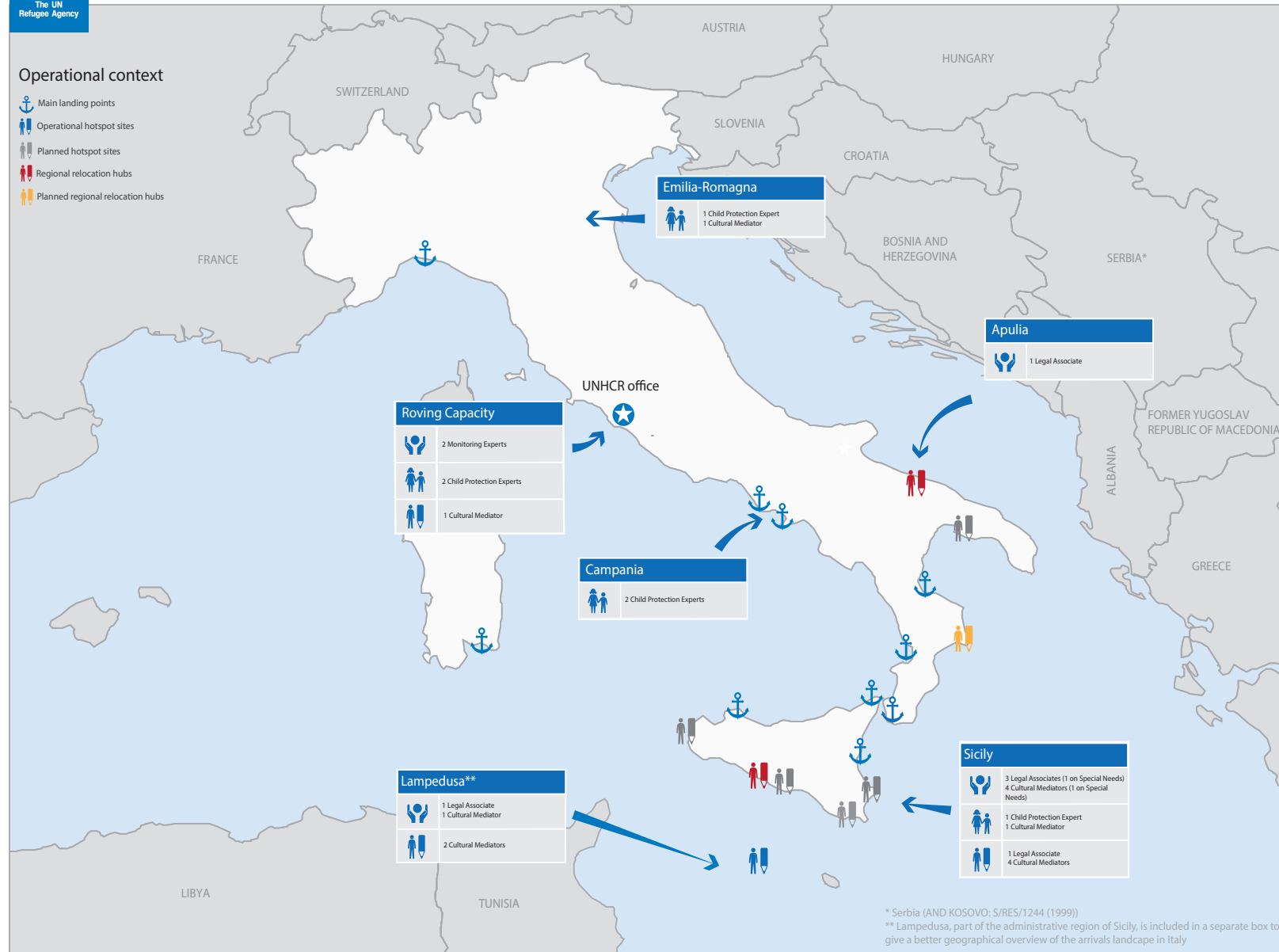


## Operational context

- Main landing points
- Operational hotspot sites
- Planned hotspot sites
- Regional relocation hubs
- Planned regional relocation hubs



## UNHCR response to sea arrivals

UNHCR advises key governmental counterparts on policy formulations and legislative developments, through its participation in the National Coordination Group. UNHCR participates in first instance refugee status determination procedures, which are conducted by the the decentralised Territorial Eligibility Commissions. Direct participation of more than 40 staff allows UNHCR to continue to monitor the asylum-procedure and to contribute to ensuring adequate protection levels and pursue efforts to improve procedural standards. Additionally, UNHCR provides technical support to the authorities in ensuring the quality, fairness and efficiency of the procedure.

### Access to Territory

UNHCR has ten staff positioned at key arrival points to support authorities with the provision of information on international protection and to identify persons with specific needs and refer them to specialised services. This is conducted in partnership with IOM. UNHCR also monitors conditions in first and second line reception facilities.

### Relocation

UNHCR carries out information activities in hotspot sites and regional relocation hubs as well as in reception facilities and informal transit sites nationwide. UNHCR operates in close cooperation with EU Agencies, under the overall coordination of the Ministry of Interior.

### Child Protection

Six UNHCR child protection experts work with authorities to promote good practices on Best Interest Assessment and Determination and support legal information services for UASC in first reception structures.

**11** landings assisted in November 2015

**2,863** sea arrivals (89% of the total) benefitted from information session on international protection and asylum in November 2015

**15** sea arrivals with specific needs referred to specialised services in November 2015

**370** information sessions on relocations supported in November 2015

**78** monitoring visits to reception facilities conducted in November 2015

**1,600+** unaccompanied and separated children impacted by technical support of UNHCR child protection experts by November 2015

\* Serbia (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))

\*\* Lampedusa, part of the administrative region of Sicily, is included in a separate box to give a better geographical overview of the arrivals landscape in Italy