

National EMN Conference 2022 Iceland

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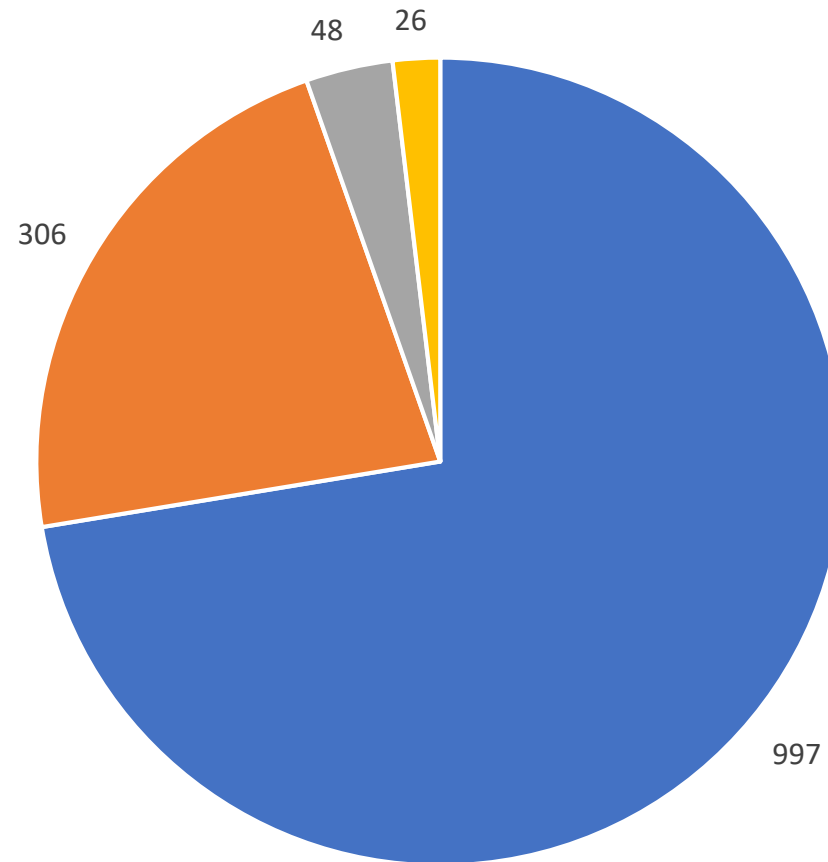
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DIRECTORATE OF IMMIGRATION

National structure

- Ministry of Justice
 - Responsible for processing of asylum claims.
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Labours
 - Responsible for the service for asylum applicants
 - Housing, health care, allowance ect.
 - The Directorate of Labour from July 1st 2022.
- Burden sharing



Applicants for international protection 2022

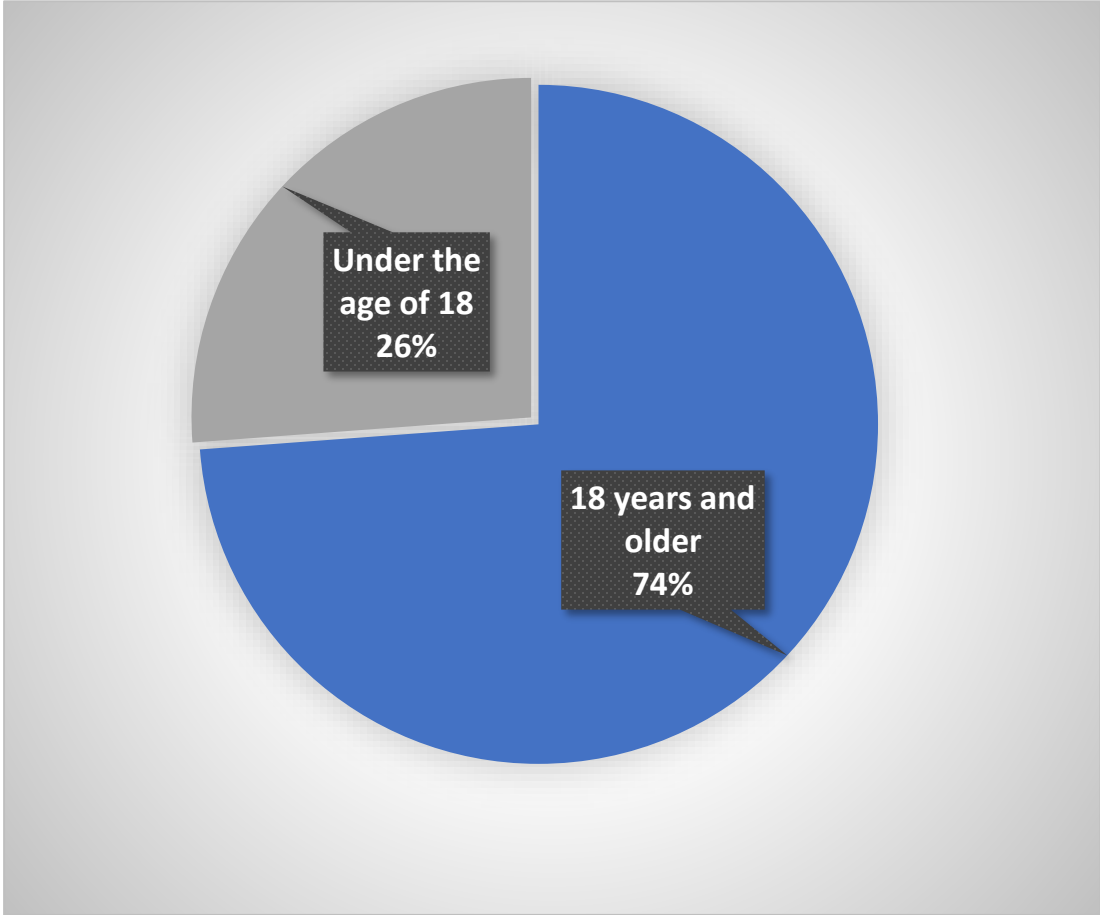
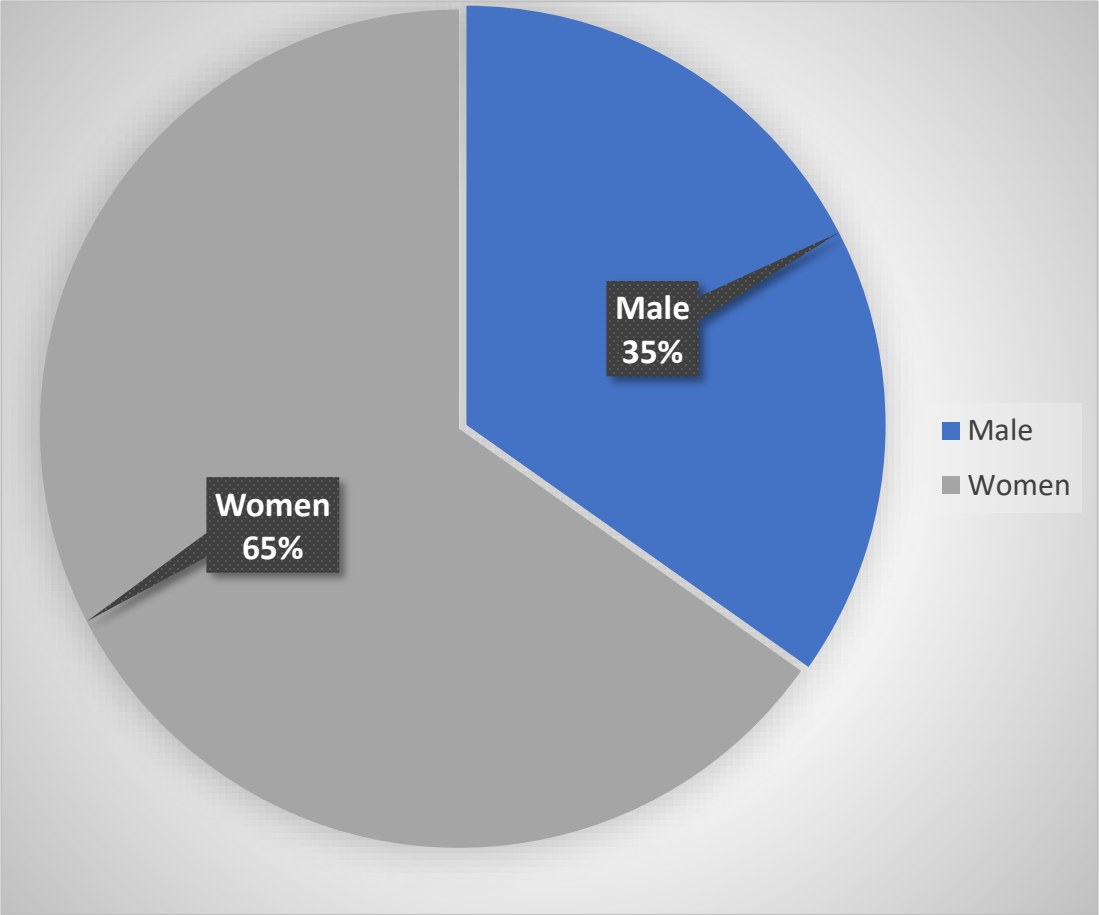


Total= 1533

■ Ukraine ■ Venezuela ■ Palestina ■ Iraq



Ukrainian citizens



Act on foreigners no. 80/2016

- Iceland is not bound by the EU temporary protection directive.
- Article 44 see link here: https://www.government.is/library/04-Legislation/Foreign_Nationals_Act.pdf
- Implemented for the first time since the act entered into force January 1st 2017.
 - Valid to 2nd of March 2023.
- This article covers the same groups as determined in the EU directive.



Act on foreigner no. 80/2016

- A residence permit is granted on humanitarian grounds for one year at a time, with the possibility to renew or extend if for up to three years from the time a permit was first issued.
- After that time a permit may be issued that can become the basis for a permanent residence permit.
- Conditional access to Icelandic labour market, which is based on the requirement that an employer must apply for work permit for the person in question.
 - There is a bill at the Parliament aiming to change this and make it automatic with the residence permit.



The process

- Pre-registration form online: <https://www.firstmedical.is/en/>
 - Linked to police database and Directorate of Health database
 - This is not an actual registration of an asylum claim.
 - Information regarding identity
 - Information regarding health for better process of First medical check
- Also an indicator on how many asylum seekers are to be expected.



The process

- Few entry points to Iceland
 - Keflavík airport
 - The harbour in Seyðisfjörður
- Easy to control the flow of people to the country and into the process of their asylum claim.
- Special attention paid to possible trafficking victims and children without their legal guardian.
 - Police staff and Immigration staff



Registration facility



Police

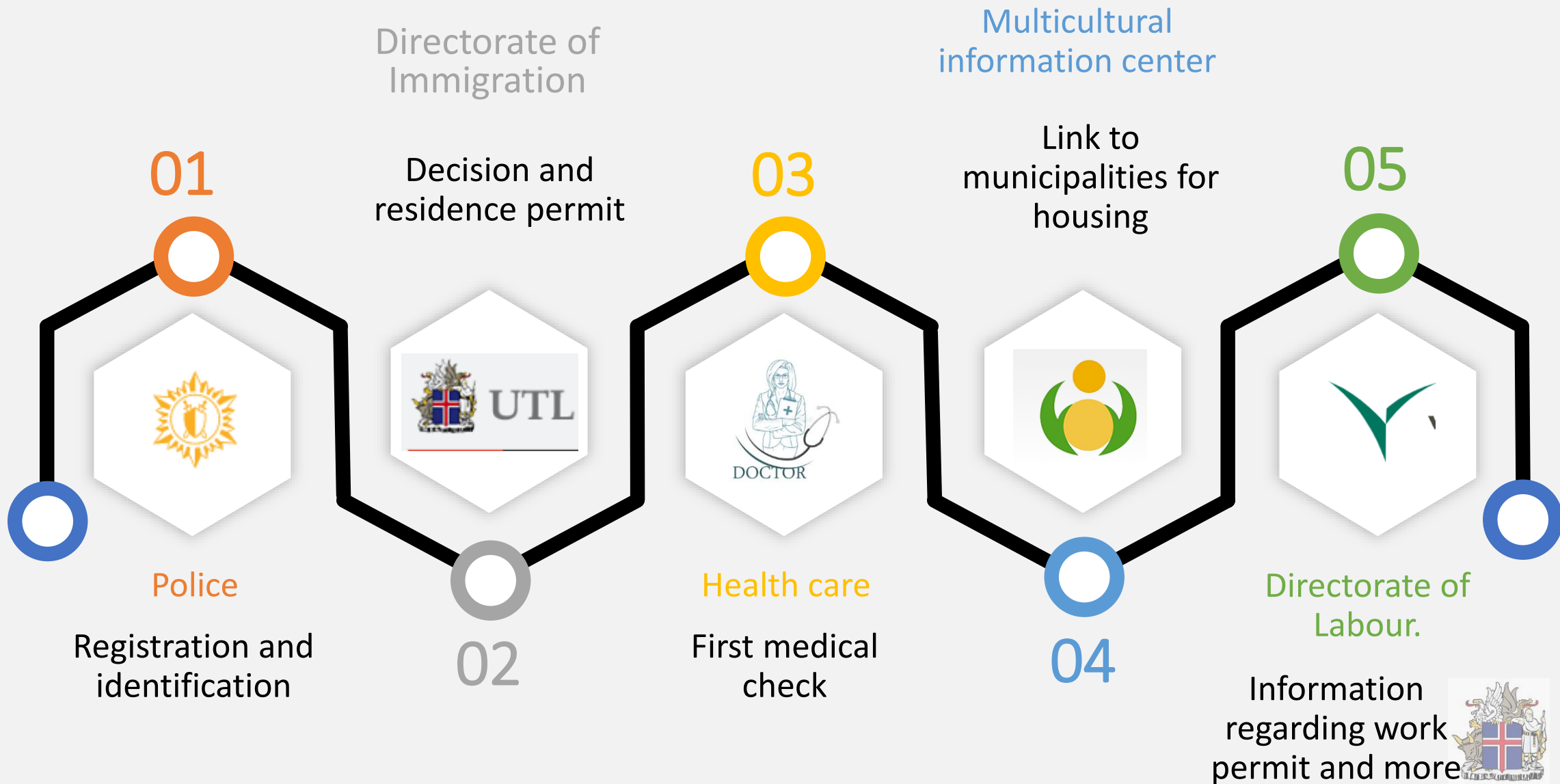
Directorate of Immigration

Health care (First medical check)

Multicultural information center

Directorate of Labour





UAM

Their application is not processed under article 44 (temporary protection)

Their application is processed on its merits.

UAM are interviewed at Barnahús.



Challenges

- Housing
 - All asylumseekers have the right to stay for 2 weeks in housing provided by the Directorate of Immigration/Labour after receiving their residence permit on the grounds of their asylum claim.
 - After that the municipalities are responsible for housing.
- Municipalities
 - There is no quota system in our law regarding burden sharing between municipalities.
 - Individual contract with the municipalities are in the making as we speak.



Housing



Positive changes

Technology

- Digital transformation
- Automation

Improved
service

- More productivity

