



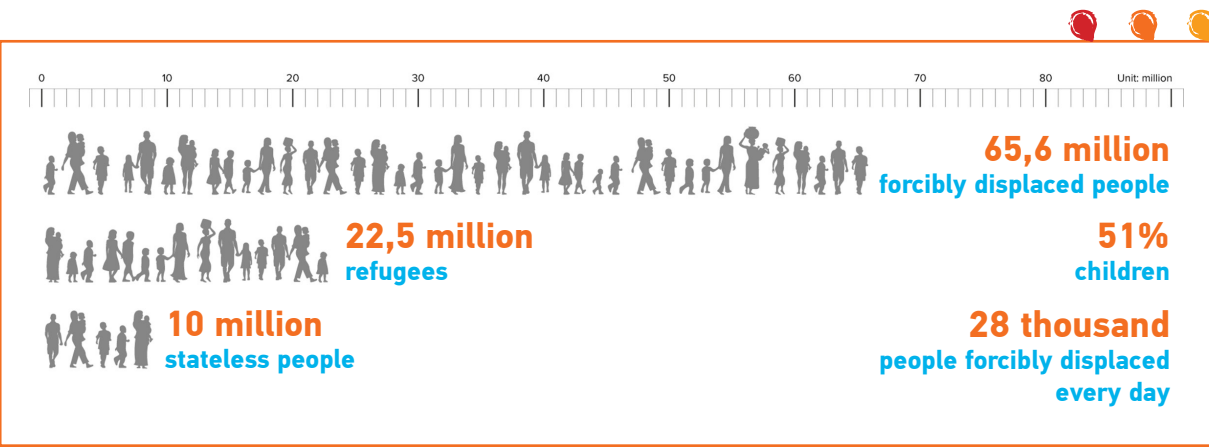
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Let's talk about refugees

We are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record



Forced Displacement global trends

For 2016

Source: UNHCR

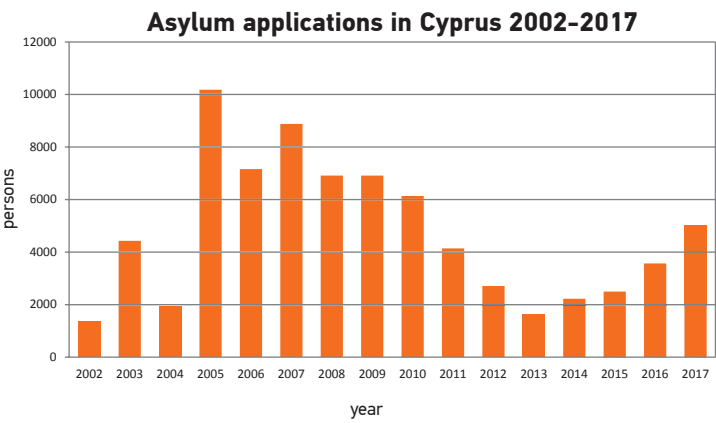
75.000 UNACCOMPANIED OR SEPARATED CHILDREN	2 million NEW ASYLUM CLAIMS	10,3 million NEWLY DISPLACED
Unaccompanied or separated children – mainly Afghans, and Syrians – lodged some 75.000 asylum applications in 70 countries during the year.	The number of new asylum claims has reached 2 million. With 722.400 such claims, Germany was the world's largest recipient of new individual applications, followed by the United States of America (262.000), Italy (123.000), and Turkey (78.600).	10,3 million people were forced to leave their property due to the conflicts and the persecution in the area. 70% of them remain displaced in their own homeland and 30% of them have been seeking asylum in a foreign country.

In the last few years, we have witnessed an appalling humanitarian tragedy occurring next to us, in the Middle East. The war in Syria resulted in the violent displacement of 12 million people. Europe has received a massive amount of asylum claims. Thus, most of the displaced people live in their own homeland or in neighbor countries.

Cyprus has provided international protection (asylum) to a few thousands refugees who reached our island since 2003, many of them from Iraq and Palestine. The international protection includes the recognized refugee status and the subsidiary protection status.

Those who nowadays live in Cyprus and are beneficiaries of international protection are almost 8.500 people. The asylum seekers amount to 5.300 people.

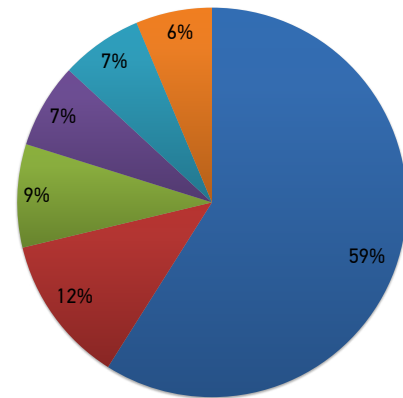
In the last 3 years, most of the refugees come from Syria. In 2017, 222 people in total were granted a refugee status and 1.228 people were granted a subsidiary protection status. 154 of them are unaccompanied children.



Only in 2017, about 2.500 asylum applications were submitted to the Asylum Service.

Country of origin of Asylum Seekers for 2017

■ Syria ■ Egypt ■ India ■ Vietnam ■ Somalia ■ Cameroon



Live their experiences | Learn about the cause of the refugee phenomenon

Let's talk about immigrants

THE GLOBAL MIGRATION IN NUMBERS

244 million immigrants internationally
3,3% of the world population
39 the average age of immigrants

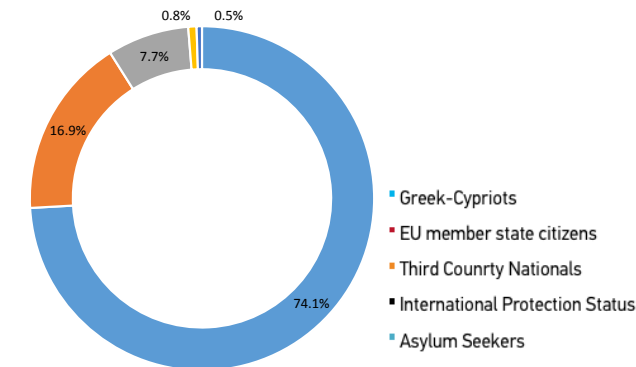
Migration accompanies the evolution of humanity. People are looking for a job, prosperity and a better life. The contemporary means of movement and the technological development have intensified the migratory flows and the interaction between the people.

MIGRATION IN EUROPE

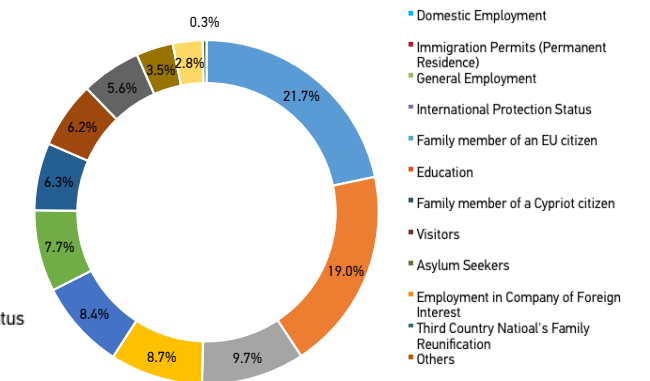
Migrants number per 1.000 inhabitants

Europe is a multicultural region in the world, which has welcomed immigrants for centuries. Cyprus experiences migration as a hosting society, especially since the 90's until today. Today, the population of our island in the non-occupied Cyprus, consists of three big groups, Greek-Cypriots, EU citizens and Third Country Nationals.

Population



Third Country Nationals



In Cyprus, the Third Country Nationals are up to 94.000 including almost 5.300 asylum seekers and 8.500 beneficiaries of international protection, compared to 780.000 Greek-Cypriots and 178.000 citizens from other European Union countries.

Investigate the migration streams | Listen to the story of the immigrants

Developing a broad society

Cyprus evolves in a multicultural society

The contemporary progressive societies are governed by ecumenical principles. The protection of human rights, the respect of personal dignity and the combat of any discrimination are the main principles. The life of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants in Cyprus depends on the dedication to those principles.

The mutual acceptance, the active support and their participation need the honest willing of the Cypriot society which welcomes them in every moment of daily life: at work, in the public services, at school, at hospital, at the places of meeting and entertainment.

It is beneficial for the Cypriot society not to develop walls of separation, stereotypes and xenophobic perceptions.

The smooth integration of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants creates conditions for their bigger contribution in the financial development and social cohesion.

A state without discrimination

Look at the society around us

A refugees' family may live next to us. They were forced to leave their homeland under the fear of war and persecutions.

They have the right to a new chance in life, to a new homeland.

An asylum seeker can be seen anywhere. They have the right to a fast and fair examination of the asylum application. For as long as they are in wait, they have the right to live with us and work in predefined sectors.

We often associate with immigrants. Many of them come from poor, third countries. They work in houses and fields, they look after families and work in jobs that local people don't do anymore. Some others may be wealthy businessmen or poor workers who perform handy jobs.

Refugees and immigrants live among us! They have power, courage, abilities.

Origin, skin color, religion or financial situation do not matter.

Their integration is wealth for our society.

Accept – Respect – Integrate

Build a world of mutual respect.

Their world can also be ours!

Support the effort that immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers make to overcome the adaptation difficulties, to learn our language.

They can be equal members of our society.

With the same rights and responsibilities that each member of our state has.

The “Aware” Campaign

- Information and awareness through mass media and social media
- Organizing seminars, experiential workshops, meetings
- Production and projection of documentaries and short films
- Creation of a cooperation network with journalists and stakeholders

The “Aware” Campaign goals

- To give prominence to the life of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants
- The knowledge, information, acquaintance and interaction with them
- The support of the effort for a smooth integration in the local society



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