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University of Barcelona Refugee Support Programme. Opportunities in challenging environments

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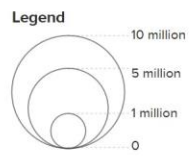
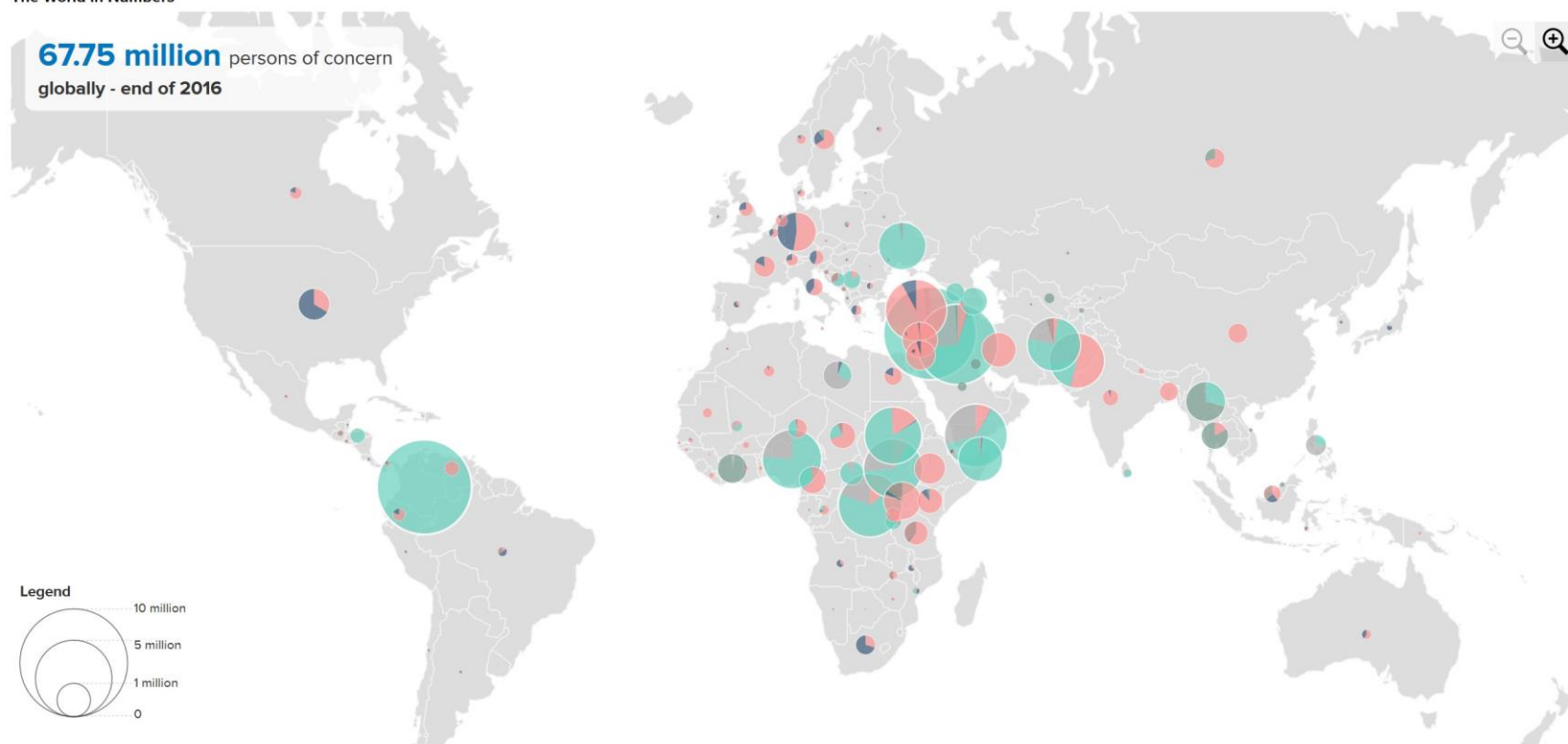
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UNHCR STATISTICS

The World in Numbers

HELP ?

67.75 million persons of concern globally - end of 2016

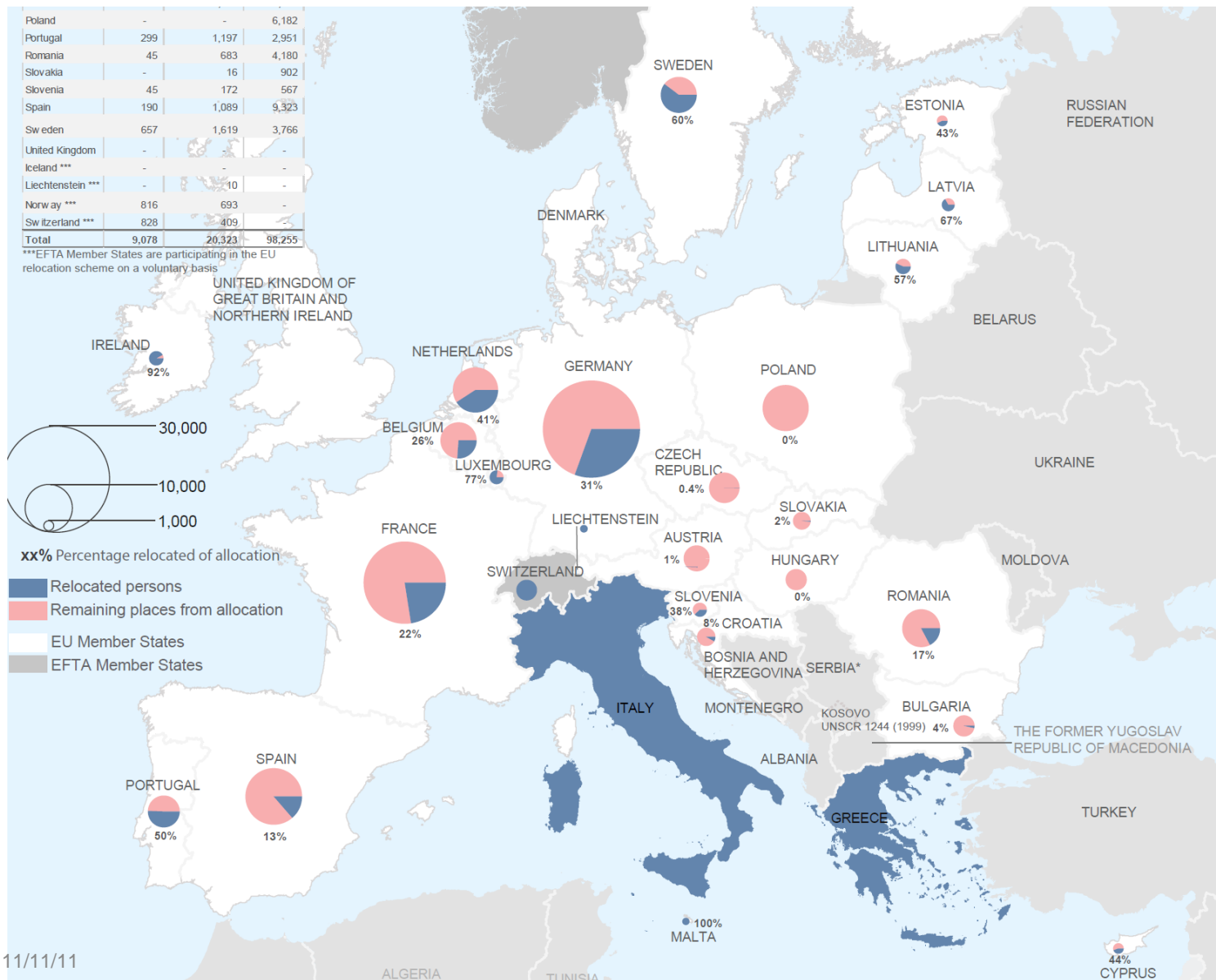


Filter by population type %

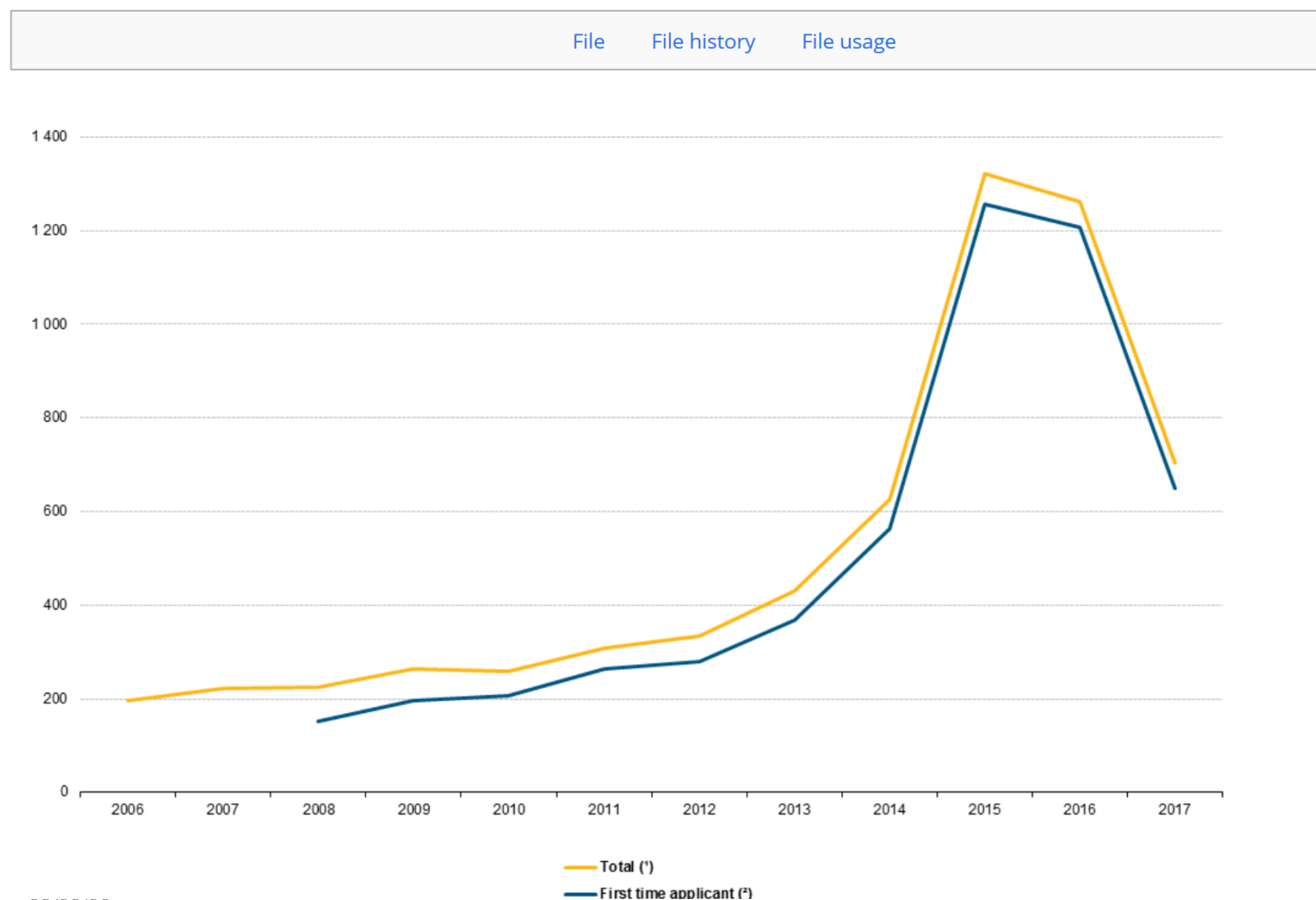
● Refugees	17,187,488	● Asylum-seekers	2,826,508	● IDPs	36,627,127	● Returnees	7,063,374	● Stateless persons	3,242,207	● Others	803,134
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 Historical country borders from Weidmann, Nils B., Doreen Kuse, and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. 2010. The Geography of the International System: The CShapes Dataset. International Interactions 36 (1).

First challenge. Political will



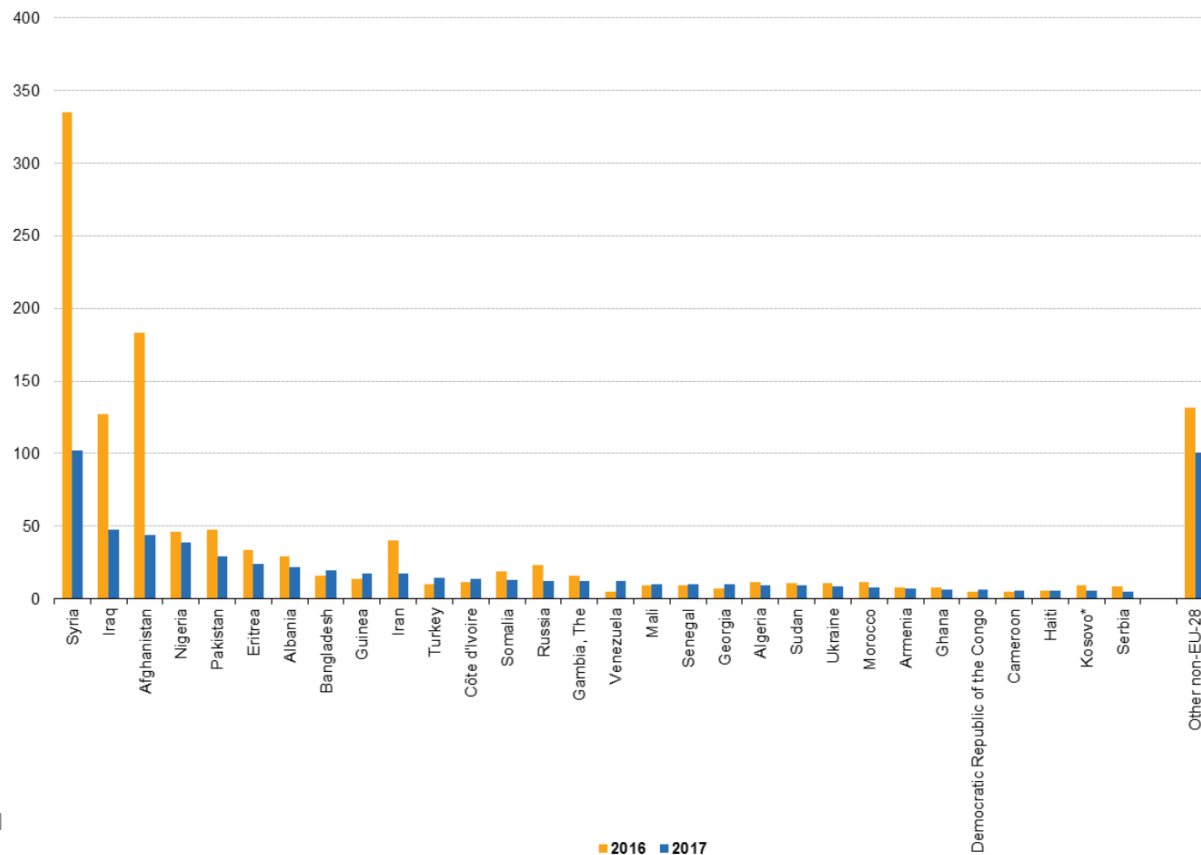
File:Asylum applications (non-EU) in the EU-28 Member States, 2006–2017(thousands) YB18.png



File: Countries of origin of (non-EU) asylum seekers in the EU-28 Member States, 2016 and 2017 (thousands of first time applicants) YB18.png



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Afghanistan	995
Palestine	815
Guinea	750
Albania	670
Other	8 180

Germany	
Syria	48 970
Iraq	21 930
Afghanistan	16 425
Eritrea	10 225
Iran	8 610
Other	92 095

Spain	
Venezuela	10 325
Syria	4 150
Colombia	2 410
Ukraine	2 185
Algeria	1 140
Other	10 235

Cyprus	
Syria	1 770
India	435
Vietnam	350
Bangladesh	280
Egypt	270
Other	1 370

Hungary	
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Iraq	795
Syria	565
Pakistan	100
Iran	95
Other	195

Poland	
Russia	2 120
Tajikistan	85
Armenia	65
Turkey	45
Iraq	40
Other	650

Slovakia (*)	
Afghanistan	25
Vietnam	20
Cuba	10
Iraq	10
Pakistan	10
Other	75

Iceland	
Georgia	290
Albania	255
Iraq	110
FYR of Macedonia	50
Pakistan	35
Other	325

Bulgaria	
Afghanistan	1 050
Iraq	955
Syria	940
Pakistan	205
Iran	75
Other	245

Estonia (*)	
Syria	80
Russia	15
Georgia	10
Ukraine	10
Iraq	5
Other	60

France	
Albania	11 395
Afghanistan	6 555
Haiti	5 565
Sudan	4 665
Syria	4 615
Other	58 275

Latvia	
Syria	140
Russia	25
Eritrea	20
Afghanistan	15
Kazakhstan	15
Other	140

Malta	
Syria	435
Libya	410
Somalia	330
Eritrea	90
Iraq	55
Other	290

Portugal	
DR Congo	160
Ukraine	125
Angola	120
Congo	55
Guinea	45
Other	510

Finland	
Iraq	1 000
Syria	740
Eritrea	435
Russia	395
Afghanistan	305
Other	1 450

Liechtenstein (*)	
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Czech Republic	
Ukraine	295
Azerbaijan	120
Armenia	115
Georgia	110
Syria	70
Other	430

Ireland	
Syria	545
Georgia	300
Albania	280
Pakistan	195
Nigeria	185
Other	1 405

Croatia	
Afghanistan	180
Syria	140
Pakistan	115
Algeria	70
Iran	60
Other	315

Lithuania	
Syria	170
Russia	80
Tajikistan	50
Belarus	35
Ukraine	35
Other	150

Netherlands	
Syria	2 965
Eritrea	1 590
Morocco	980
Algeria	890
Iraq	845
Other	8 820

Romania	
Iraq	2 690
Syria	920
Afghanistan	255
Pakistan	245
Iran	200
Other	390

Sweden	
Syria	5 250
Eritrea	1 540
Iraq	1 475
Afghanistan	1 245
Georgia	1 005
Other	11 675

Norway	
Syria	1 000
Eritrea	840
Turkey	160
Iraq	140
Afghanistan	135
Other	1 075

Denmark	
Syria	765
Morocco	300
Eritrea	295
Afghanistan	170
Iran	145
Other	1 450

Greece	
Syria	16 345
Pakistan	8 350
Iraq	7 875
Afghanistan	7 485
Albania	2 345
Other	14 620

Italy	
Nigeria	24 950
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Pakistan	9 470
Gambia	8 705
Ivory Coast	8 380
Other	62 920

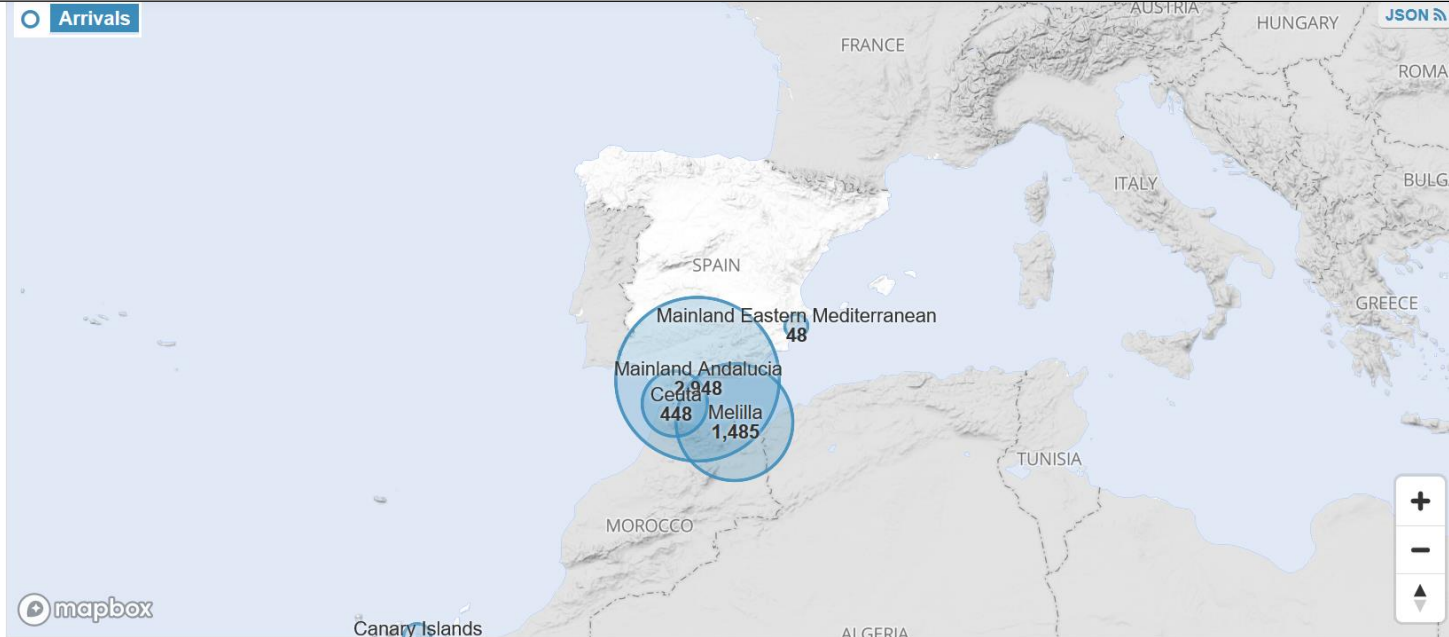
Luxembourg	
Syria	405
Eritrea	230
Morocco	205
Serbia	185
Algeria	160
Other	1 135

Austria	
Syria	7 260
Afghanistan	3 430
Pakistan	1 425
Iraq	1 330
Nigeria	1 130
Other	7 585

Slovenia	
Afghanistan	575
Algeria	190
Pakistan	140
Turkey	100
Syria	90
Other	340

United Kingdom	
Iraq	3 260
Pakistan	3 125
Iran	3 050
Bangladesh	1 980
Afghanistan	1 915
Other	19 980

Switzerland	
Eritrea	3 155
Syria	1 810
Afghanistan	1 180
Somalia	795
Guinea	785
Other	8 890



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Sea and land arrivals from January 2014

JSON

Last updated 20 Sep 2017





Nationality of arrivals in 2017 (land and sea)

[.CSV](#) [JSON](#)

Country of origin	Source	Data date	Population
Morocco		31 Dec 2017	19.4% 5,498
Algeria		31 Dec 2017	18.3% 5,178
Guinea		31 Dec 2017	14.2% 4,014
Côte d'Ivoire		31 Dec 2017	13.4% 3,801
Gambia		31 Dec 2017	9.7% 2,750
Syrian Arab Rep.		31 Dec 2017	8.0% 2,264
Others		31 Dec 2017	5.6% 1,577
Cameroon		31 Dec 2017	3.2% 919
Mali		31 Dec 2017	2.2% 635
Guinea-Bissau		31 Dec 2017	1.3% 359
Burkina Faso		31 Dec 2017	1.2% 350
Mauritania		31 Dec 2017	1.1% 303
Senegal		31 Dec 2017	1.0% 293
Sierra Leone		31 Dec 2017	0.8% 236
State of Palestine		31 Dec 2017	0.6% 172

Location of arrivals in June 2017 (land and sea)

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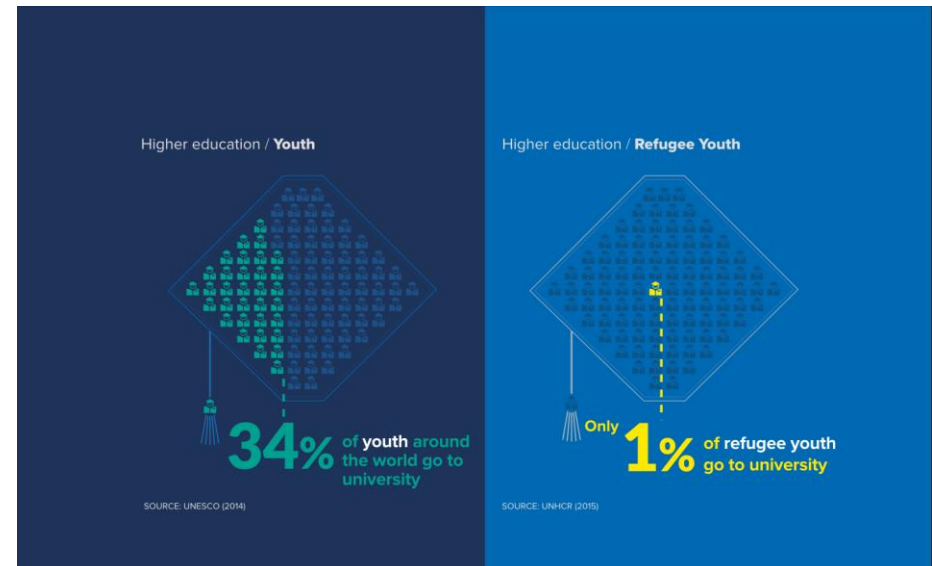
Location name	Source	Data date	Population
Mainland Andalucía		31 Mar 2018	20,985
Melilla		31 Mar 2018	6,350
Mainland Eastern Mediterranean		31 Mar 2018	2,768
Ceuta		31 Mar 2018	2,757
Canary Islands		31 Mar 2018	489

Links

- [ACNUR España](#)
Página de la Representación de ACNUR en España
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Second challenge. Higher Education, Young People and the Present (and the Future as well)





Third challenge. Political (in)stability,
limited labour and economic resources

Fourth challenge. Social support to welcome
movements and political opportunities

Fifth challenge. Spanish refugee recognition
status policy



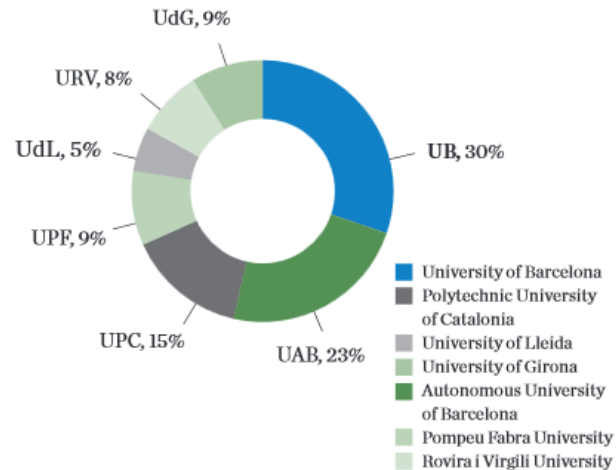
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University of Barcelona: Facts and figures



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Incoming bachelor's degree students in the Catalan public university system (2013-2014)



Students 2013-2014

45,318 bachelor's degree and pre-EHEA degree/ diploma students

4,791 university master's degree students

5,387 trainee researchers

9,323 postgraduate students (provisional data)

10,100 bachelor's degree, pre-EHEA degree and university master's degree graduates in 2012-2013 and 675 doctoral theses read

18 faculties and 1 university school

106 departments

676,153 m² constructed area

18 libraries

6 affiliated centres (7 during 2014-2015)

5,190 teachers and researchers

254 contracted research doctors

2,352 administrative and service staff

UB Solidarity Foundation

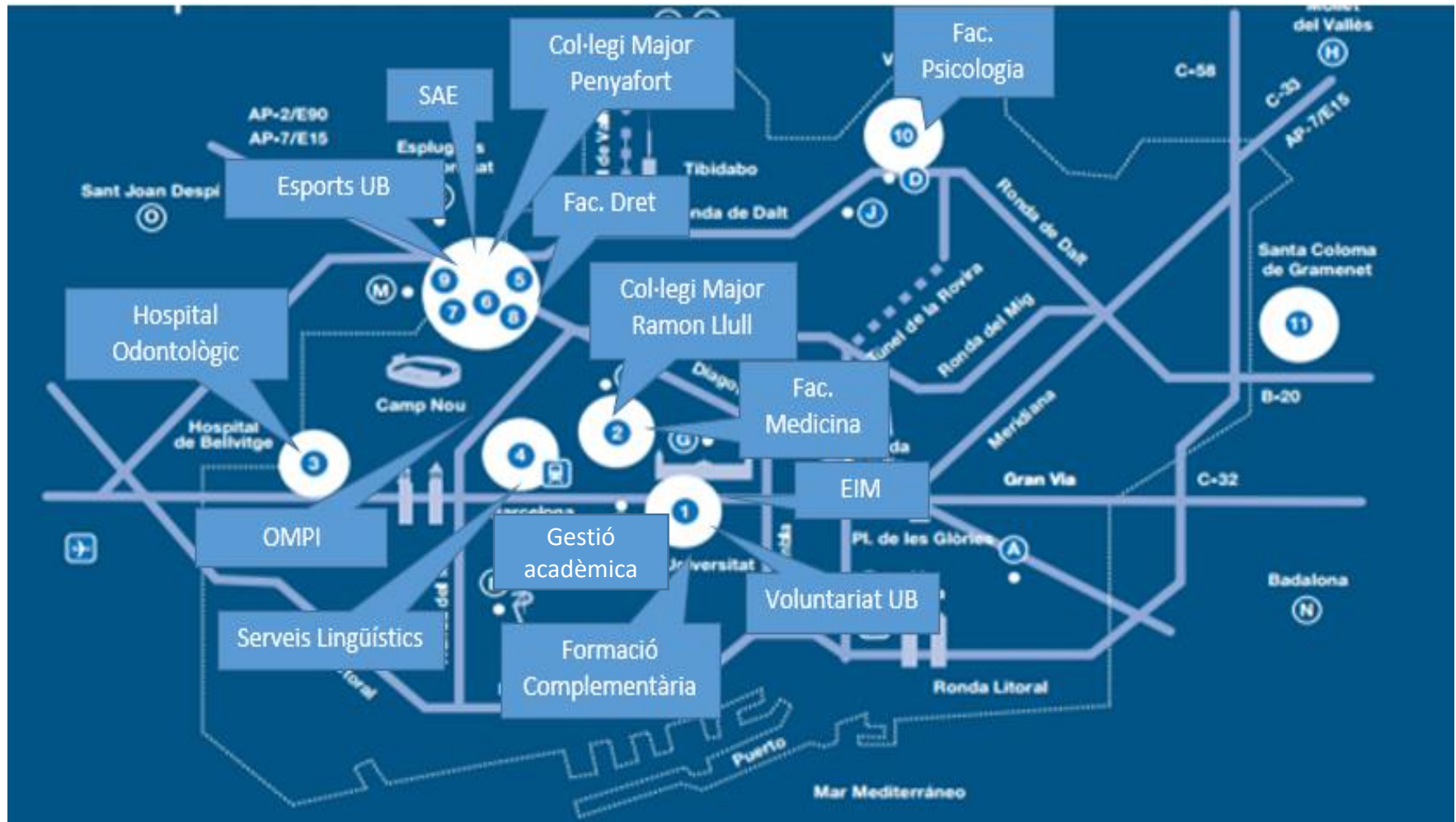


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- It is the **cooperation & solidarity organization** of the UB.
- It was **created in 1996** by the UB & Món-3 Foundation.
- It **focuses its work** on:
 - social action and volunteerism,
 - development cooperation,
 - the promotion of peace culture, human rights & democratic memory.
- Its work **consists in**:
 - providing advisory and evaluation services,
 - launching its own projects,
 - collaborating with projects of other institutions and organizations, which involve the mobilization of university community members.
- It exercises UB's social responsibility in the **different environments** in which it is located:
 - A. The university community.
 - B. Local and national levels (social action).
 - C. Internationally (development cooperation).
- Since September 2015, it's **coordinating the UB Refugee support program**.

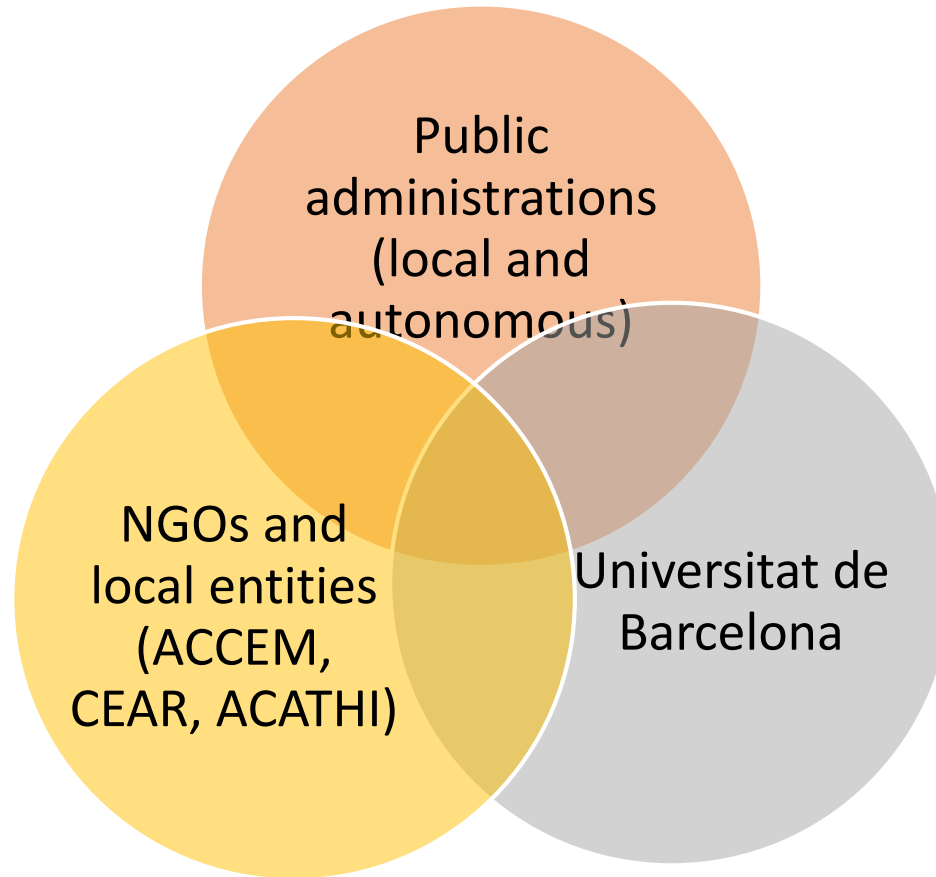
Main characteristics:

- Top – bottom process. Rector's mandate
- Budget
- Resources:
Accommodation
- Professors and Administrative staff are very receptive and collaborative



Some keys of the work

External network



Refugee support program (Since September 2015)



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Coordinated by the UB Solidarity Foundation, it's based on developing Human Rights perspective; with two fields of action:

- **Humanitarian response (first reception actions):**
 - **Academic and educational support** (with scholarships).
 - **Accommodation** (students residences).
 - **Social integration** (support to language learning & daily life).
 - **Legal advice and psychological assistance** by University experts.
- **Academic response**
 - **Academic cooperation** with different countries to palliate the circumstances.
 - **Information, training and awareness campaigns** (e.g. Mare Nostrum project).

*Poster of the exhibition
"Syria, the word from
exile", displayed at the
University of Barcelona hall
during Solidary Autumn*



Lines of action



1. Support to Refugee Students or students coming from conflict zones

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- 15 posts per year in university residence and 2 flats (CEAR and ACCEM agreement)



- 100 free tuition fees to study degrees, postgraduates, masters. Social Conseil exemption of tuition.
- Access to Spanish courses for foreigners



- Psychosocial care



- Legal advice (CITE and in a short term with the legal clinic of the UB)



- Health care

2. Transition course to the University

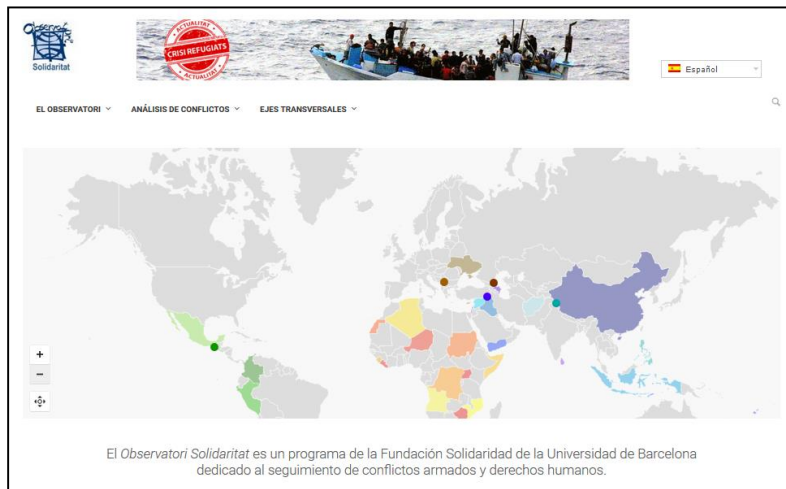
- Main objective: to promote the access to the university . Network
- Official course recognized as university extension course. UB Students
- Duration: 500 hours
- 15 posts addressed to students, mainly Syrian, that are leaving in Syria, Lebanon,... That are in a vulnerable situation
- Full scholarship: accommodations, pocket Money, free tuition for the course and after (degree, master)
- Cofunded by University of Barcelona and Barcelona City Council
- Buddy program: linguistic exchange and social relations
 - Perspective of Human Rights



- Challenges (not exhaustive):
 - Visa approvals
 - Renewal of identification cards
 - Emotional and social adaptation
 - Expectations and educational Systems
 - Recognition of studies (PROTOCOL)
 - Changes at the University levels
 - Labour integration

3. Mare Nostrum

- **Aim: Research about stereotypes and behaviours of public servants and civil society towards refugee and training in order to inform what refugee is, and items to take into account (legal status, psychosocial risks, etc).**
- 'Ajuntament de Sant Feliu de Llobregat and funded by Fons Català de Cooperació al Desenvolupament
- **Training. Local servants and local NGOs**
- **Proposal. Guide of good practices**
- **Research, analysis and dissemination.**



Exposició organitzada per:



Amb el suport de:



4. Participation in European projects



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Coordinació grup de treball
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desenvolupament

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Thank you!

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