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„The reception of asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors in Austria”

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Overview

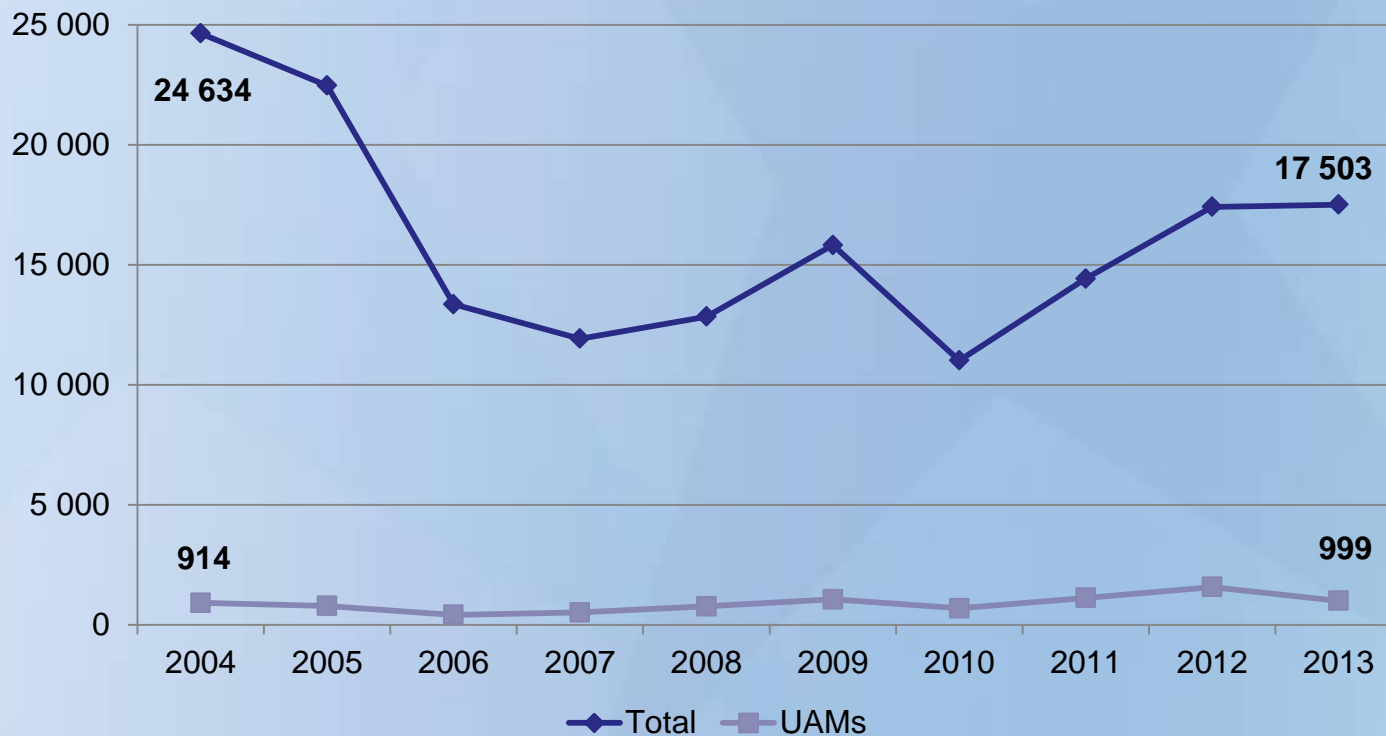


- ✳ Organization of the reception system in Austria
- ✳ Accommodation of UAMs
- ✳ Reception challenges and current debates

Migration trends of UAMs coming to Austria – Part I



- ✳ Applications for international protection lodged in Austria, total and UAMs (2004–2013)

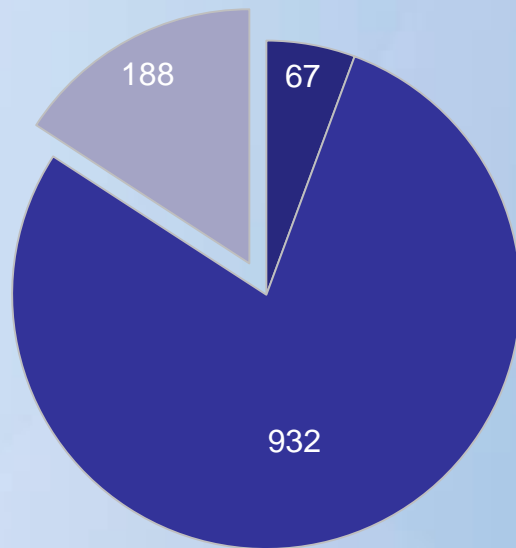


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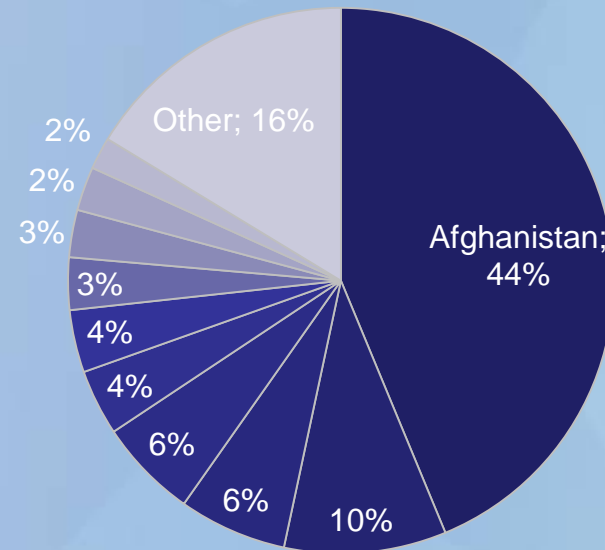
Migration trends of UAMs coming to Austria – Part II



✪ Applications for international protection lodged by UAMs in Austria, by age and by citizenship (2013)



- < 14 years old
- 14-18 years old
- UAMs found to be adults



- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Syria
- Pakistan
- Russian Federation
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Kosovo/UNSC 1244
- Turkey
- Somalia
- Other

Source: Federal Ministry of the Interior.

Organization of the reception system in Austria



- ✚ Basic welfare support: accommodation + reception conditions
- ✚ Basic Welfare Support Agreement (2004) > Shared responsibility between the federal government and the nine Austrian provinces:
 - ✓ Federal government: reception of asylum-seekers in admission procedure and of asylum-seekers rejected during admission procedure
 - ✓ Provinces: reception of asylum-seekers in the actual asylum procedure
- ✚ Distribution of asylum-seekers among the provinces based on quotas that are in proportion to the provinces' population
- ✚ Costs are divided at a ratio of 6:4

Accommodation of UAMs



✳️ Federal government:

- ✓ Reception facility East (located in Traiskirchen, Lower Austria) provides specific reception conditions for UAMs
- ✓ Operated by a private company



Source: www.bmi.gv.at

✳️ Provinces:

- ✓ 38 specialized reception facilities for UAMs
- ✓ 3 categories: apartment-sharing groups, residential homes, supervised accommodation
- ✓ Mostly operated by NGOs and church-based organizations

Reception challenges and current debates – Part II



- ✦ Ad-hoc responses
 - ✓ Federal government: emergency facilities
 - ✓ Provinces: creating new reception places
- ✦ How to ensure that the provinces fulfill their reception quotas? > Asylum-Summit discusses proposals for long-term solutions
 - ✓ Introduction of sanctions
 - ✓ Carrying out admission procedure directly in the provinces
 - ✓ Increasing maximum amounts for accommodation
 - ✓ Payment of reception facility providers per reception place
- ✦ Discussion to be continued...



Thank you!

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