
Denmark	5	1
Estonia	1	
Finland	1	1
France	6	6
Germany	14	2
Greece	1	
Hungary	1	1
Ireland	2	
Italy		
Latvia		
Lithuania	1	
Luxembourg	6	
Lichtenstein		
Malta	2	
Netherlands	6	1
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania	11	
Slovakia	2	1
Slovenia	1	1
Spain	30	
Sweden	2	3
UK	10	
Switzerland	0	1
Norway	2	2
Total	177	27 + 2 EASO experts



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- JHA Council conclusion: Hotspots should be operational by end of November
- Planned hotspots in IT:Lampedusa (operational)  
Pozzallo, Porto Empedocle, Augusta, Taranto, Trapani
- Planned hotspots in EL: Lesvos(operational), Chios, Samos, Leros, Kos



## Main Challenges for EASO in the hotspots

- Not all hotspots are as yet operational;
- Administrative issues (IT, containers, etc);
- Capacity issues - the ability to process people;
- Coordination issues in the hotspots.



## Other Horizontal Issues

- Focus more on relocation streams outside of hotspots per se;
- Use of flexible tools such as **mobile teams**;
- Flexible and tailor-made approach is key to success;



Relocation Completed	Destination	No of persons	Nationalities
9 October	Sweden	19	Eritreans
21 October	Sweden	19	Syrians
21 October	Finland	48	Eritreans
4 November	Luxembourg	30	Syrians & Iraqis
5 November	France	19	Eritreans
8 November	Spain	12	11 Eritreans, 1 Syrian





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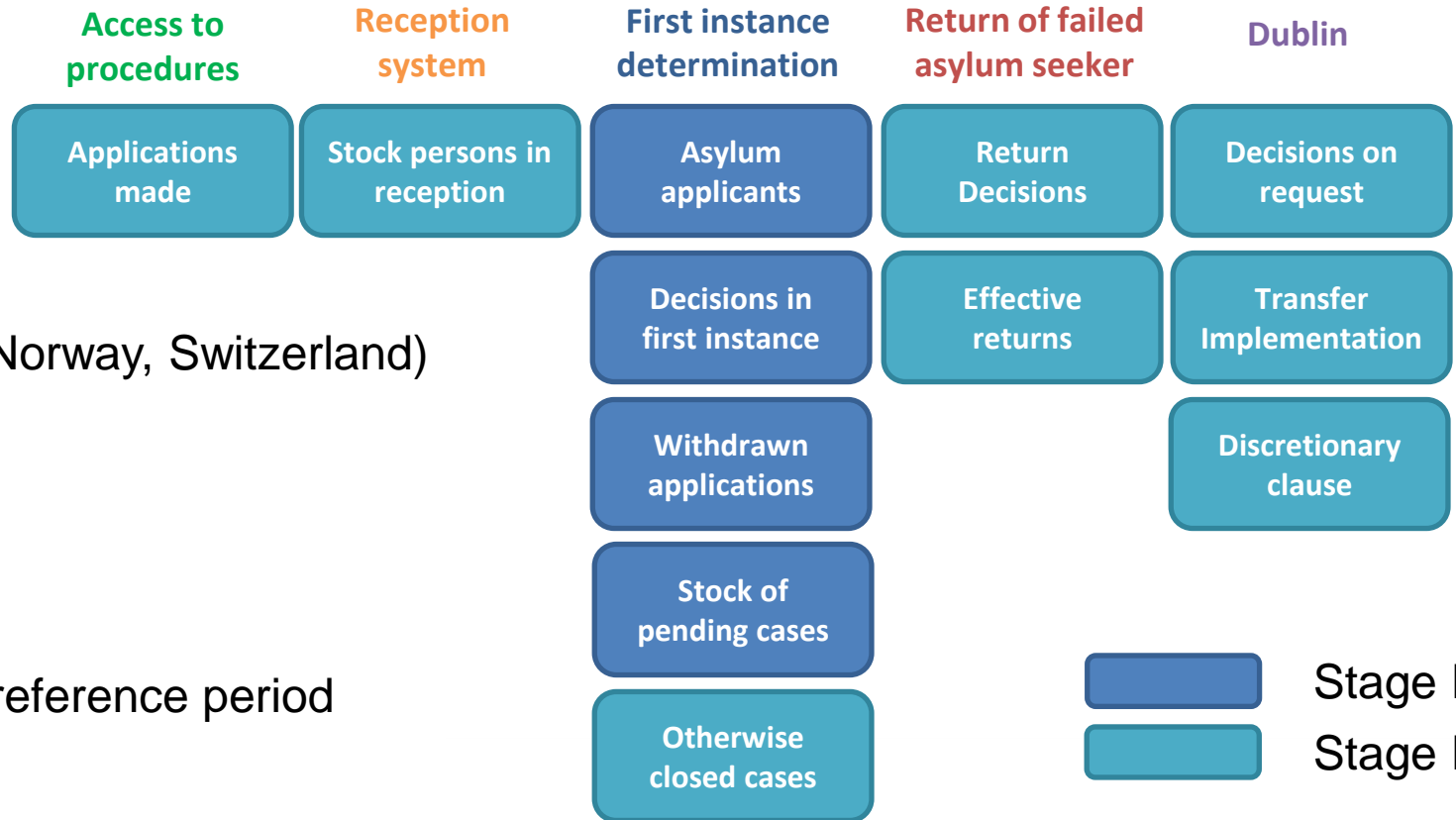
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# **Situation of asylum in the EU**

## **Main nationalities and EU+ destination countries**

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# Early warning and Preparedness System



## Scope:

EU+ (EU-28, Norway, Switzerland)

## Periodicity:

Monthly

## Timeliness:

15 days after reference period

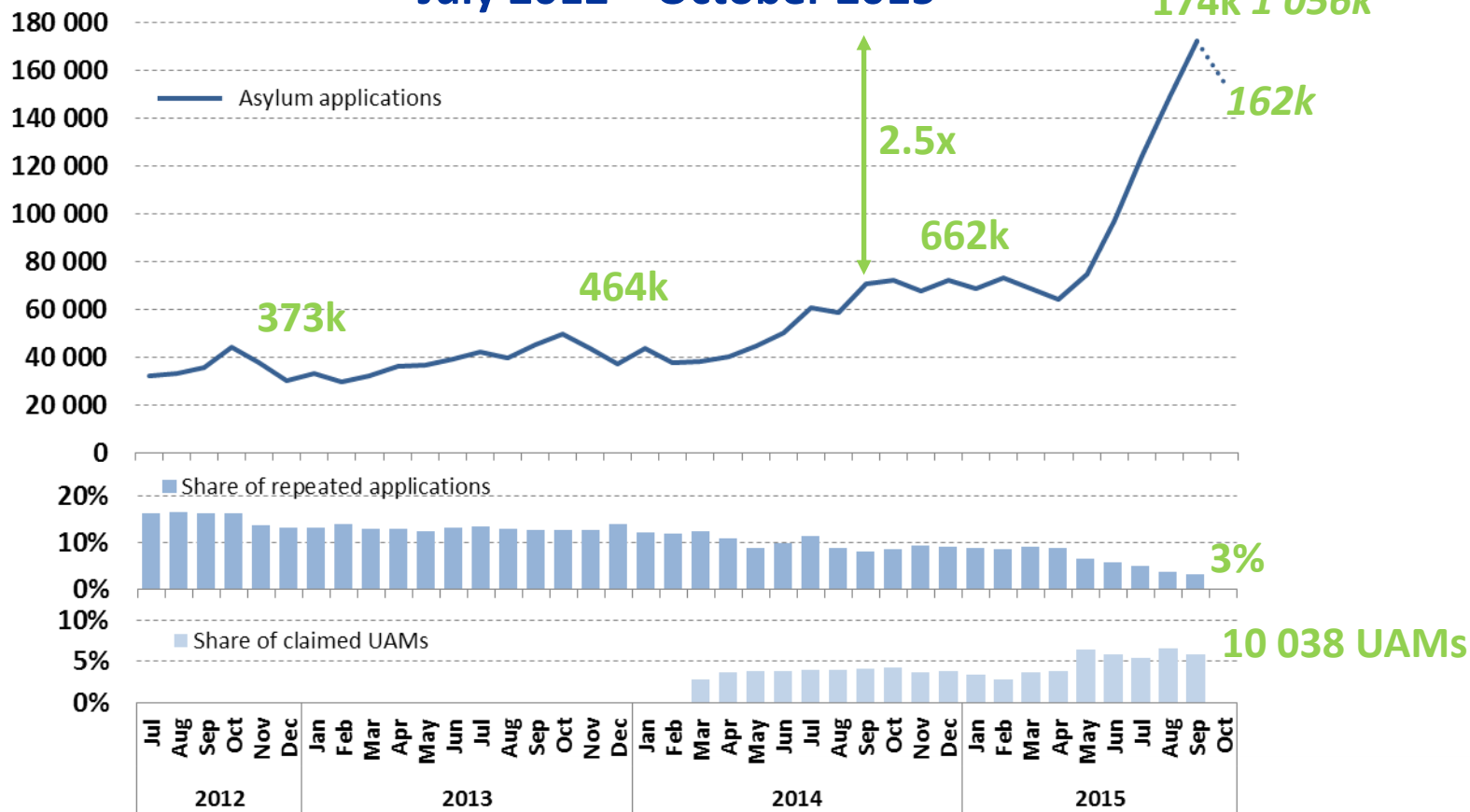


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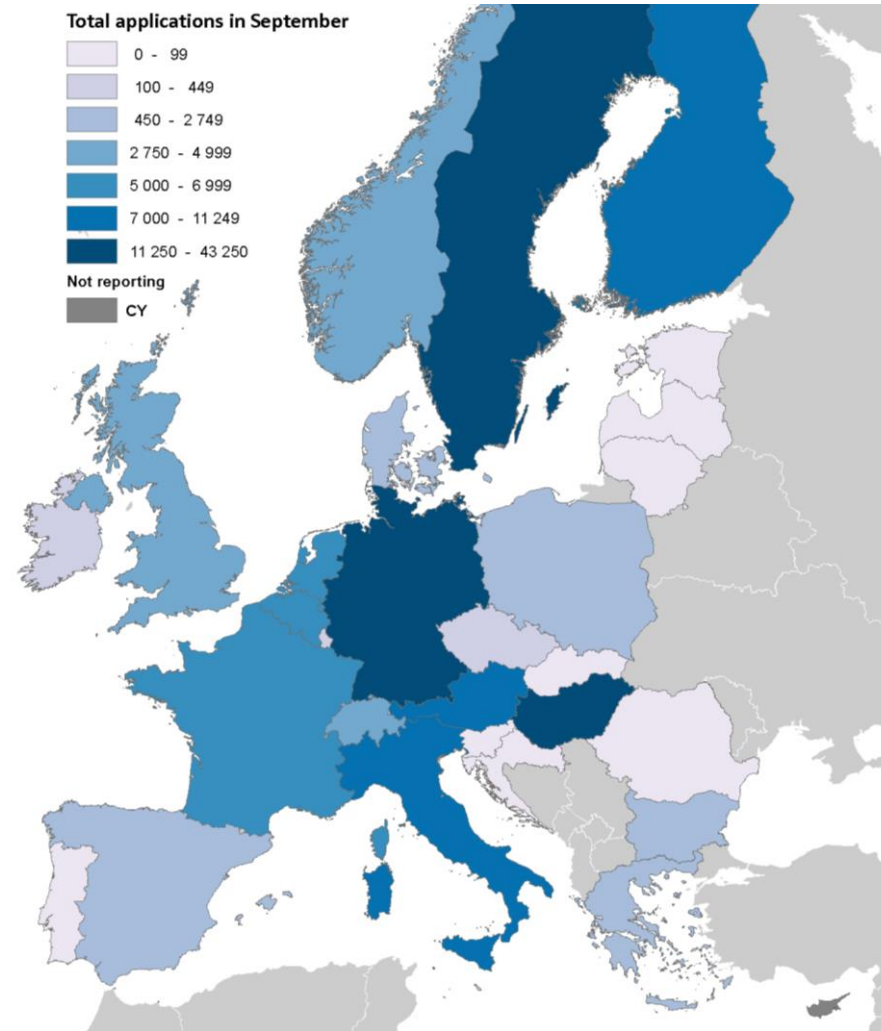
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# Number of applications for international protection in EU+ countries

## July 2012 – October 2015



# Overview: applications for international protection in September 2015

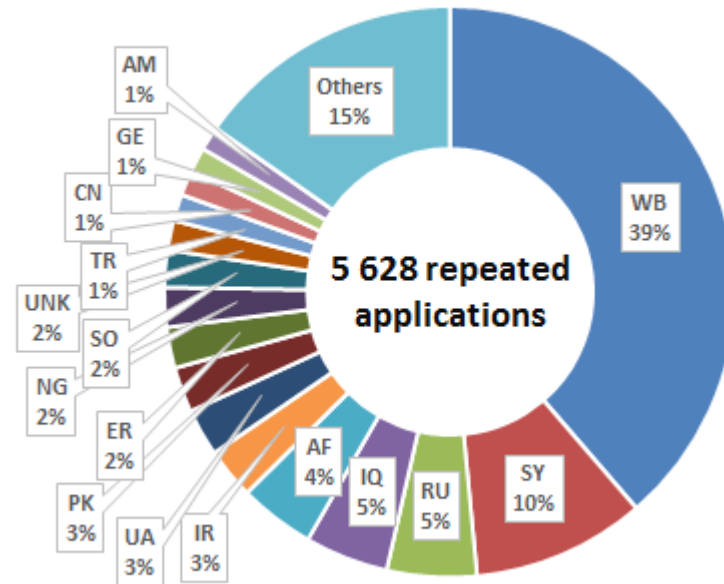
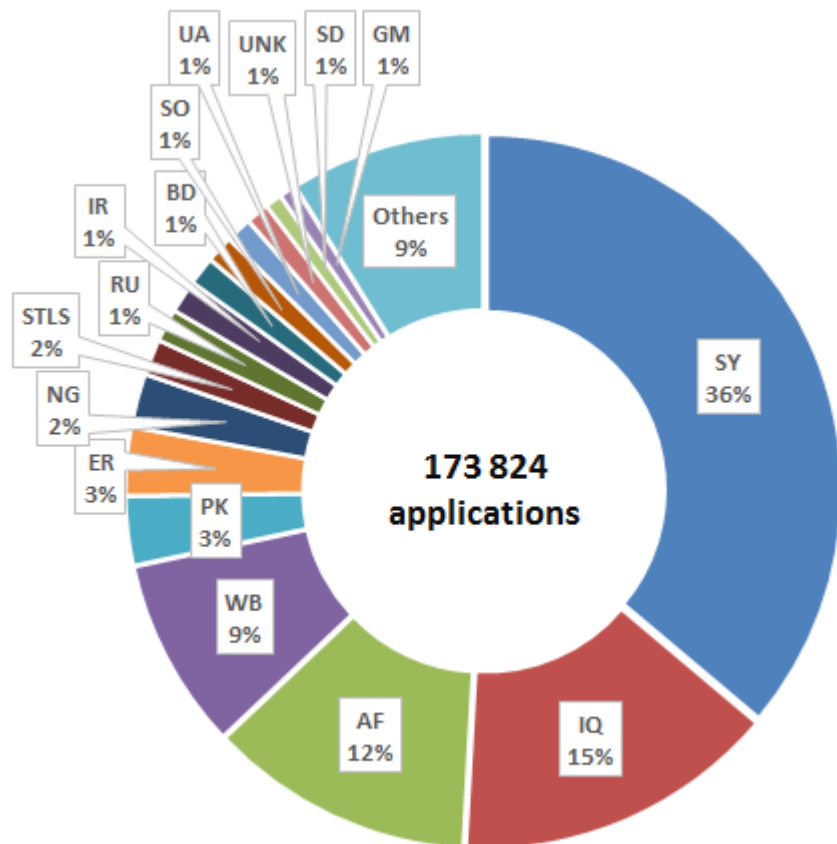


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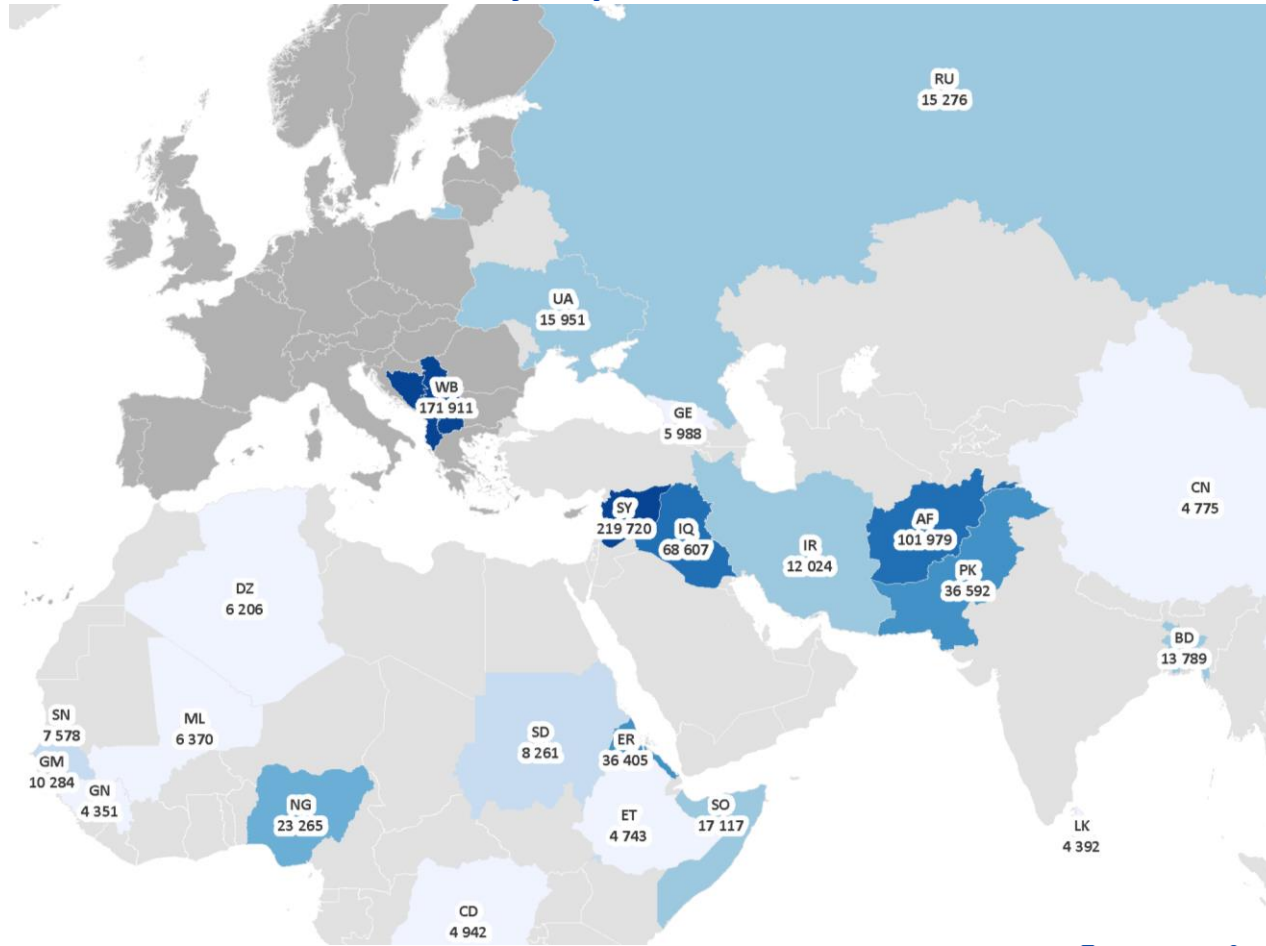


# Main countries of origin of applicants in September 2015



# Main countries of origin of asylum applicants

## January-September 2015



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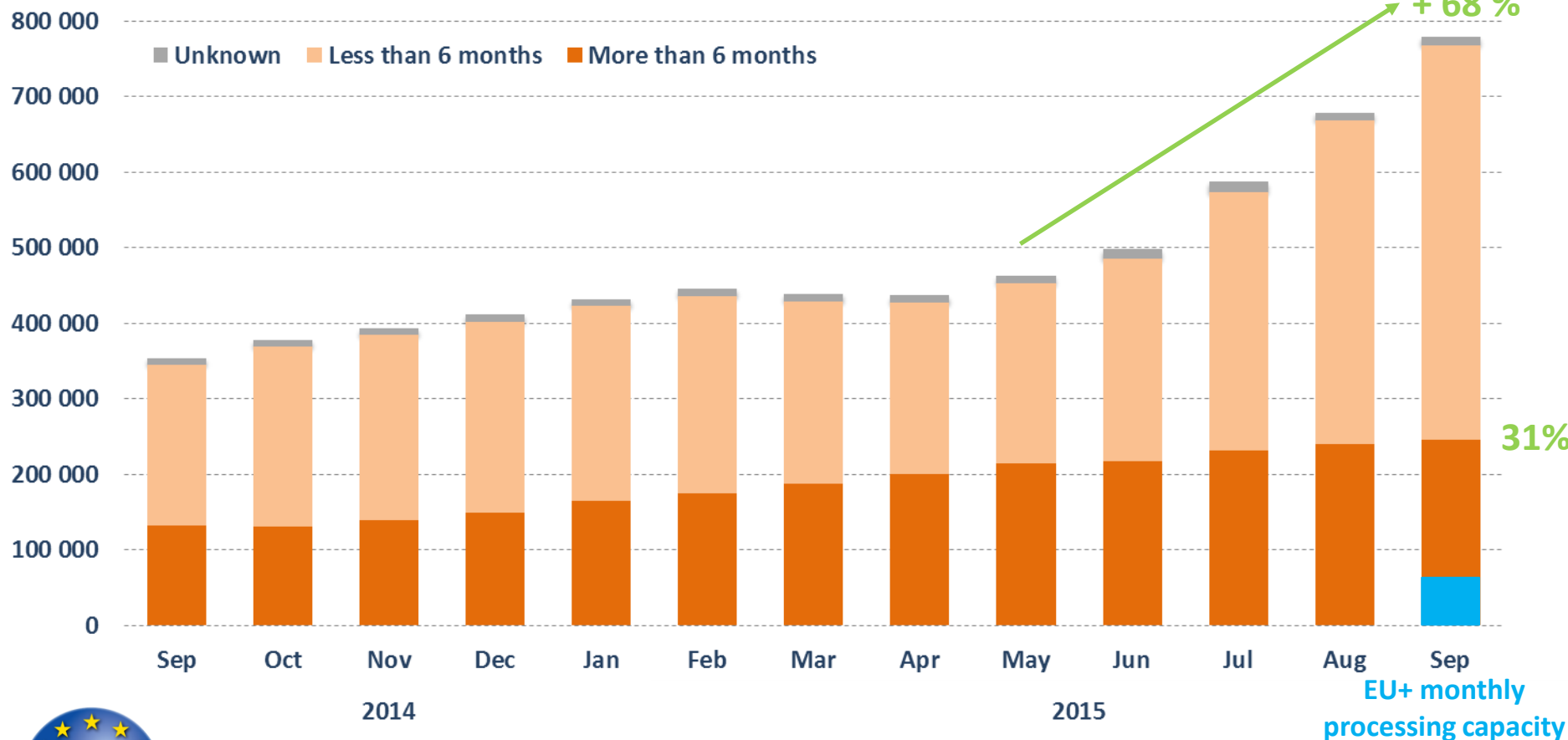
# Regional overview: applications for international protection and the main countries of arrival



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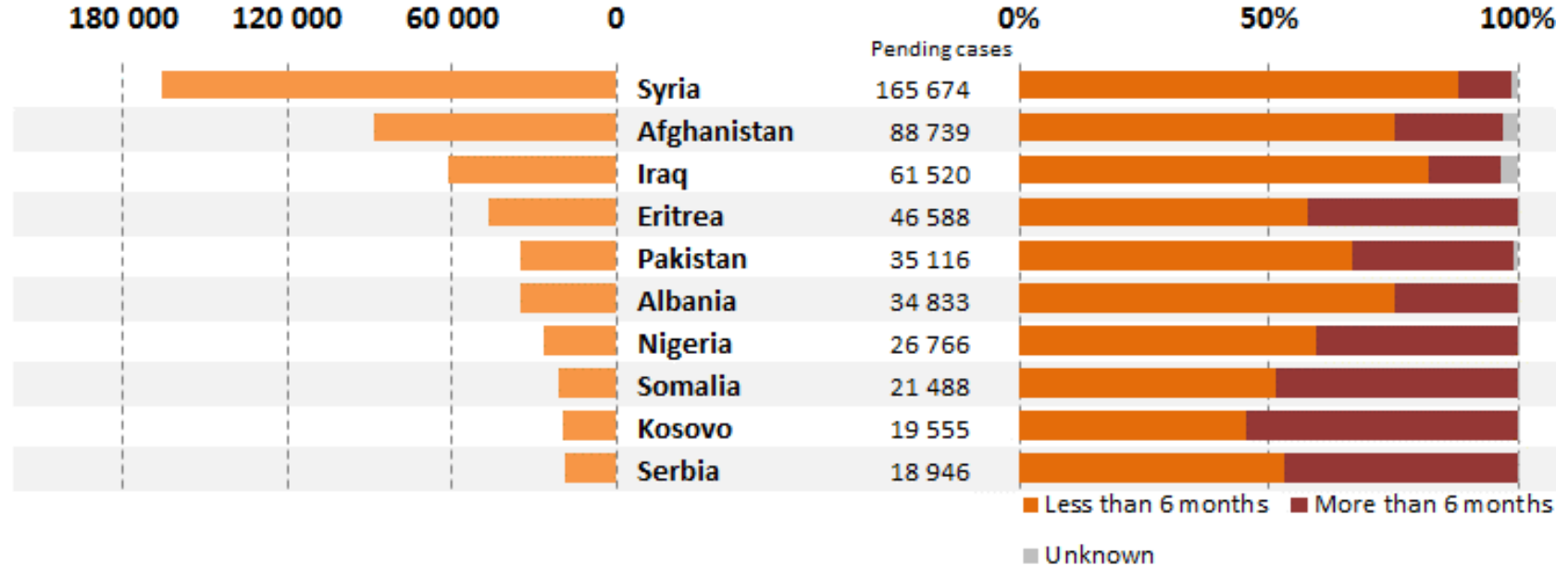
# Number of pending cases at first instance in EU+ countries September 2014 – September 2015



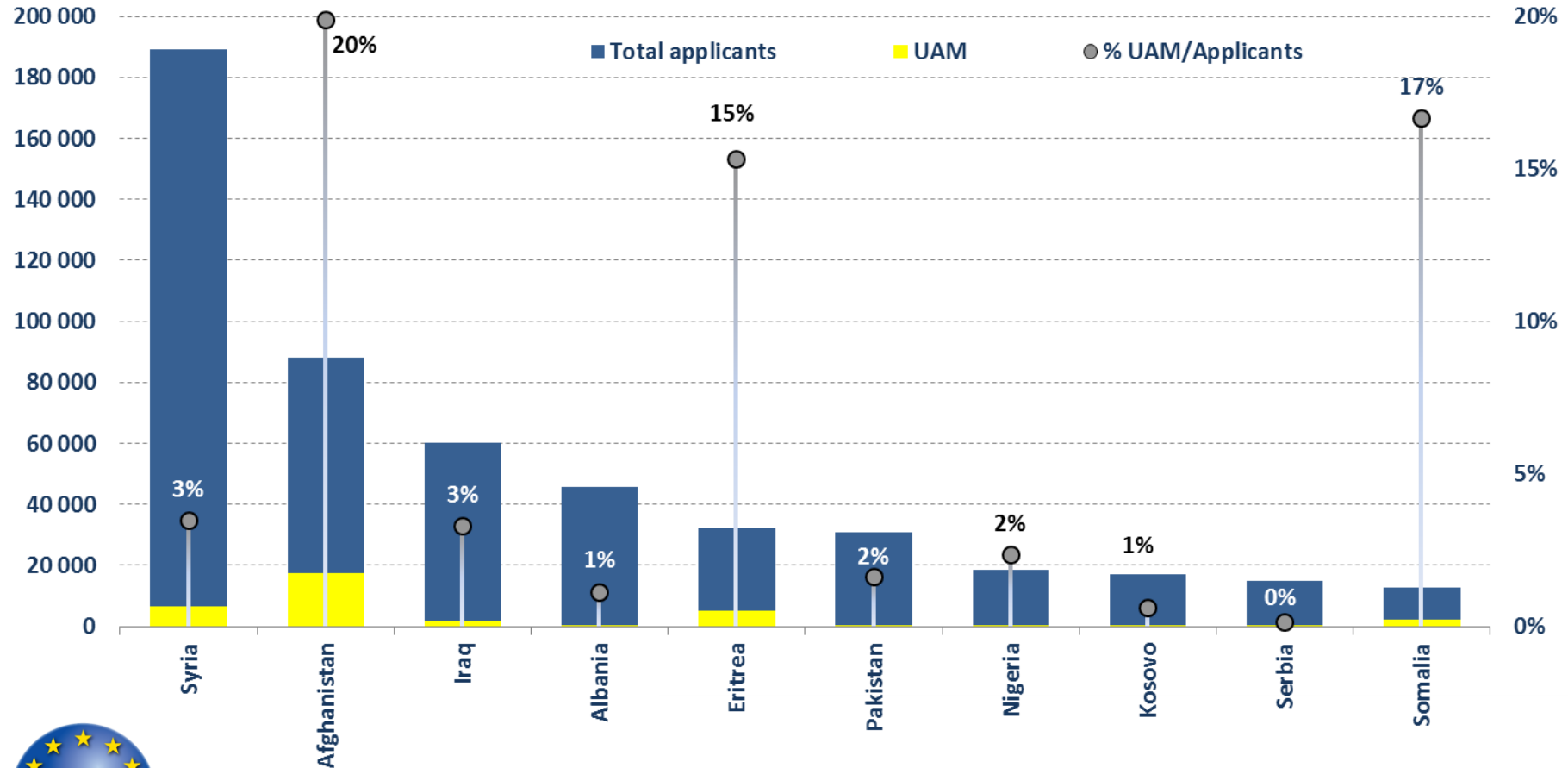
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# Number of pending cases at first instance at the end of September 2015, by top 10 countries of origin



# Top 10 nationalities of claimed UAMs and share of total April 2015 – September 2015 (sorted by total number of applicants)

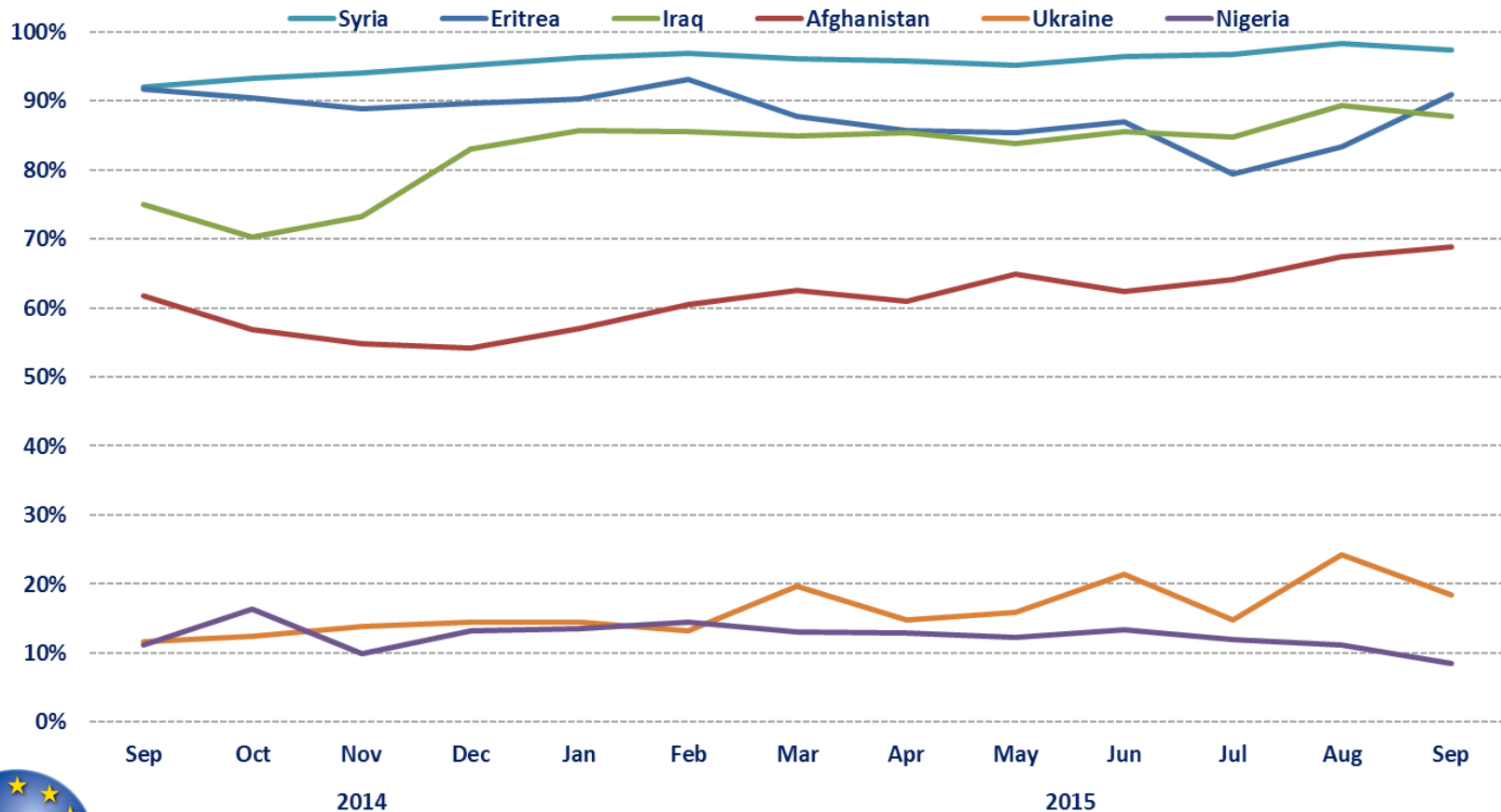


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# Recognition rate for selected nationalities, September 2014 – September 2015

(EU-regulated types of protection)



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# Recognition rate\* for key nationalities for relocation

	2014 Q3 - 2015 Q2	2015 Q2
Syria	92%	93%
Eritrea	87%	84%
Iraq	81%	85%
Stateless	83%	81%
Central African Republic	87%	87%

\*Share of positive 1<sup>st</sup> instance decisions granting international protection in the total number of 1<sup>st</sup> instance decisions in the EU+  
The last four quarters share is calculated over the most recent four quarters for which data are available for all EU 28 MS:  
i.e. 2014Q3 to 2015Q2. A threshold of 250 total decisions per year and 75 total decisions per quarter is applied.

*Source: Eurostat, no data available for Austria*



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**Thank you for your attention !**

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