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NEW TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN MIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACROSS EMN MEMBER AND OBSERVER COUNTRIES IN 2023

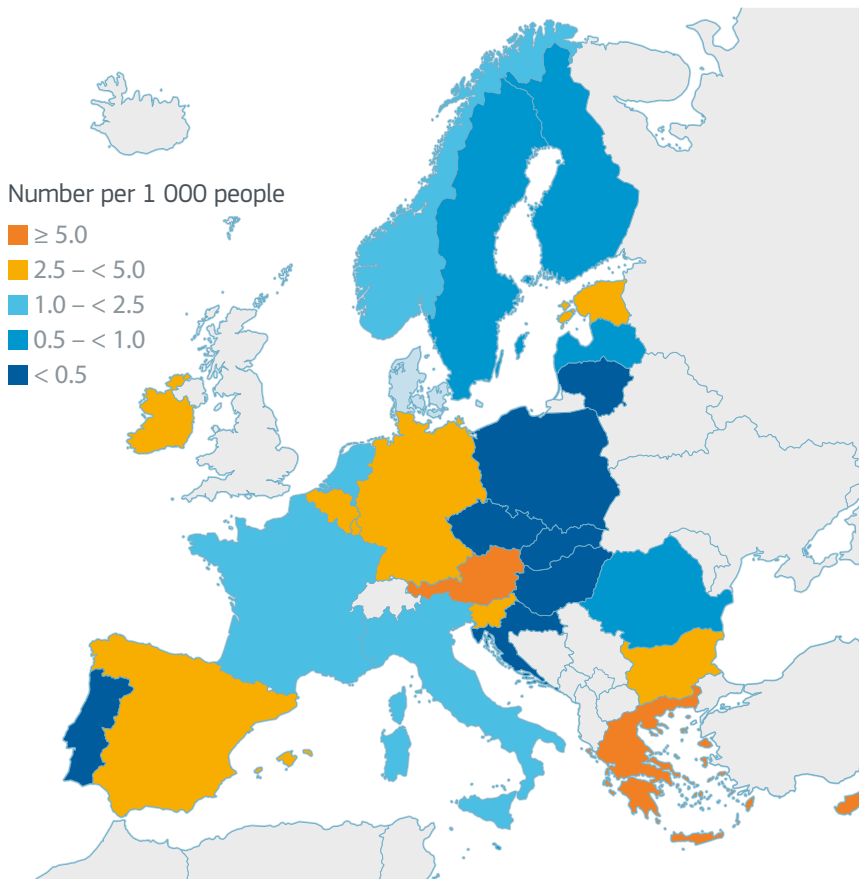
July 2024

First time applications for international protection in the EU and Norway increased in 2023, surpassing one million for the first time since 2016



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First-time asylum applicants in 2023



Source: Eurostat ([migr_asyappctza](#) and [migr_pop1ctz](#))

Types of protection provided by EMN Observer Countries to those fleeing the war in Ukraine, 2023

Armenia
Refugee status
218

Georgia
Humanitarian status
130

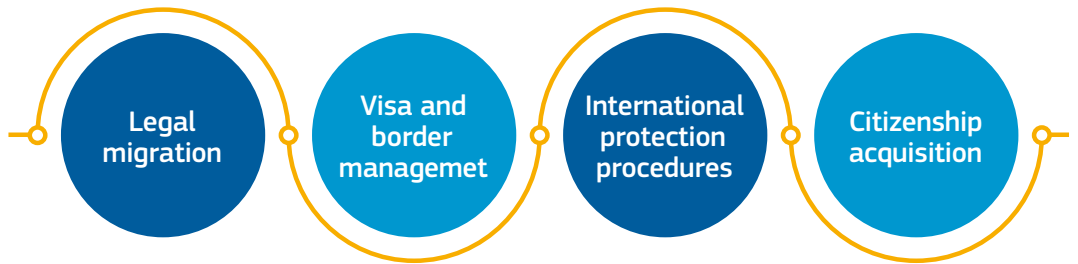
Moldova
Temporary protection
28 047

Montenegro
Temporary protection
3 008

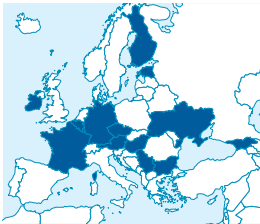
Serbia
Temporary protection
403

Figures refer to new temporary protection statuses provided in 2023, not those extended in 2023."

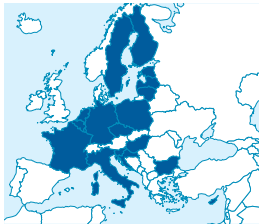
Digitalisation of migration procedures in 2023 in EMN Member and Observer Countries



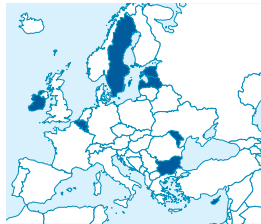
Procedure
Legal migration including residence permits



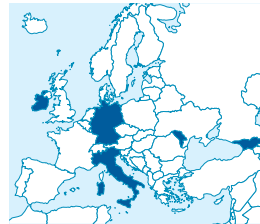
Procedure
Visa and border management



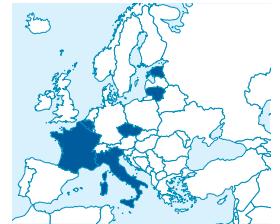
Procedure
International protection



Procedure
Citizenship



Procedure
Alignment with the European Interoperability Framework (EIF)



Addressing the needs of vulnerable groups

EMN Member and Observer Countries took different measures to support vulnerable groups in situations of migration, including:



Victims of trafficking in human beings



Children



Victims of gender based violence



LGBTIQ third-country nationals

Most EMN Member and Observer Countries established and/or strengthened international partnerships with third countries

IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND SMUGGLING

Spain

Deployed police officers to Mauritania to reinforce capacity of law enforcement authorities to combat migrant smuggling and human trafficking

Austria, Hungary and Serbia

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to increase their capacity on preventing migrant smuggling

LEGAL MIGRATION

France

Participation in EU talent partnerships with Morocco and Tunisia

Spain and Slovakia

Work programme agreements for youth mobility with Argentina and Canada respectively

COMPREHENSIVE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIPS

Austria, Germany and Italy

Each signed comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement with India addressing irregular migration, migrant smuggling, legal migration and mobility of students and researchers

RETURN AND READMISSION COOPERATION

Georgia

Enacted bilateral readmission agreements with Spain, Iceland and the United Kingdom

Czech Republic and Estonia

Signed bilateral readmission agreements with Uzbekistan

CIRCULAR MIGRATION

Greece

Ratified an agreement with Egypt for the employment of Egyptian seasonal workers in the agricultural sector

Italy

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tunisia which authorises the annual entry of up to 4 000 non-seasonal Tunisian workers

MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS

UN-level (Global Refugee Forum)

EU made collective pledges in order to offer durable solutions in addressing major displacement crises

MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Belgium

Implemented PEM N'zassa project in Cote d'Ivoire to support Ivorian entrepreneurs through mobility exchanges and mutual learning with Belgian peers