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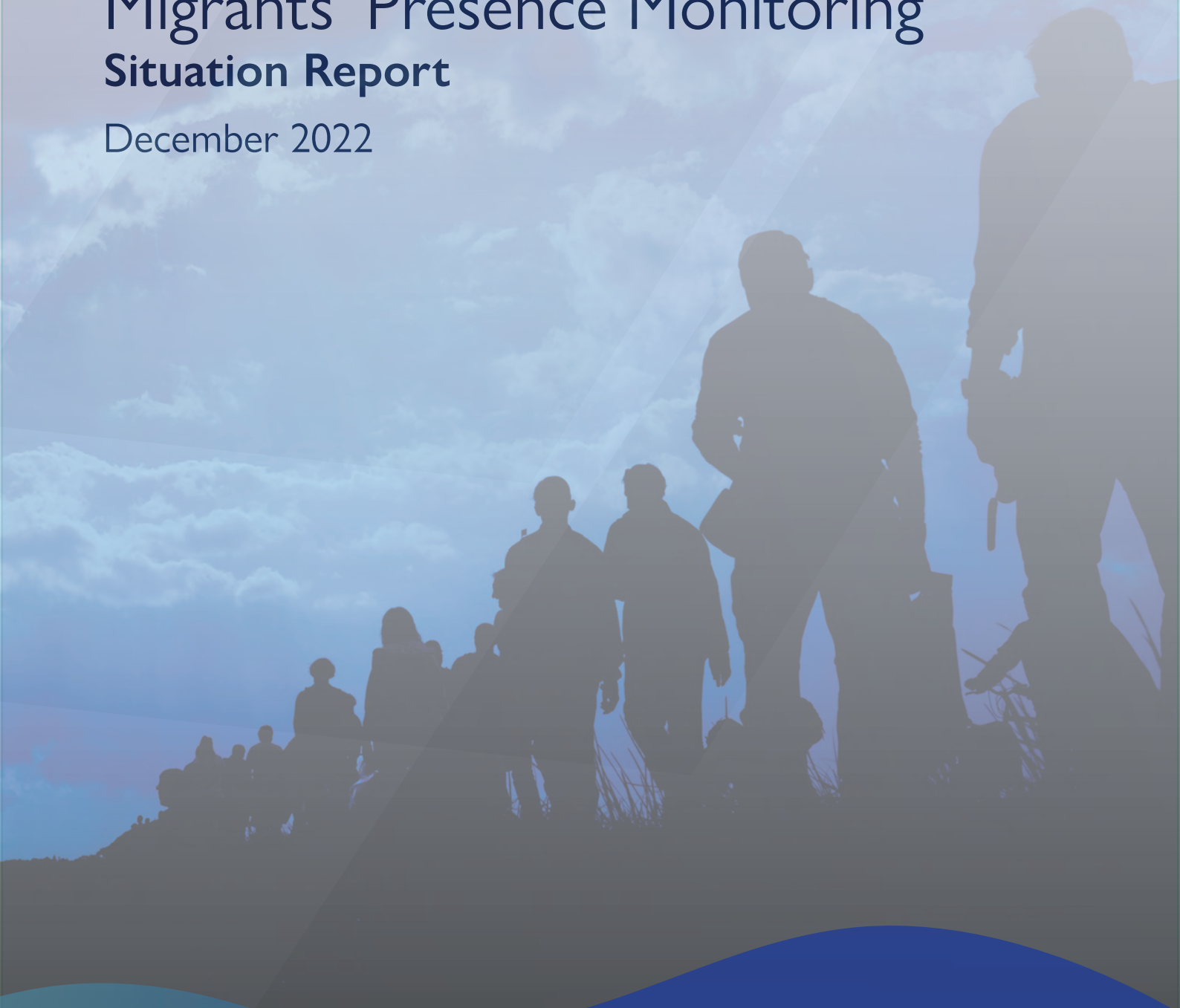
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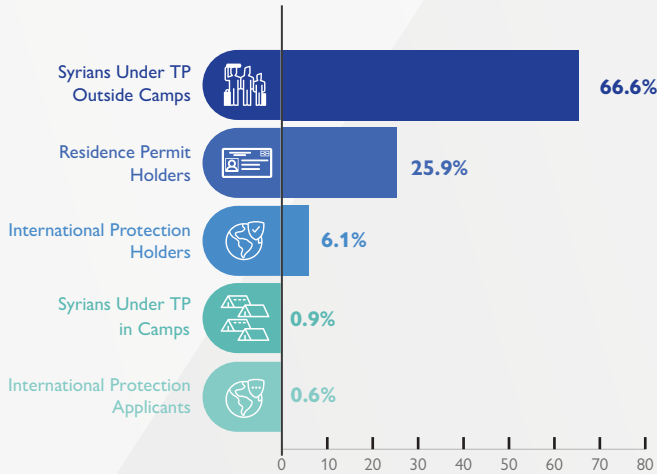
Migrants' Presence Monitoring Situation Report

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Overview of Migrant Presence in Türkiye



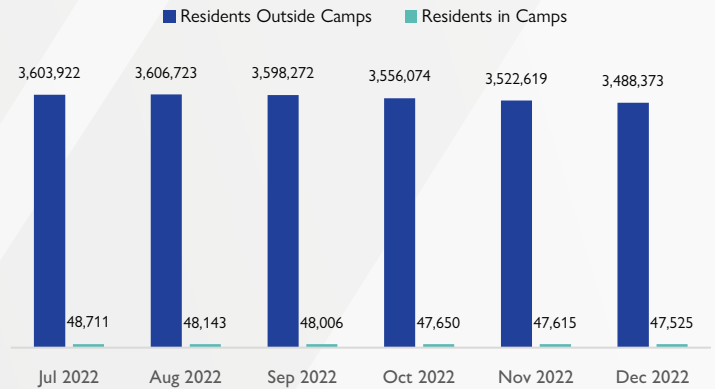
According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), there are more than 5.2 million foreign nationals present in Türkiye, 3.9 million of whom are seeking international protection. Most are Syrians (3,535,898¹ individuals) who have been granted temporary protection status. In addition, international protection holders from countries including Iraq, Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran constitute another group of foreign nationals. According to UNHCR, there were 318,903² refugees and asylum-seekers in Türkiye as of mid of 2022. Moreover in 2021, according to PMM, there were 29,256³ international protection applicants in the country, a figure released by PMM annually.

In addition, there are 1,354,094⁴ foreign nationals present in Türkiye, holding residence permits. Compared to December 2021, this is an increase of 42,461 individuals.

Syrians under Temporary Protection

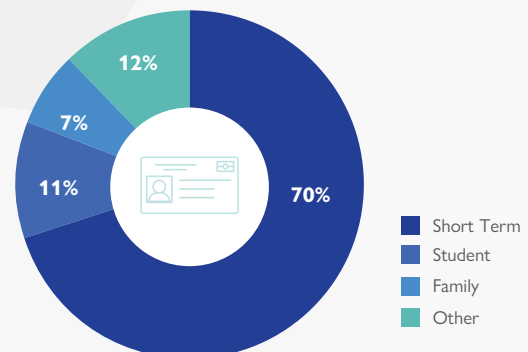
Türkiye's temporary protection regime grants 3,535,898 Syrian nationals the right to legally stay in Türkiye as well as obtain some level of access to basic services. The vast majority - 3,488,373 individuals – live outside camps, known as temporary accommodation centers. As such, only 47,525 Syrians live inside camps, the majority of which are located close to the Syrian border. The current number of temporary accommodation centers is seven.¹ However, 3,946 fewer Syrians currently reside in the centers compared to previous year.

Monthly Population Chart of Syrians Under Temporary Protection



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who seek stay in Türkiye beyond the duration of a visa or visa exemption -i.e. longer than 90 days, must obtain a residence permit. According to PMM, there are 1,354,094 residence permit holders in Türkiye with various categories of the residence permit, including short-term residence permit, family residence permit, student residence permit, long-term residence permit, humanitarian residence permit and residence permit for victims of human trafficking. A valid work permit as well as Work Permit Exemption Confirmation Document are also considered as a residence permit in Türkiye. As of 2021, there were 168,103⁵ foreigners with work permit in Türkiye.



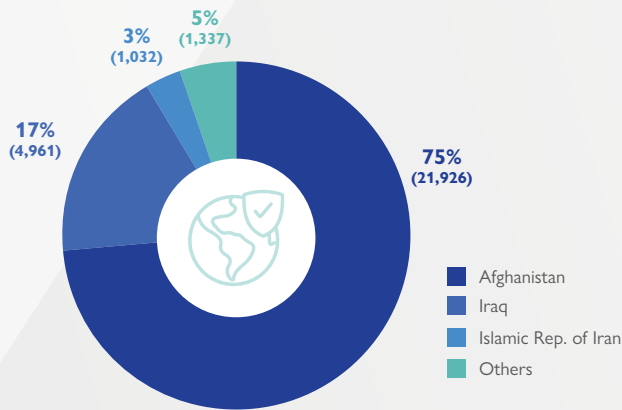


International Protection Applicants & Holders

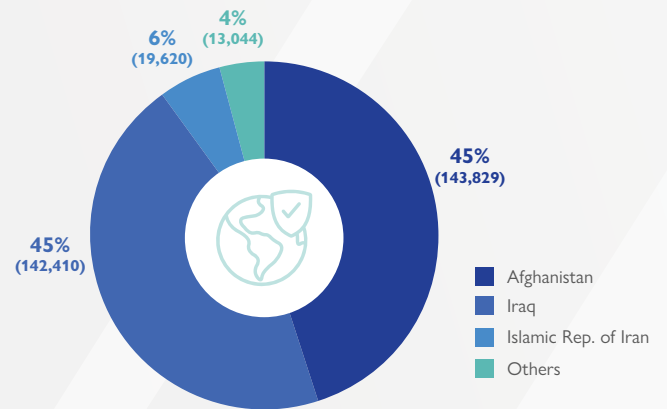
There are 29,256 international protection applicants in Türkiye of different nationalities, but primarily originating from Afghanistan, Iraq and Islamic Republic of Iran.³ PMM releases the number of international protection applicants on an annual basis.

As of mid 2022, there are 318,903 refugees and asylum-seekers in Türkiye, most of whom from Iraq, Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.²

Nationalities of International Protection Applicants

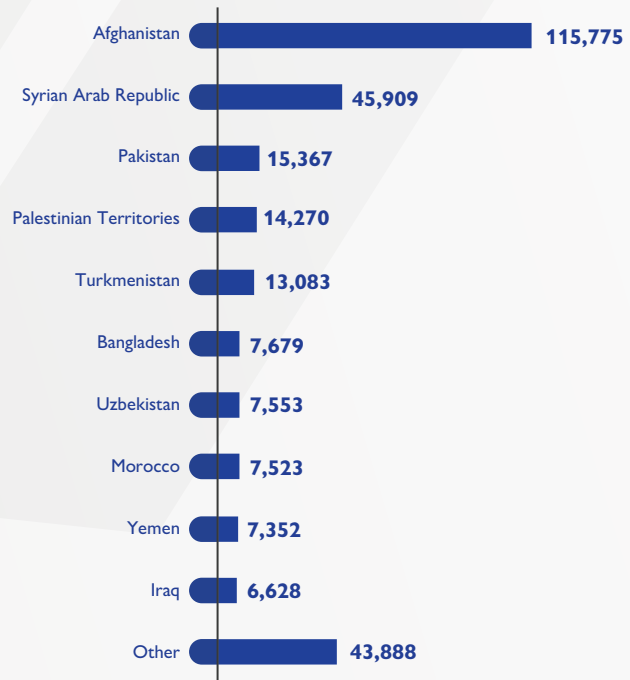


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Migrants in Irregular Situation

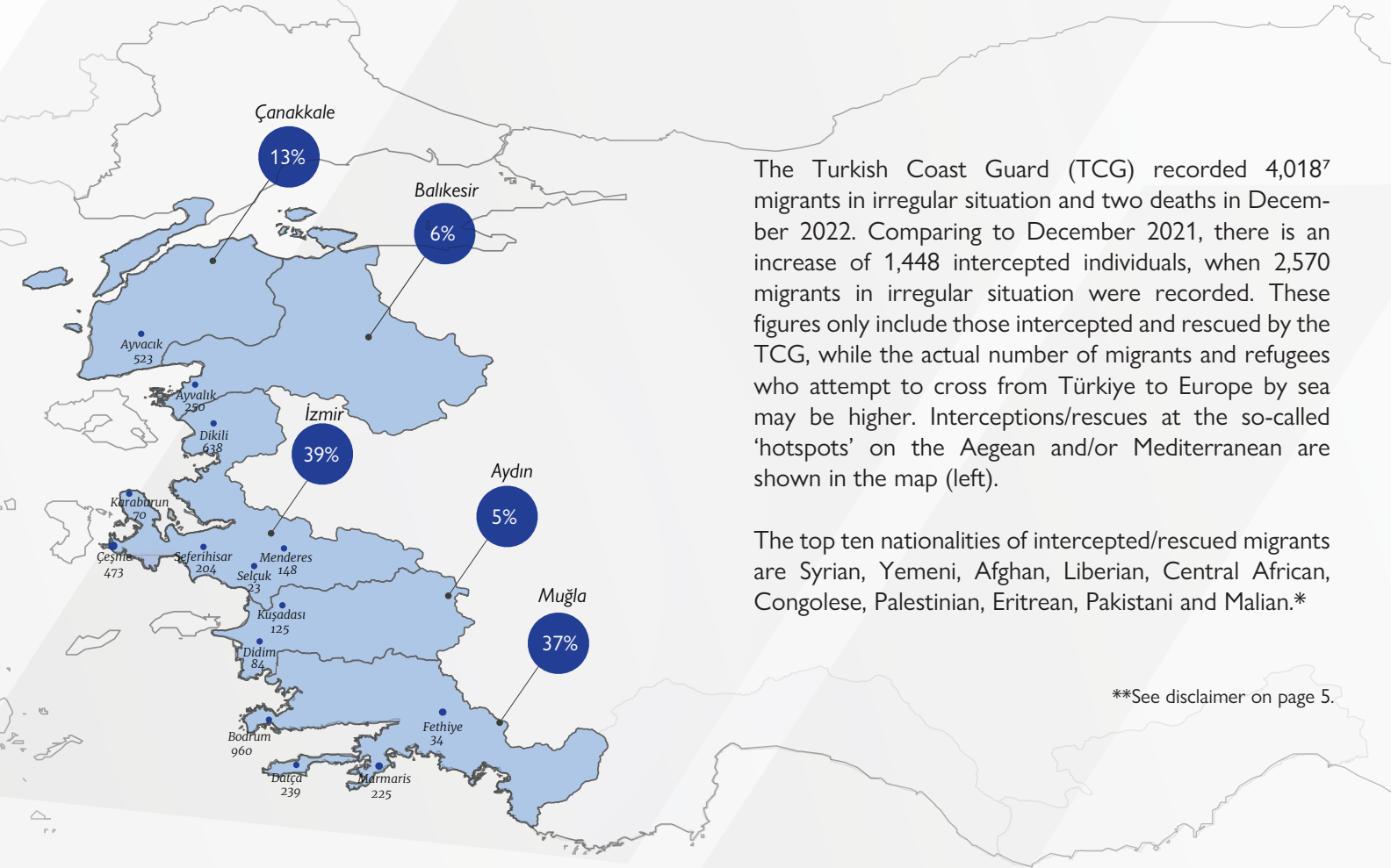
For years, Türkiye has remained under migratory pressure not only because the country is hosting the largest Syrian refugee population in the world, but also it continues to receive migration flows due to, among other factors, forced migration from Afghanistan and labor migration from Central Asia and Africa. Along being a host country and intended destination, due to its location on migration routes from Central Asia, Middle East and even Africa towards Europe, Türkiye is also a transit country. According to PMM figures⁶, the number of migrants in irregular situation apprehended in Türkiye reached a peak in 2019, followed by a sharp decrease due to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and has been on the rise ever since. Accordingly, 2022 recorded the second highest yearly number of migrants in irregular situation apprehended by authorities in Türkiye. Top nationalities of migrants in irregular situation do not include only those who enter Türkiye irregularly (e.g., Afghan, Pakistani, Bangladeshi nationals) but also those who enter the country through regular means but overstay their visa or visa-free period and become irregular (e.g., Turkmen, Uzbek, Moroccan nationals).



TOTAL: 285,027



Intercepted and Rescued Persons on Sea



The Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) recorded 4,018 migrants in irregular situation and two deaths in December 2022. Comparing to December 2021, there is an increase of 1,448 intercepted individuals, when 2,570 migrants in irregular situation were recorded. These figures only include those intercepted and rescued by the TCG, while the actual number of migrants and refugees who attempt to cross from Türkiye to Europe by sea may be higher. Interceptions/rescues at the so-called 'hotspots' on the Aegean and/or Mediterranean are shown in the map (left).

The top ten nationalities of intercepted/rescued migrants are Syrian, Yemeni, Afghan, Liberian, Central African, Congolese, Palestinian, Eritrean, Pakistani and Malian.*

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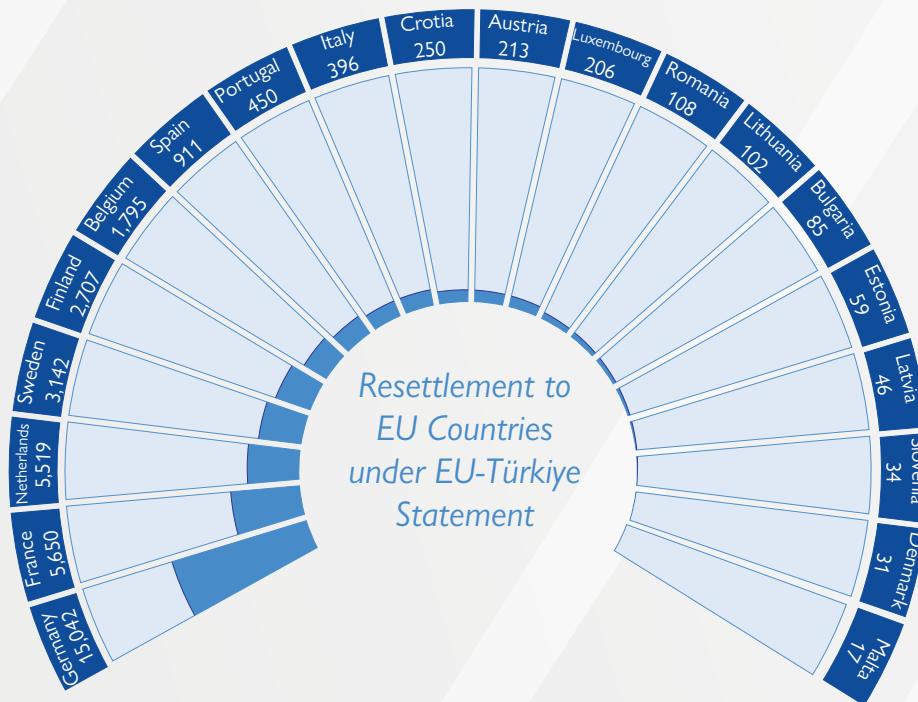
**“Interceptions/Rescues by Turkish Coast Guard Statistic for 2022
(1 January - 31 December)”**

Time Period	Numer of Cases	Number of Migrants in Irregular Situation	Number of Deaths	Number of Organizers
	All Seas	All Seas	All Seas	All Seas
January	77	1,929	1	6
February	83	2,637	2	49
March	76	2,771	0	10
April	117	3,243	2	17
May	139	4,680	0	45
June	160	4,660	1	24
July	161	5,103	1	23
August	194	6,331	3	43
September	165	5,710	22	38
October	169	4,777	6	23
November	143	3,666	1	4
December	133	4,018	2	10
Total	1,617	49,525	41	292

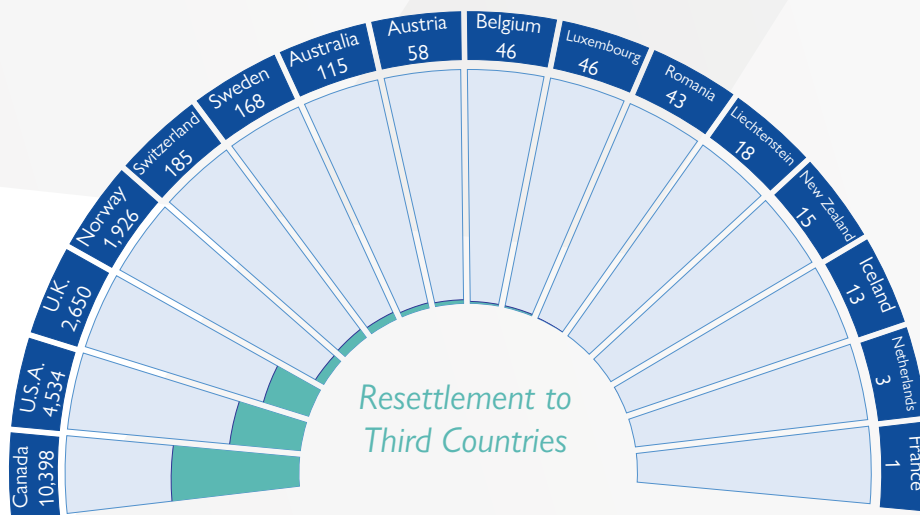


Resettlement of Syrians from Türkiye

The 18 March 2016 EU-Türkiye Statement aims to replace disorganized and irregular migratory flows by facilitating organized and safe pathways to European countries. Specifically, the statement stipulates that for every Syrian returned to Türkiye from the Greek islands, another Syrian will be resettled directly to EU countries from Türkiye. According to PMM data released on 31 December 2022, there are 36,763 persons that have been resettled under this instrument, with primary resettlement destinations being Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Sweden.¹



There are also Syrians who have been resettled from Türkiye to third countries under different schemes other than the EU-Türkiye Statement. According to PMM, as of 31 December 2022, a total of 20,219 Syrians have been resettled to third countries, mainly Canada, the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) and Norway.¹





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Disclaimers/References

* The information on nationality of intercepted/rescued migrants at sea is based on the nationality declared by migrants as reported by TCG.

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