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Article 15(c) Qualification Directive

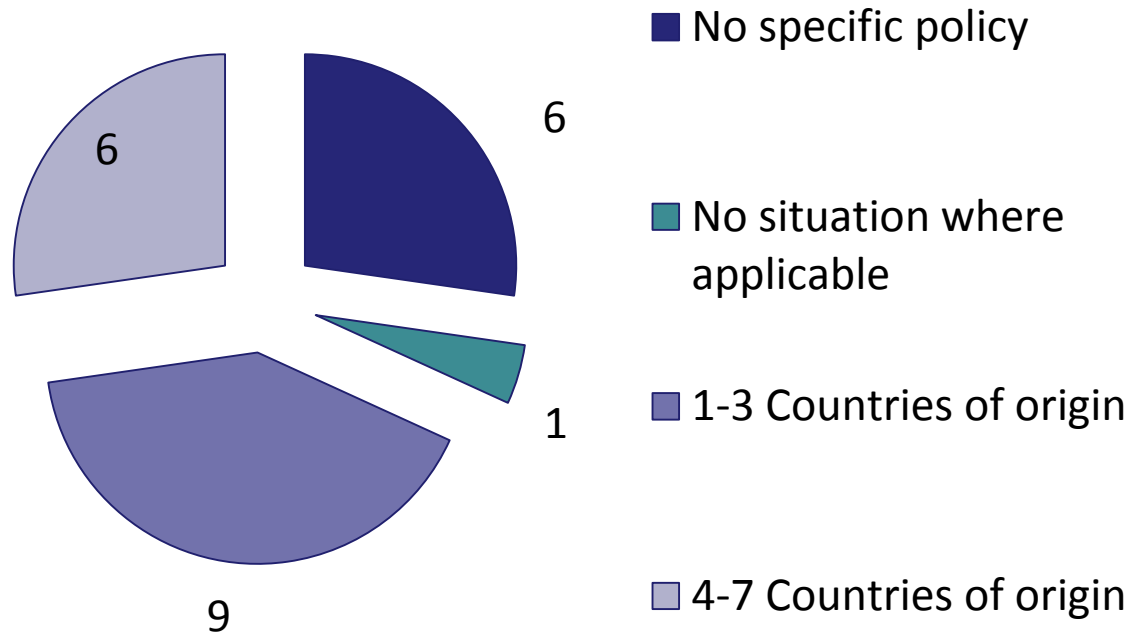
Article 15

Serious harm consists of:

- (a) the death penalty or execution; or
- (b) torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of an applicant in the country of origin; or
- (c) serious and individual threat to a civilian's life or person by reason of indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict.**



Number of situations where art. 15(c) QD was found to be applicable by EU MS in March 2014



22 MS

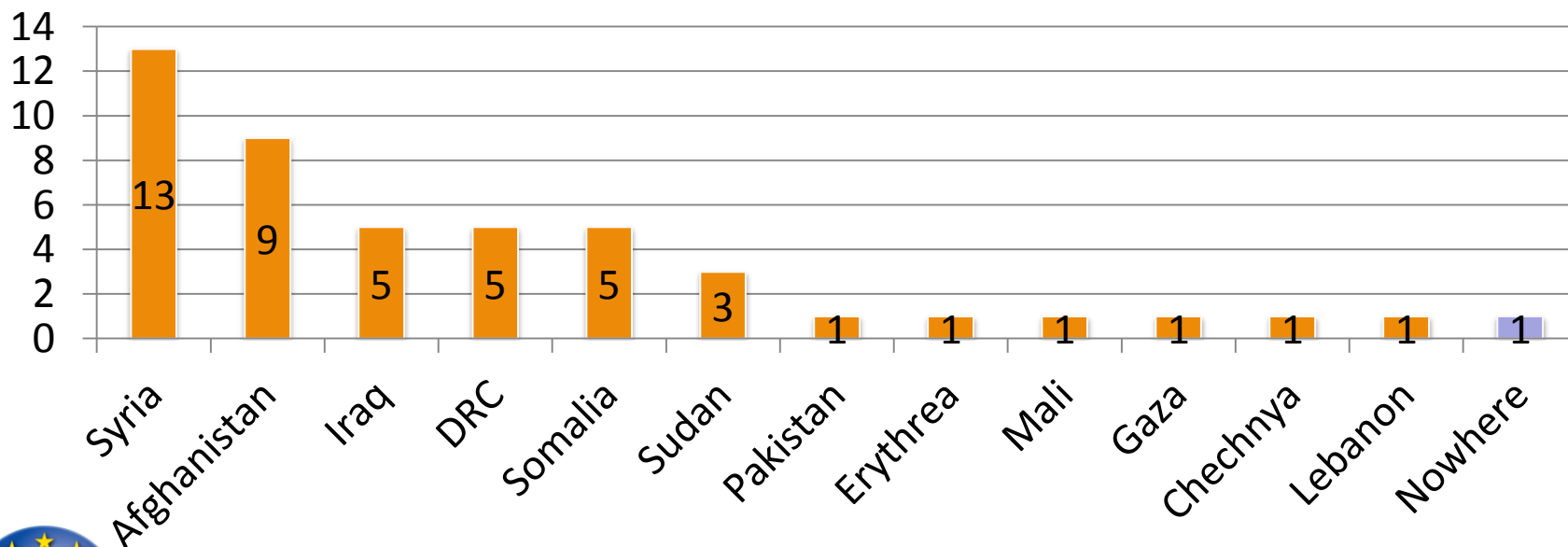
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Countries or region of origin where 15(c) was found to be applicable in March 2014

16 MS



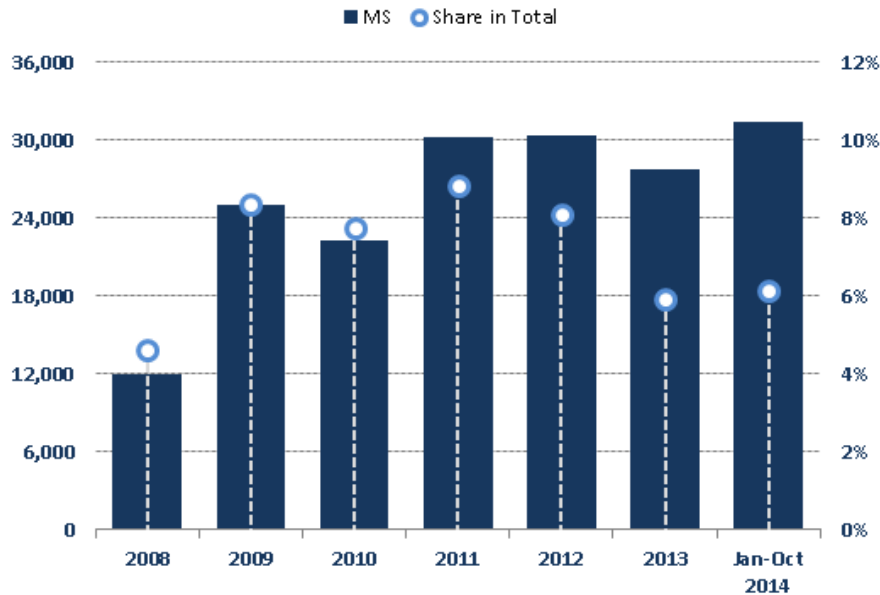
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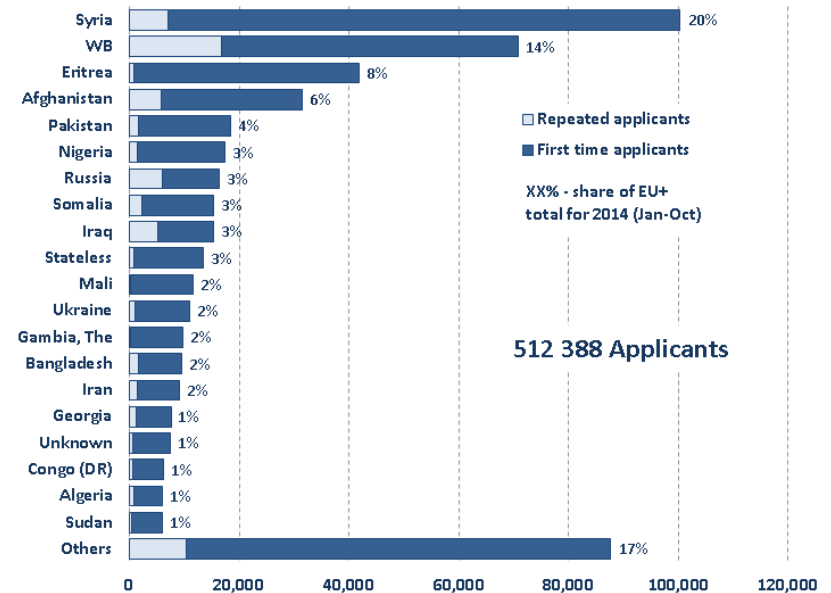
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Afghan applicants for international protection in EU+

Annual trend and share since 2008

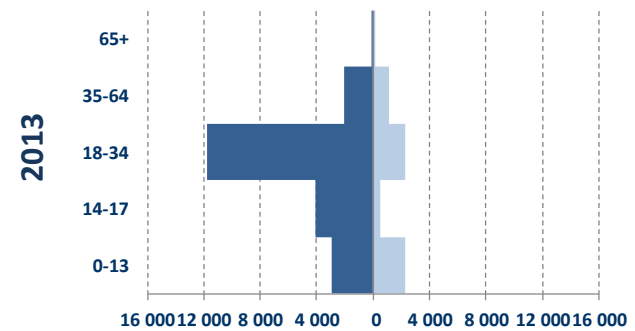
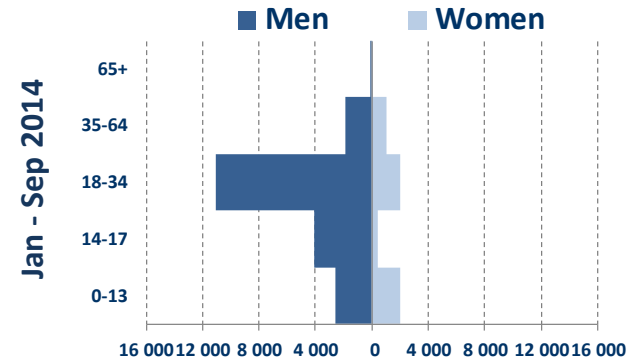
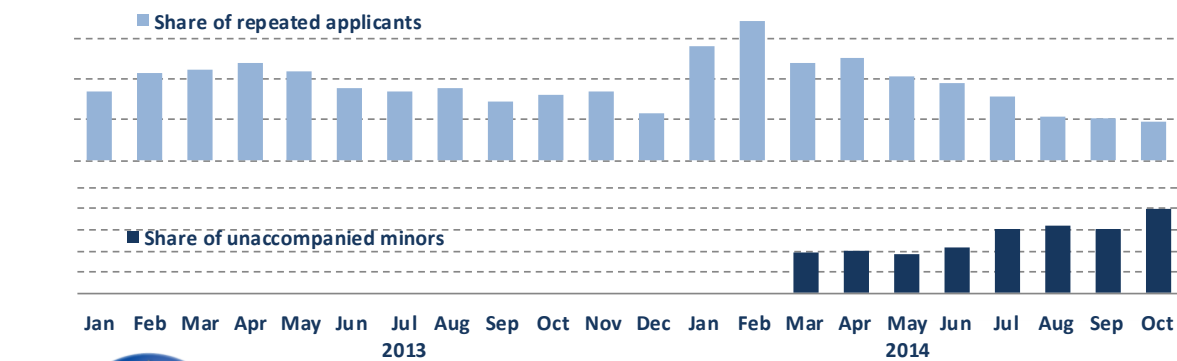
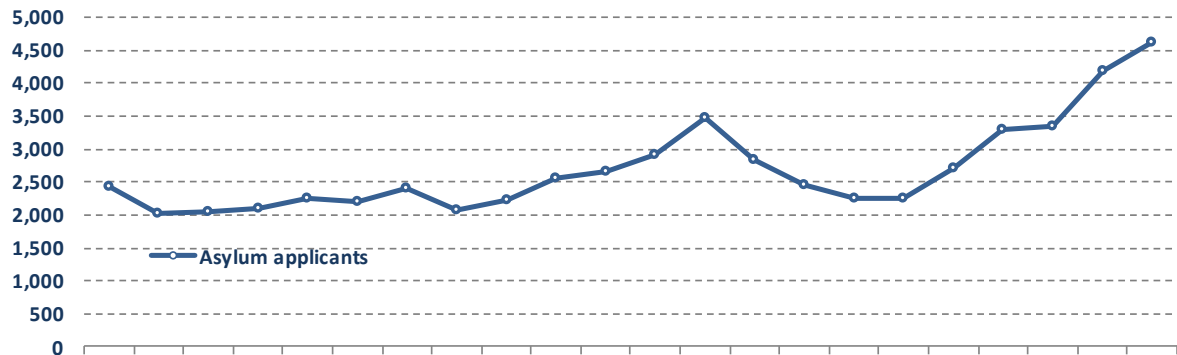


EU+ applicants – main citizenships, Jan-Oct 2014



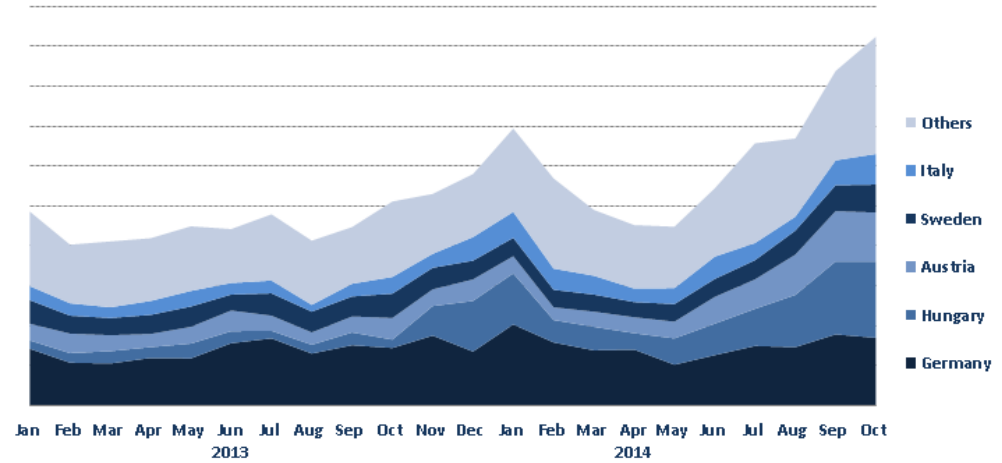
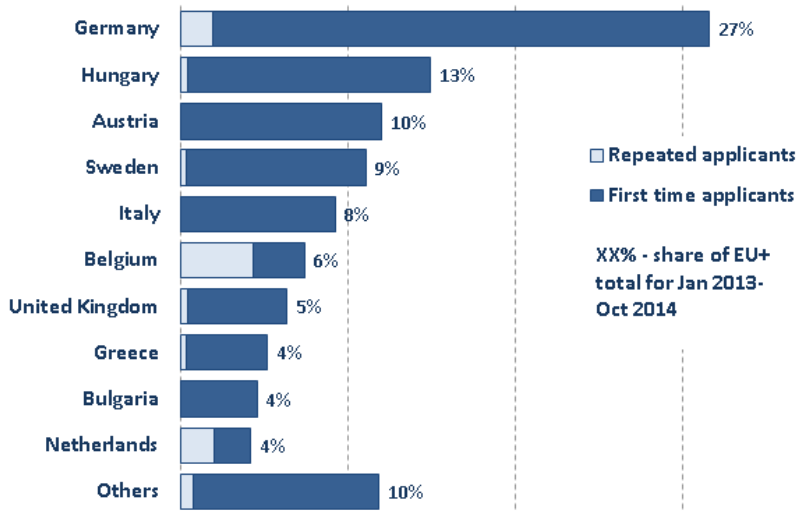
Afghan applicants for international protection in EU+

Jan 2013 – October 2014: Monthly trend and main profile characteristics



Main Receiving Countries of Afghan Applicants for International Protection

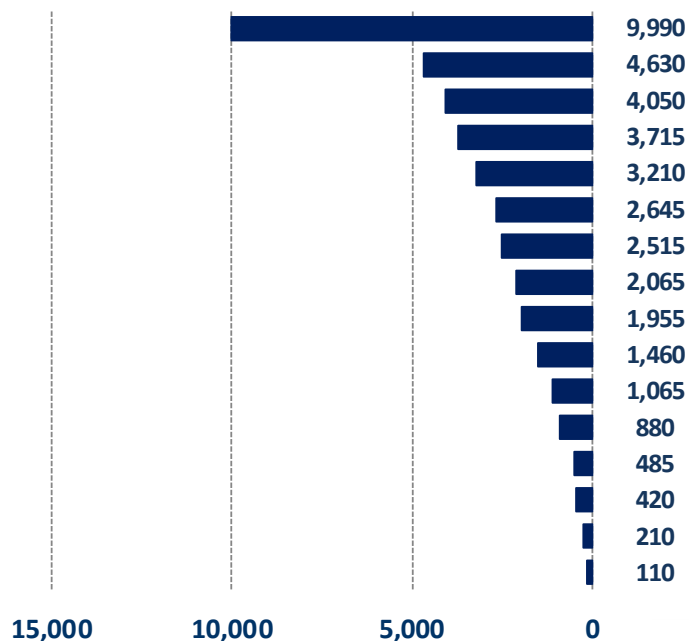
January 2013 – October 2014: Ranking and Monthly Trend



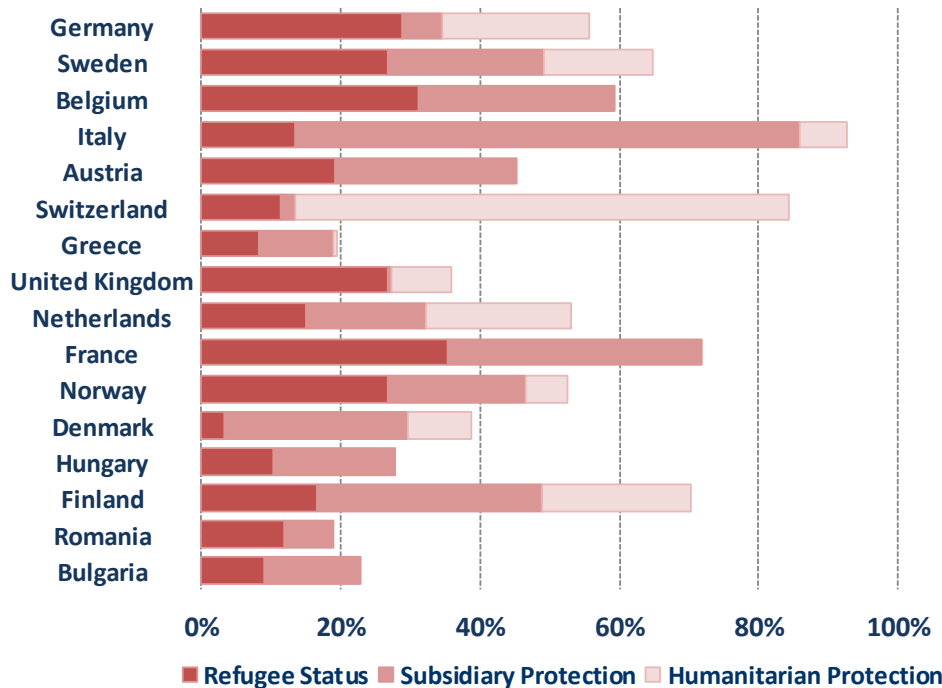
First instance decisions and type of decisions issued in the EU+

January 2013 – September 2014

Total decisions



Type of protection granted



The application of article 15(c) QD to Afghan applicants



Regions in Afghanistan where article 15(c)QD is found applicable:

- Farah
- Helmand
- Kandahar
- Uruzgan
- Zabul
- Ghazni
- Paktika
- Paktya
- Khost och Kunar



Sample of 16 MS
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Reasons behind variations in the application of article 15(c) QD.

- Different assessments of situations in countries of origin
- Different approaches to the interpretation and application of the legal framework



EASO COI Activities related to Afghanistan

- **Specialist COI Network on Afghanistan**
 - kick-off meeting Sep 2014
 - COI specialists from 18 EU+ countries
- Joint drafting of a joint **EASO COI Report on the Security Situation in Afghanistan**
 - Joint drafting by 3 EU+ countries drafting, research support by 3 other EU+ countries, peer review by 2 EU+ countries + UNHCR
 - Factual information to facilitate a more harmonised assessment of the need for protection, including subsidiary protection based on art. 15(c) QD
 - General part + info per province
 - Publication Jan 2015, to be updated every 6 months
 - Standardised methodology for security reports to be included in revised EASO COI Report Methodology (2015)



EASO Quality Activities related to article 15c QD

- **Practical cooperation within the EASO Quality Matrix initiative**
 - Mapping of MS interpretation and policies in relation to article 15(c) QD, initiated in Q3 2013. Participation of 22 MS.
 - Expert meeting held in Malta in September 2013 on Eligibility with a specific focus on article 15(c) QD.
- The development of a **Judicial Analysis on article 15(c) QD** by the **EASO Network of Courts and Tribunals**
 - Joint drafting by 10 EU judges supported by 2 judicial assistants and 1 expert from UNHCR.
 - Draft analysis consulted with the EASO Network of Courts and Tribunals as well as with the EASO Consultative Forum (input from 5 organisations).
 - To serve both as a reference for practitioners and as professional development material supporting workshops for members of courts and tribunals.

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Thank you

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