

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT ISSUES IN EUROPE: THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES

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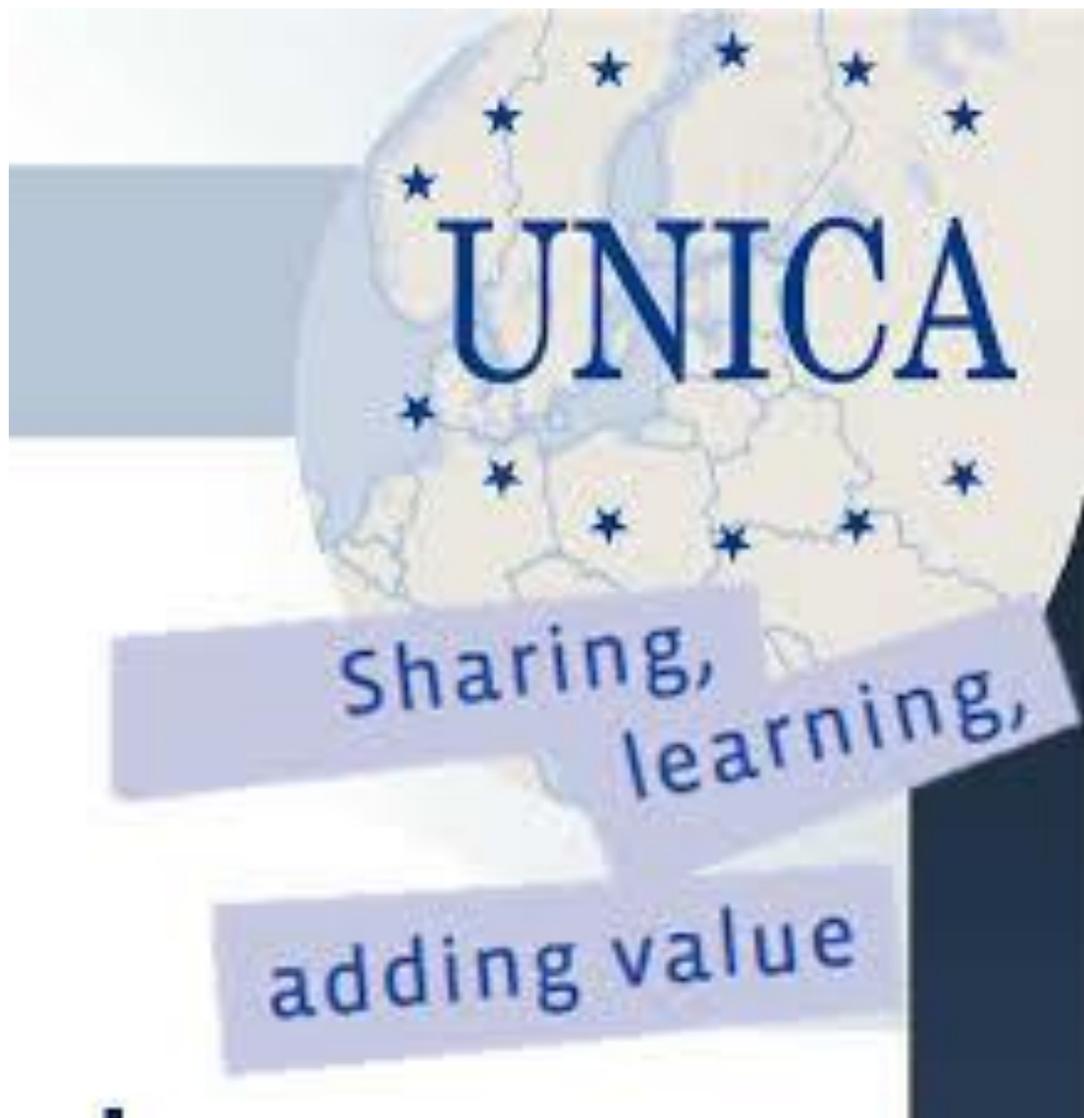
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Human Migration Map: Route Summary

Route Highlights

Zoom

110%



Odysseus (Ulysses)



Disguised as **foreigners** coming from other lands, the Gods, in many forms, visit the cities to check the **equity of humans**

Homer

Pilgrims



The important role of Migrants in the foundation of the European Union: the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC, Treaty of Paris 1951)

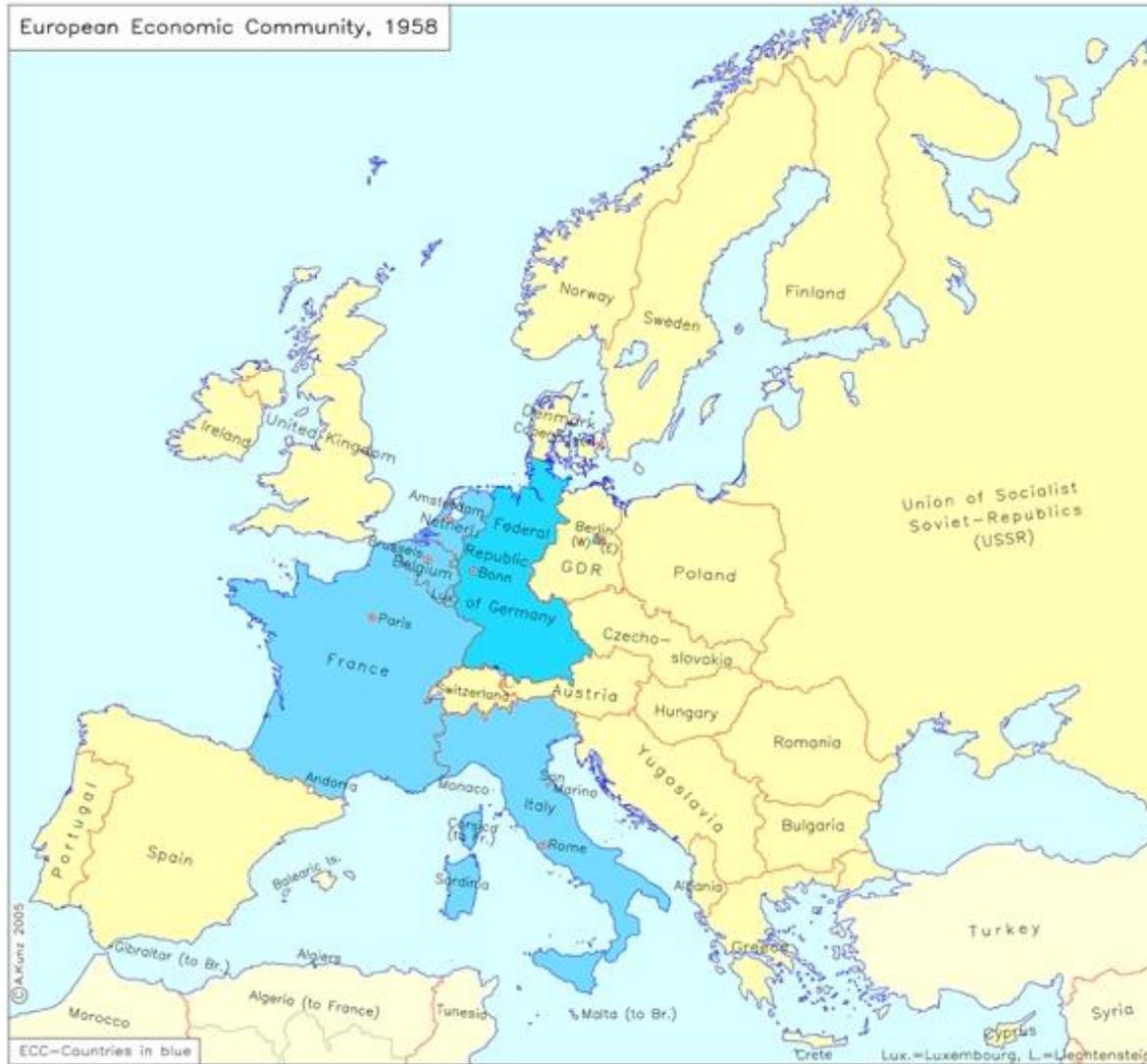


European Economic Community (EEC): Treaties of Rome (1957)

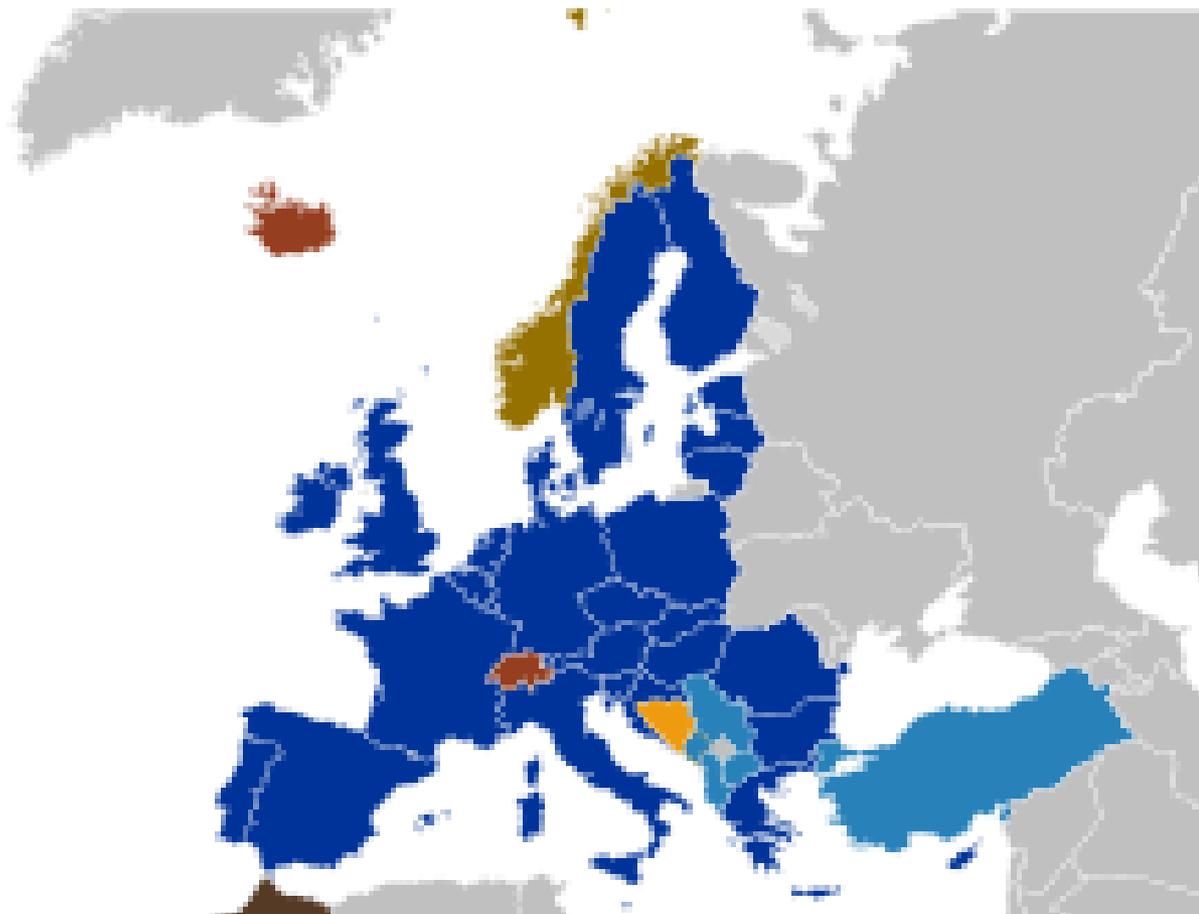
signed on 25 March 1957 by **Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and West Germany**



EEC 1958



European Union in 2013 (28 countries)



Great European achievements: **PEACE**

Mitterrand & Kohl (Verdun, 1984)



Nobel Peace Prize (2012)

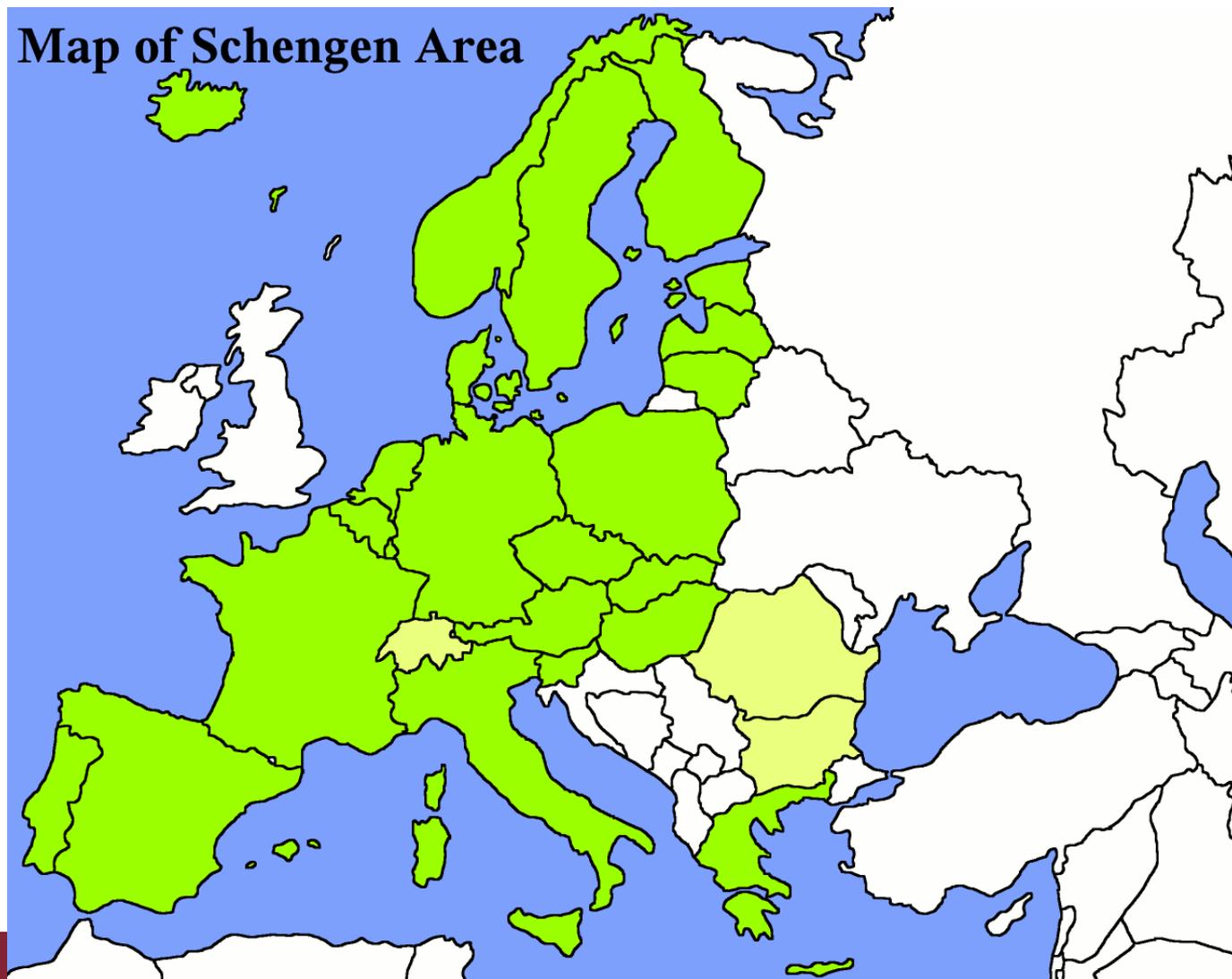


Wars in Europe outside the Union we did not manage to prevent

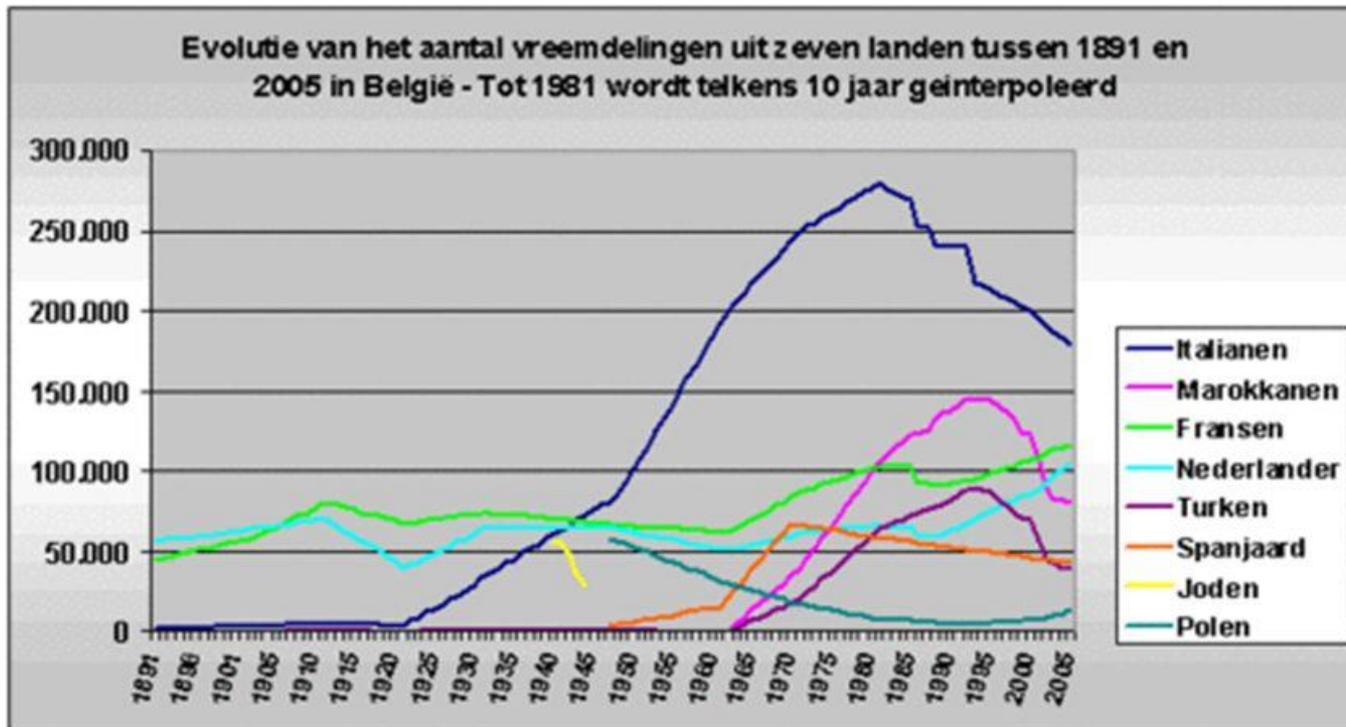
Ex-Yugoslavia

Ukraine

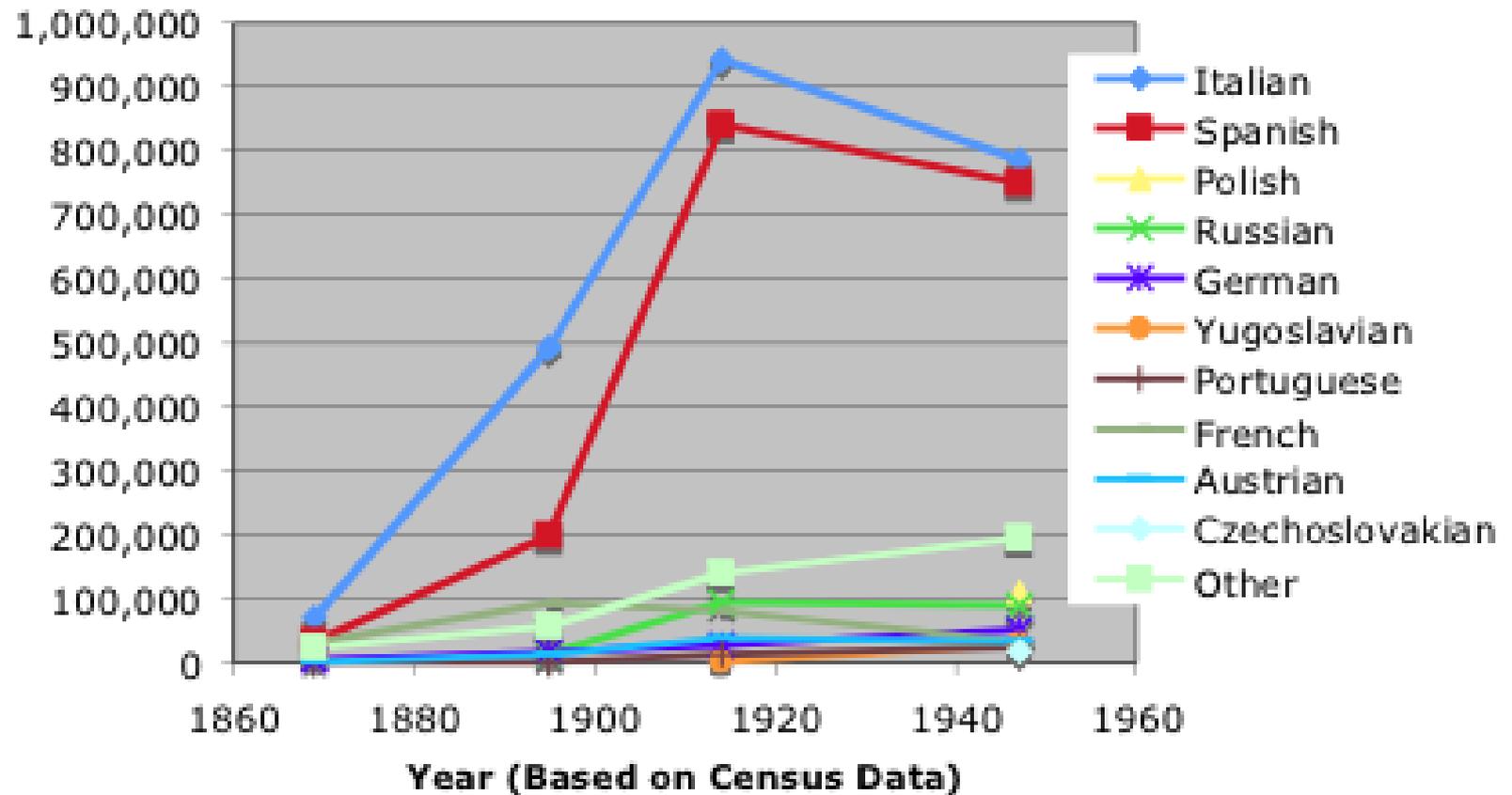
Great European achievements: free movement of people in the Schengen Area



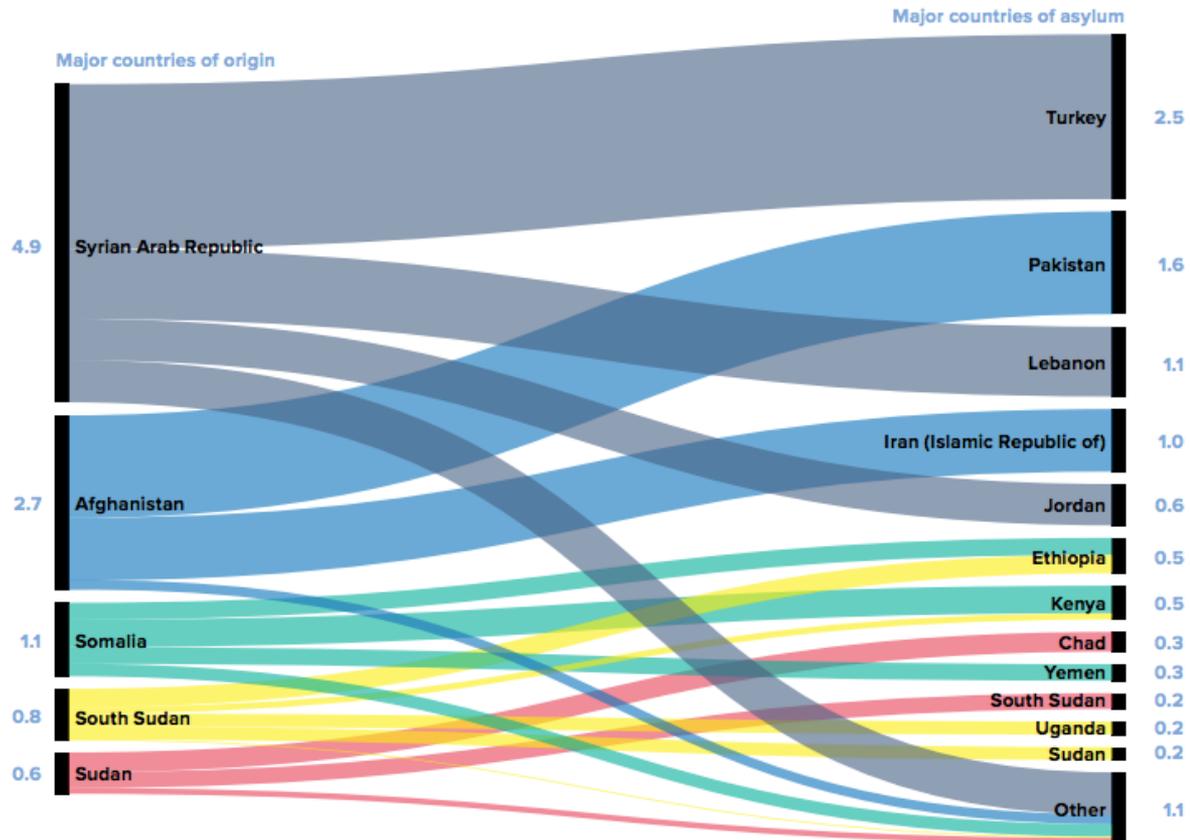
History: migration



European Immigration to Argentina by Nationality

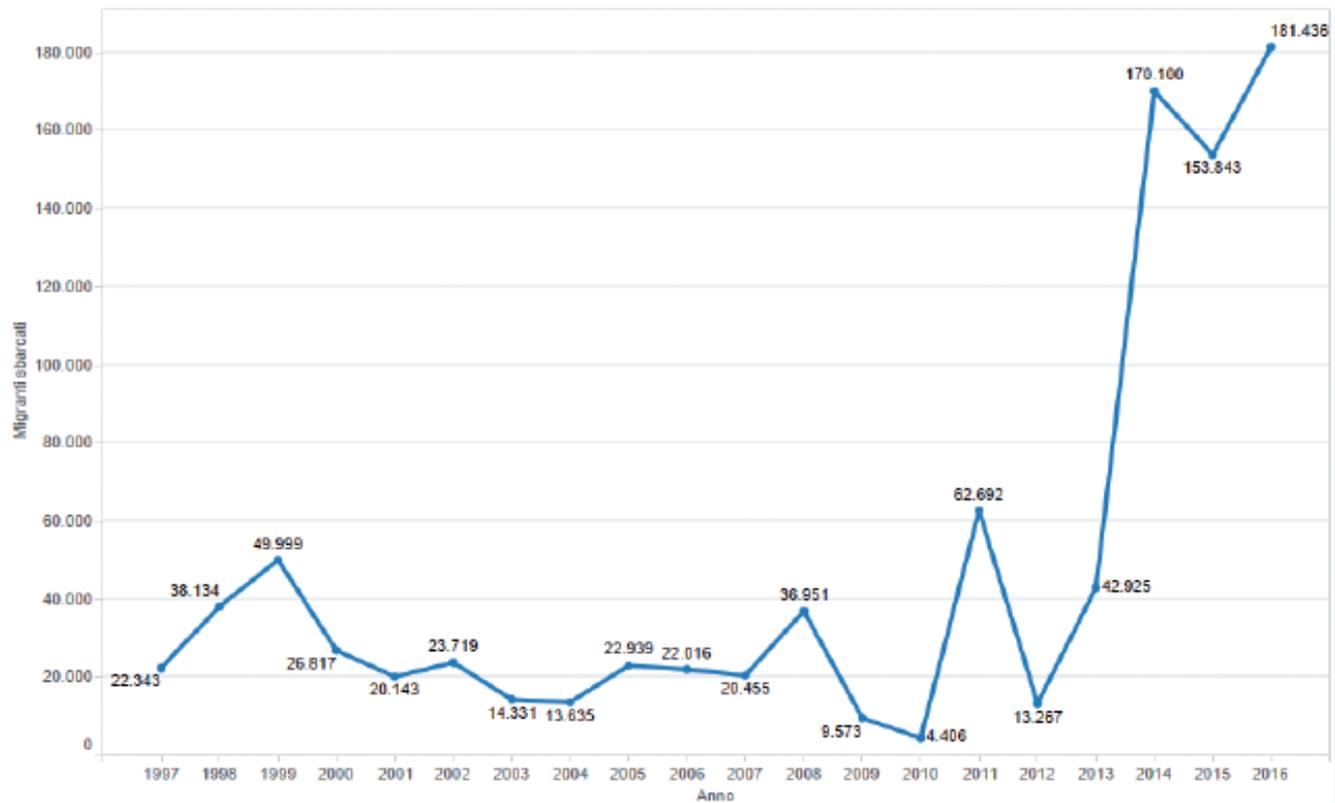


Forced migration flows



Mapping Mediterranean migration (Sept 2014)

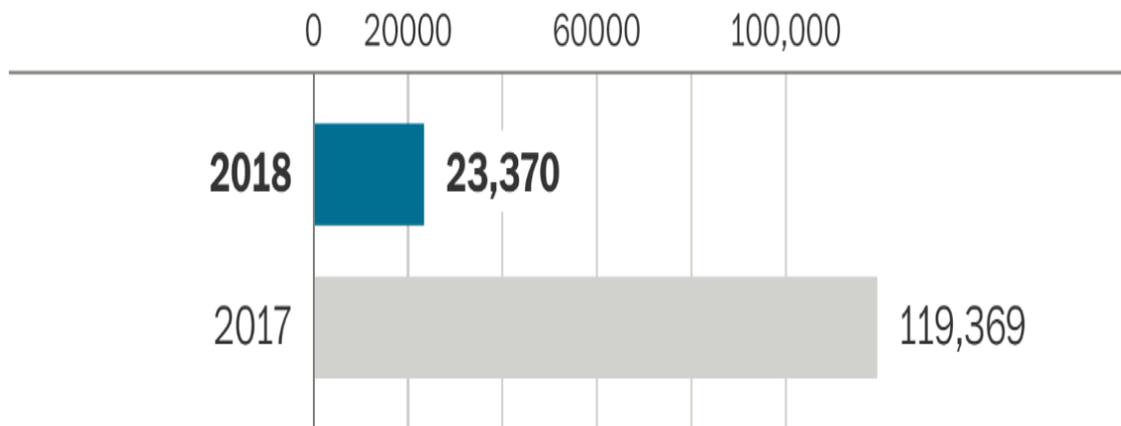




Number of landings in Italy, 1997-2016. Italian Interior Ministry¹²

Migration to Italy

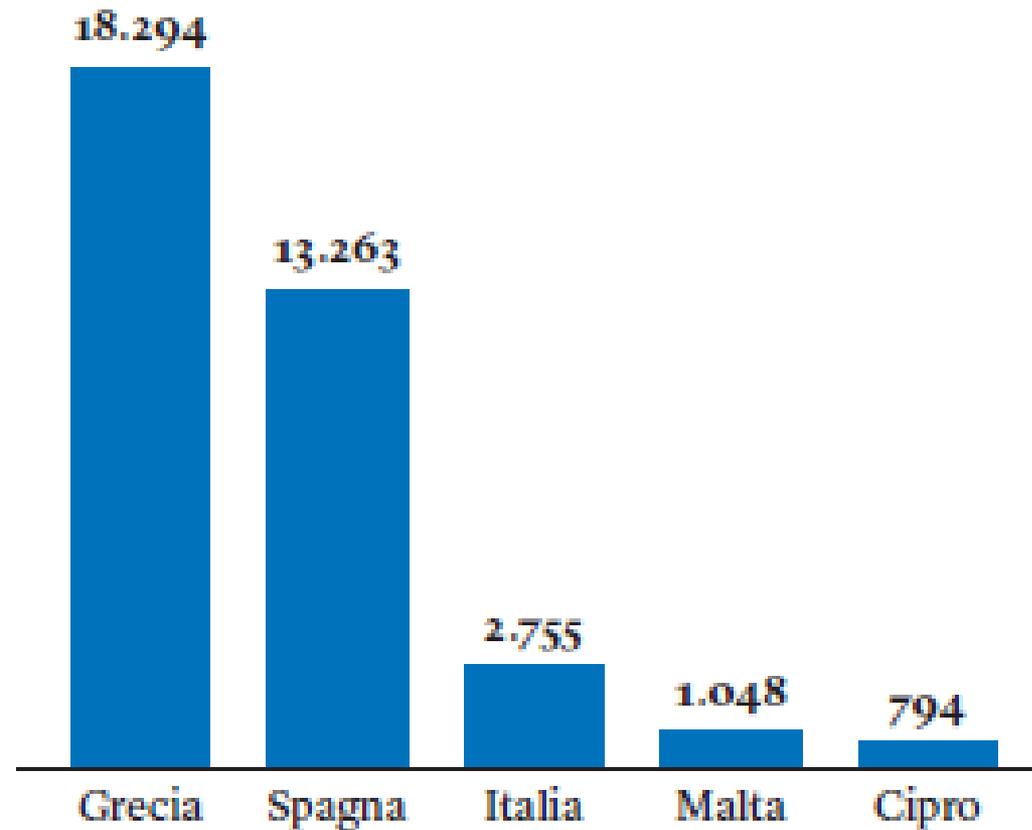
Migrants arriving in Italy

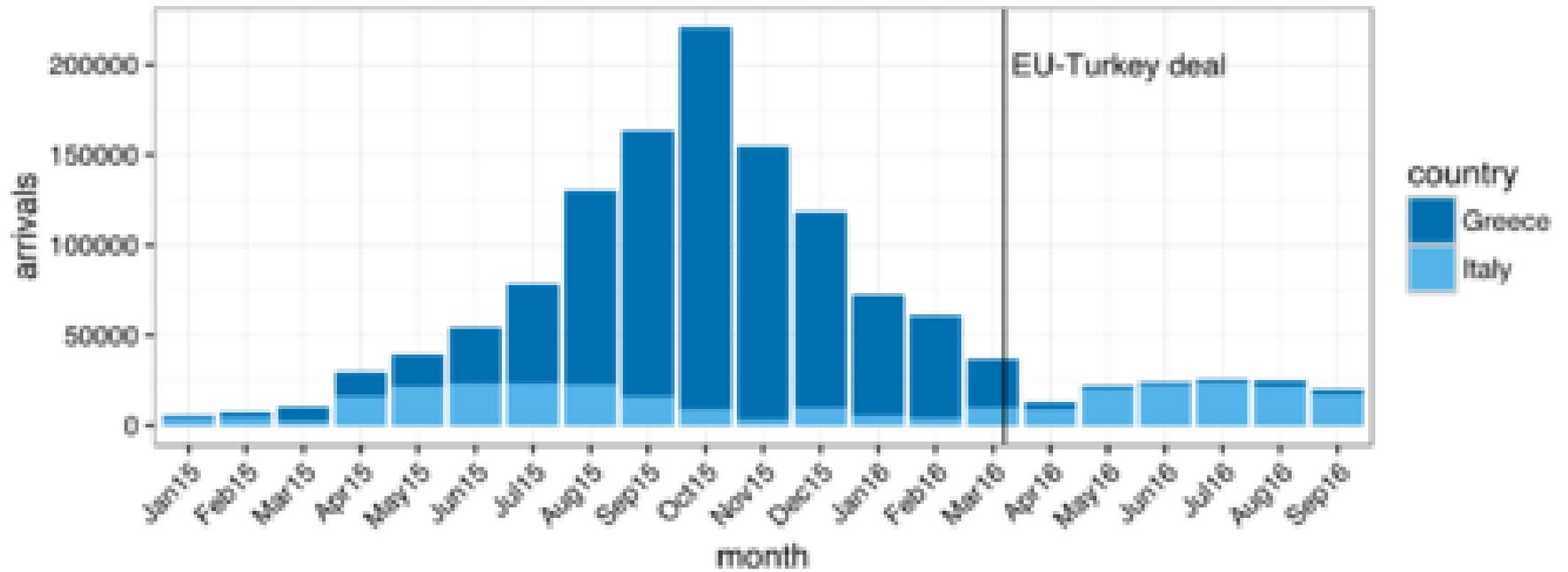


Source: U.N. Migration

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**Arrivi di migranti in Europa dal 1 gennaio
al 3 luglio 2019. Fonte: Unhcr**





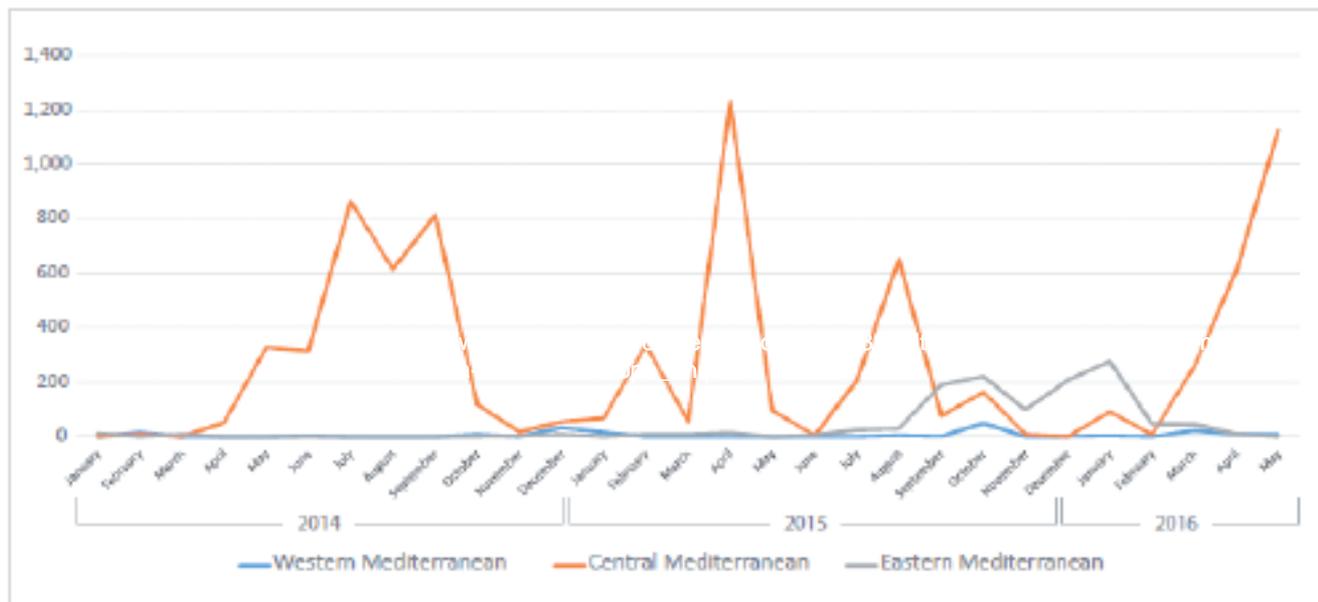
"Arrivals to Greece, Italy and Spain. January–December 2015" UNHCR.

Italy: the Deadliest Route to Fortress Europe



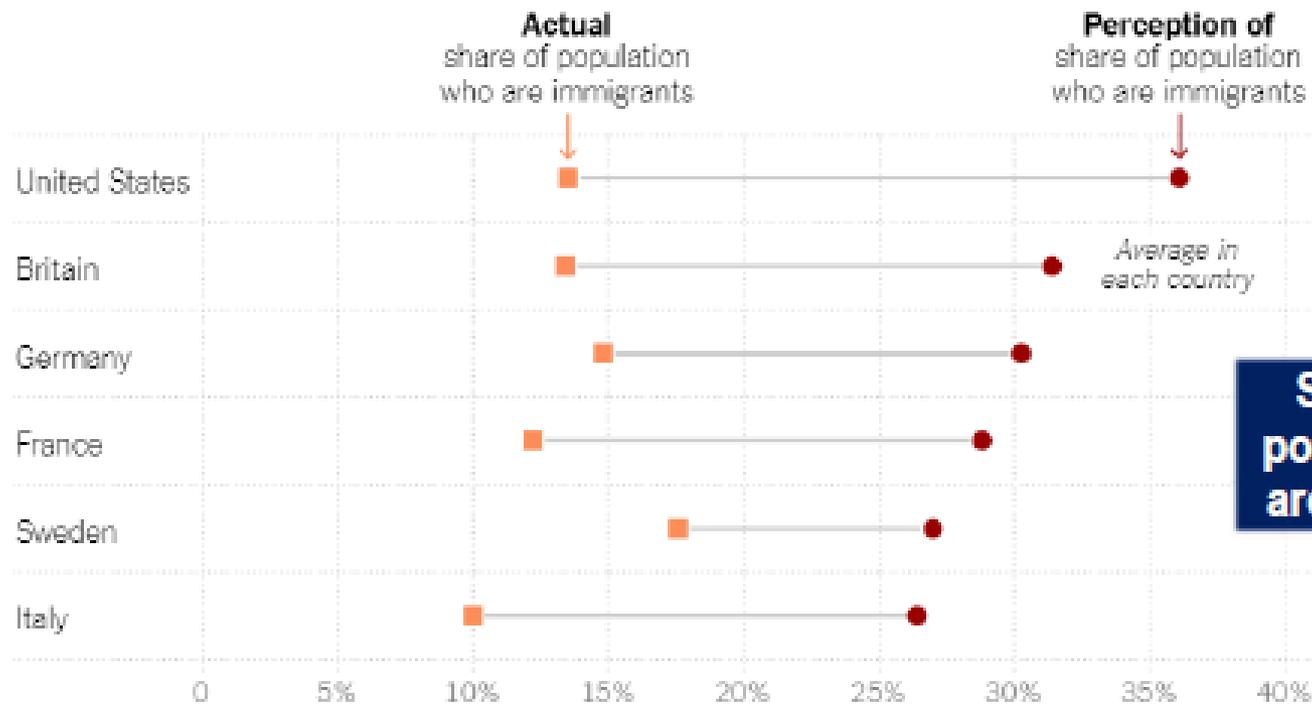
- https://www.cear.es/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Italia-la-ruta-m%C3%A1s-mortal-hacia-la-fortaleza-Europa_en.pdf

Figure 11: Recorded dead and missing migrants in the Mediterranean by route, 1 January 2014–31 May 2016



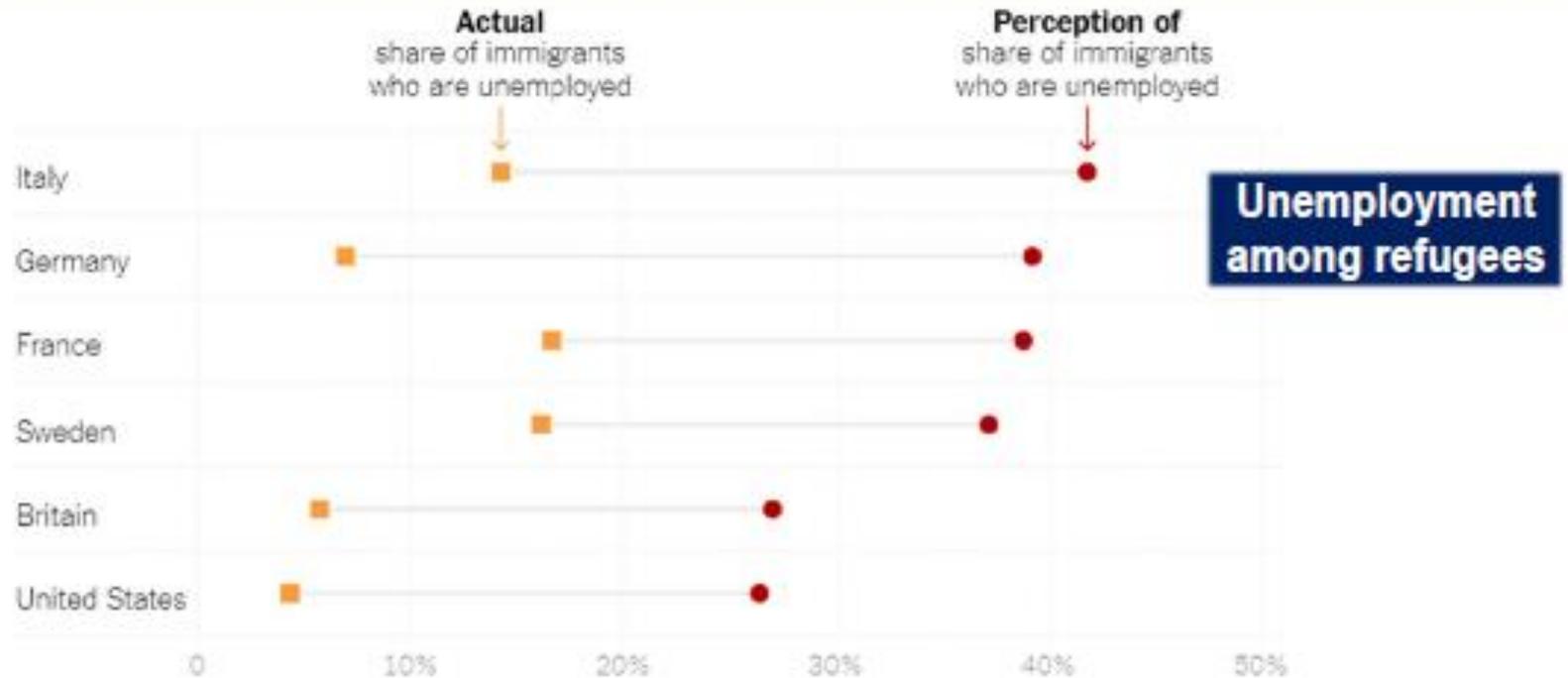
Source: IOM: “Fatal Journeys and Tracing of Dead and Missing Migrants”⁴³

Many misconceptions drive opinions



New York Times 2018

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Nature, October 2016

The troubled minds of migrants

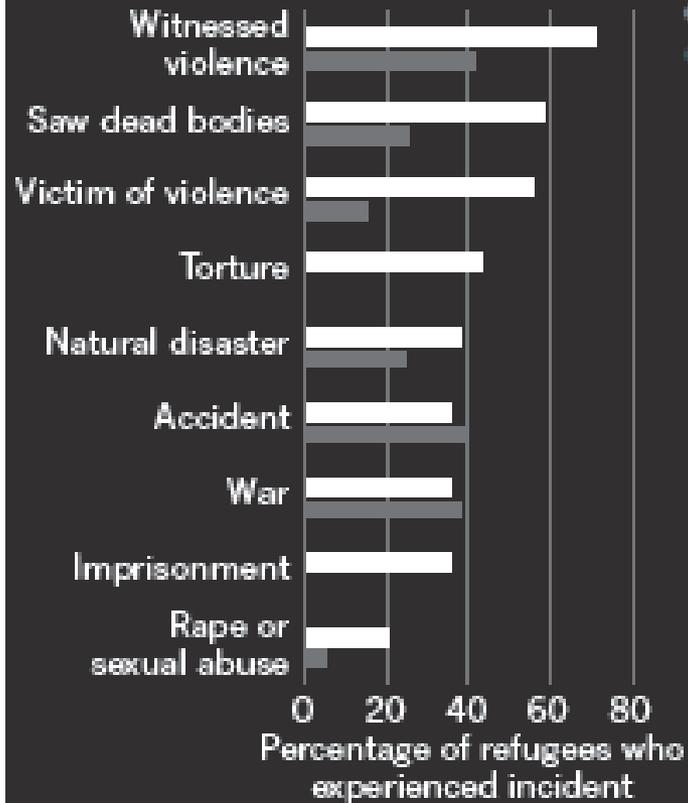
THE REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS SURGING INTO EUROPE ARE SUFFERING VERY HIGH LEVELS OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS. RESEARCHERS ARE STRUGGLING TO HELP.

By Alison Abbott

TRAUMA

Many refugees in Germany have experienced traumatic incidents; around half suffer from mental illnesses such as post-traumatic stress disorder or depression.

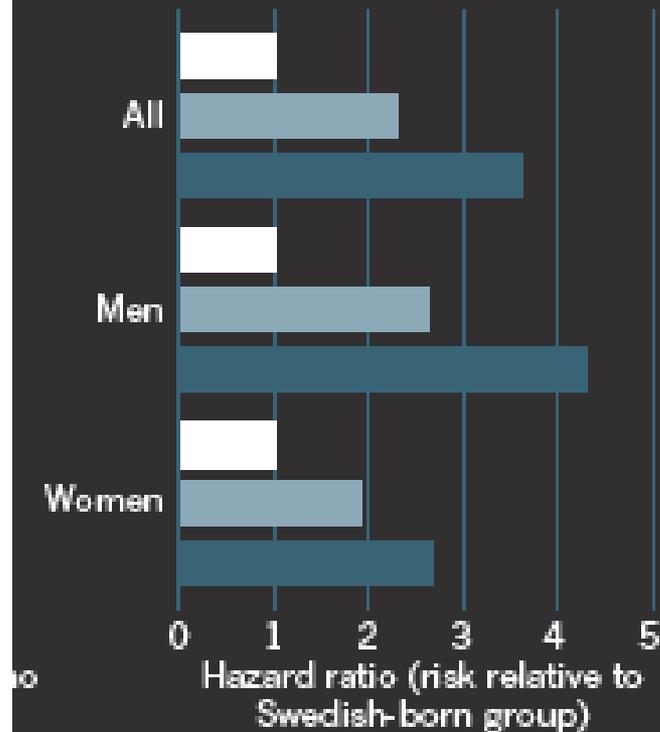
● Adults ● Children



PSYCHOSES

A study of 1.3 million people in Sweden² showed that migrants and refugees have a higher incidence of schizophrenia and other non-affective psychotic disorders.

- Swedish born
- Non-refugee migrant
- Refugee migrant

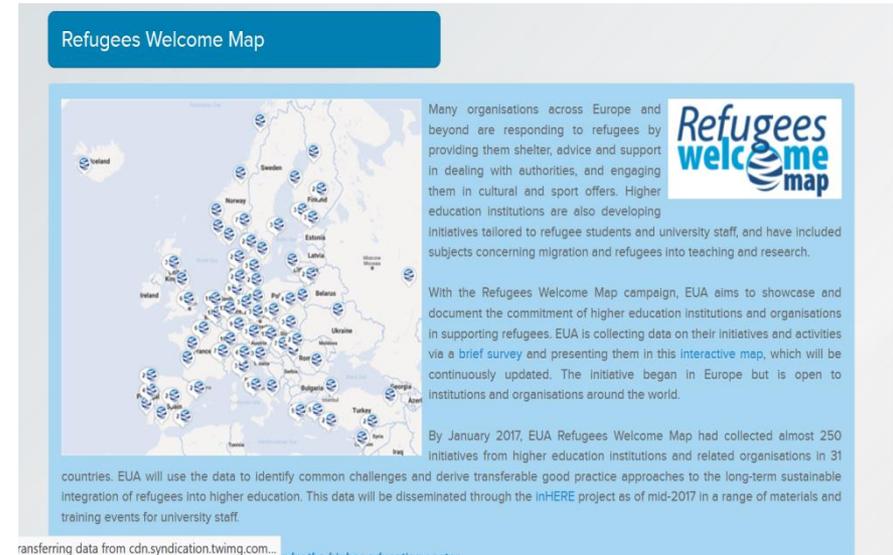


The important role of Universities

- **Training of experts (medical professionals, intercultural mediators, psychologists, etc.)** for refugee centres and hospitals to offer high quality and culturally acceptable medical services. Some of these experts could be former refugees themselves since many of them are highly educated. Fast tracks for the recognition of academic and professional titles should be implemented as recently done in Sweden.
- **Education opportunities** for young people, facilitating the access by full recognition of previous studies, skills and titles, creating preparatory and bridging courses, providing more scholarships, etc.
- **Research opportunities** for all qualified refugees also in collaboration with the initiative **Science4Refugees** by the European Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/science4refugees>).
- **Cultural and sport offers**, very useful to facilitate integration of young people.
- **Advice to Political Authorities**

Refugee Welcome Map of the European University Association (> 800 Members)

- Many “good practices” can be found on the Refugee Welcome Map of the European University Association (EUA, <http://eua.be/activities-services/eua-campaigns/refugees-welcome-map>). Universities, in cooperation with other organizations of the Civil Society can prepare projects which can be funded under different European schemes





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***4th M8 Alliance Expert Meeting on
Refugee and Migrant Health
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5 June 2020

<https://www.worldhealthsummit.org/m8-alliance/topics/migrant-and-refugee-health.html>

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Thank you for your attention

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