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YOU ARE WELCOME



Migration and the refugee crisis

In 2016, according to the UN, most people were forced to be displaced worldwide since the end of World War II. A total of 65.6 million people had to leave their homes. Of these, 40.3 percent were displaced within their own country; others sought security beyond its borders. **More than half of them come from three countries - Afghanistan, Syria and South Sudan – and a half of them are children.**

The vast majority of refugees, 84 percent, remain in developing countries. **Most of them are hosted by Turkey, Pakistan and Lebanon**, only a small part of them came to Europe - mainly to Germany and Sweden.

The increase in the number of people, who, due to wars, persecution and the desire for a better life, come to Europe, is being watched by a part of the Czech public with fear...

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Where are the people who ask for asylum in the EU from?

In 2016, most asylum seekers came from **Syria** (27.8%), **Afghanistan** (15.2%), **Iraq** (10.5%), **Pakistan** (4.0%) and **Nigeria** (3.8%).

Syrians fleeing bombing and chemical weapons in their country were among the most demanding last year - over



community for the past 15 years, and who are now threatened with persecution with the Taliban coming back to power. Eritreans flee from torture and enslavement. Others flee from violence in their homes...

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How many asylum seekers are heading to the Czech Republic?

While most people coming to Europe are from Syria, the **Ukrainians** remain the main asylum seekers in the Czech Republic.

In 2016, a total of **1478** people applied for international protection in the Czech Republic according to the statistics of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic; of which 148 were granted asylum. Another 302 people received so-called supplementary protection (the possibility to stay in the Czech Republic for 1-3 years until the reasons for the request are over). In the first three places by nationality, there were applicants from Ukraine (507 applications), Iraq (158 applications) and Cuba (85 applications).

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Other questions and answers...

Do you ask why the majority of the incoming are men? Are there people coming to Europe terrorists? Do you think that most migrants and refugees are Muslims who are not integrative in our society?

Amnesty International is answering these and other questions.

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On Friday, October 20, 2017, the Institute for Regional Development, o.p. held a seminar on Migration, Integration and Refugees.

The content of the event was the introduction of the project YOU ARE WELCOME, presentation on migration, integration and refugees with a focus on the Czech Republic, screening of the film "[The Crossing](#)" and discussion.



The seminar took place from 16:00 to 18:00 at the premises of the Europe Direct Bruntál Information Center at Dr. E. Beneš 1873/61, 792 01 in Bruntál.

The event, attended by 8 people, took place under the YOU ARE WELCOME project, which aims to reverse the process of stigmatization of migrants, help participating communities overcome stereotypes and create a more accurate picture of migrants and refugees. [More about the project here.](#)

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