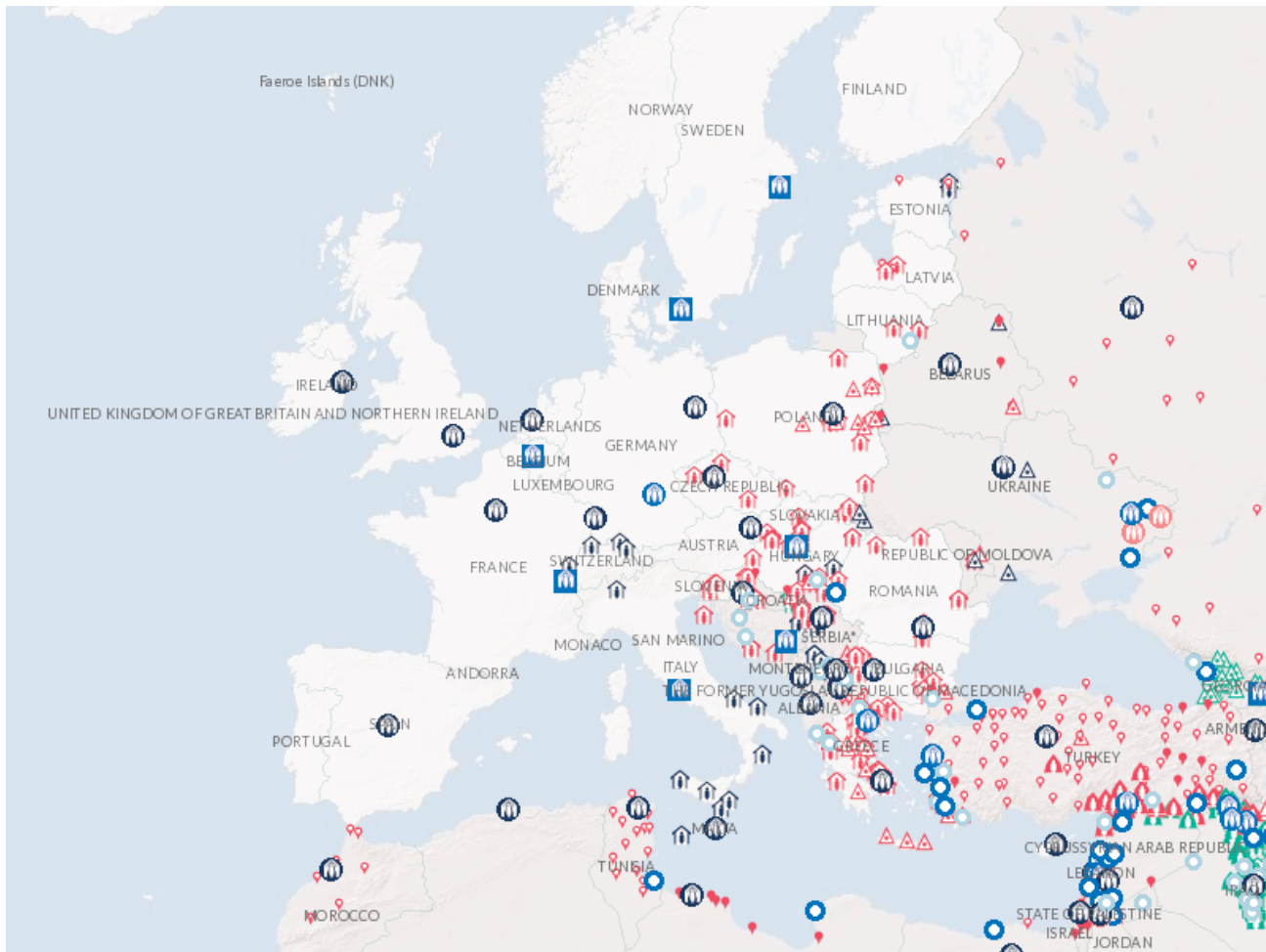
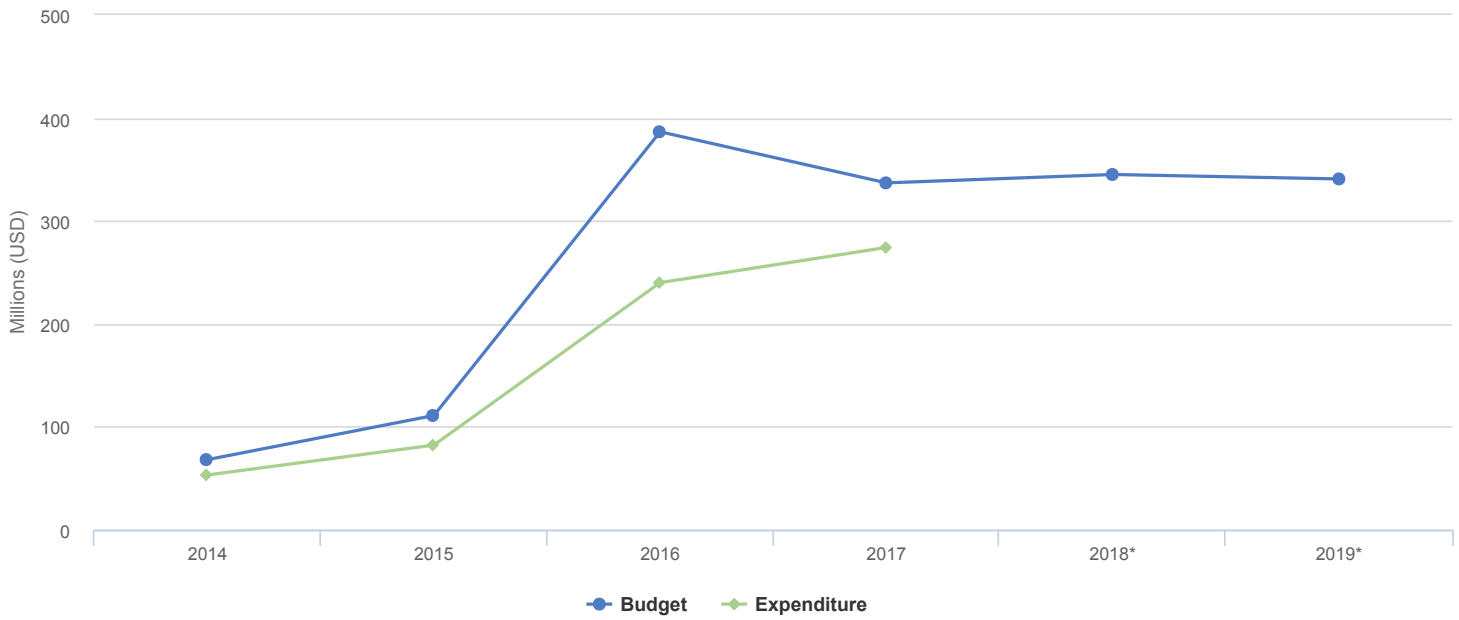


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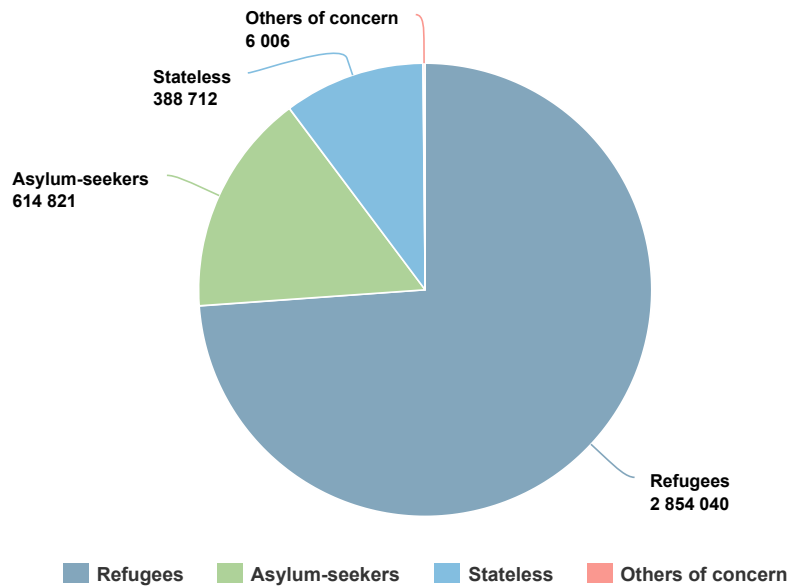
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion Northern, Western, Central and Southern Europe



People of Concern - 2019 [projected]



Operational Environment

By the end of 2018, the number of people of concern in Europe is expected to reach some 11.4 million with refugees and migrants continuing to cross the Mediterranean Sea, although in decreasing numbers. Between January and July, the arrivals to Europe via Greece, Italy and Spain dropped by 41 per cent compared to last year. While new measures targeting mixed movements in the central Mediterranean led to fewer arrivals in Italy, the number of new arrivals increased in Spain by 130 per cent in the first seven months of 2018 compared to the same period last year.

UNHCR will continue to support states in the sub-region in strengthening asylum procedures, including the use of accelerated procedures, enhance the quality of reception conditions, strengthen the response to people with specific needs, in particular unaccompanied and separated children, and ensure a consistent and predictable approach to rescue at sea and disembarkation in the Mediterranean. UNHCR also continues to advocate for an expansion of resettlement programmes and the introduction of other complementary pathways for people of concern.

Response and Implementation

In **Central Europe**, to counter the increasing xenophobia and growing racial discrimination including towards asylum-seekers and refugees, UNHCR will engage in various advocacy and capacity-building activities with government counterparts as well as with civil society, and will promote engagement by countries in the region in the CRRF and the Global Compacts. UNHCR will strengthen strategic partnerships with the EC, EASO/EUAA, FRONTEX, FRA, CoE, OSCE/ODIHR, IOM and other protection actors at regional and national levels, including with other agencies within the UN system.

UNHCR will work to ensure access to territories, promote protection-sensitive border management and prompt identification of people in need of international protection and those with special needs. UNHCR will also advocate for swifter family reunion under the Dublin Regulation. It will further offer support to governments through advocacy and training efforts to develop the capacity and quality of national reception and refugee status determination systems. UNHCR will also advocate for the development of mechanisms to identify and support refugees with specific needs, including UASC, women and girls, victims of torture or trafficking, LGBTI and SGBV survivors.

Being a UNHCR pilot for the multi-year multi-partner planning, UNHCR in **Northern Europe** developed a five-year strategy together with partners and (new) stakeholders, which focuses on access to territory; lean quality asylum procedures, including reception; child-sensitive processes; ending statelessness and supporting solutions beyond Europe, including funding, resettlement and legal pathways. Implementation of the joint plan is underway with excellent participation of external stakeholders particularly in the area of integration.

In **Southern Europe** UNHCR continues to work closely with the authorities to enhance first-line reception capacity including at disembarkation points; reinforce the identification and referral of people with specific needs; and develop practical work methodologies adapted to the mixed and onward movement context. UNHCR and IOM presented a joint proposal on regional disembarkation mechanism appealing to all European Union member States to establish predictable arrangements in the Mediterranean region for the disembarkation of people rescued at sea and support EU Member States receiving disproportionate numbers of asylum claims. Simultaneously these measures will ensure that asylum-seekers disembarked in the EU can access fair and effective asylum procedures. Following the increased sea arrivals and the strong interest by the government to address existing gaps in a collaborative manner, UNHCR is strengthening its operational involvement in Spain to ensure appropriate support. UNHCR will continue to be a convener for integration of refugees in the sub region and will engage in the implementation of national integration plans in Italy and Malta.

In **Western Europe**, UNHCR will continue to pursue efforts to ensure access to asylum through an enhanced and systematized monitoring and data collection capacity, as well as interventions regarding national legislative developments and through strategic judicial engagement. UNHCR will also provide technical expertise, training, coordination with authorities and partners to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence and other protection risks in reception centres, and to ensure effective protection to unaccompanied and separated children.

UNHCR's advocacy will focus on the promotion of safe access to territory and fair and efficient asylum procedures, refugee integration and other durable solutions. Positive momentum has developed on community-based sponsorship approaches, including through the activities of the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (GRSI), with a pilot programme established in the United Kingdom and a commitment to pilot or implement programmes in other countries.

2019 Budget for Northern, Western, Central and Southern Europe | USD

Operation	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Belgium Regional Office	19,958,002	833,082	0	0	20,791,084
France	3,267,677	213,710	0	0	3,481,387
Germany	2,314,803	34,393	0	0	2,349,195
Greece	246,581,093	30,000	0	0	246,611,093
Hungary Regional Office	13,746,688	467,633	255,925	0	14,470,245
Italy Regional Office	30,875,600	135,927	0	0	31,011,527
Sweden Regional Office	5,028,452	434,803	0	0	5,463,255
United Kingdom	2,109,766	569,163	0	0	2,678,929
Regional activities	13,669,037	194,616	0	0	13,863,653
Total	337,551,118	2,913,325	255,925	0	340,720,367