

EU Migration Crisis 2015

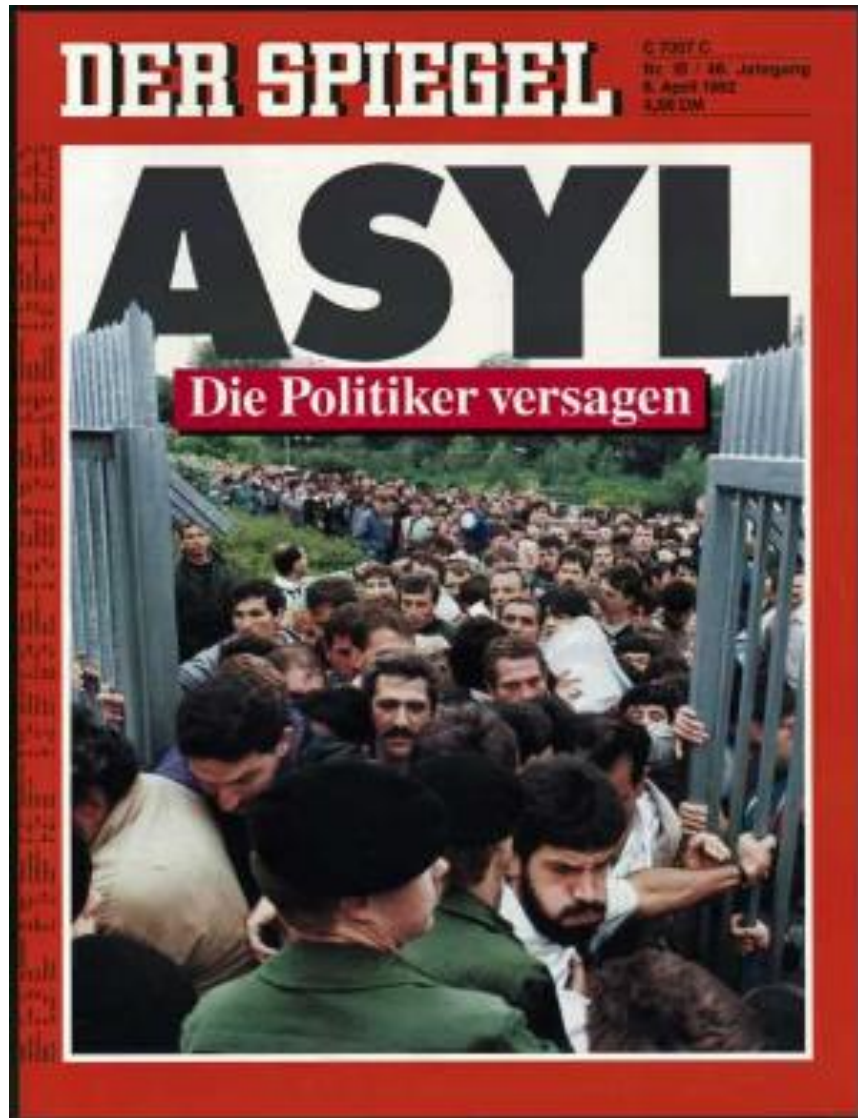
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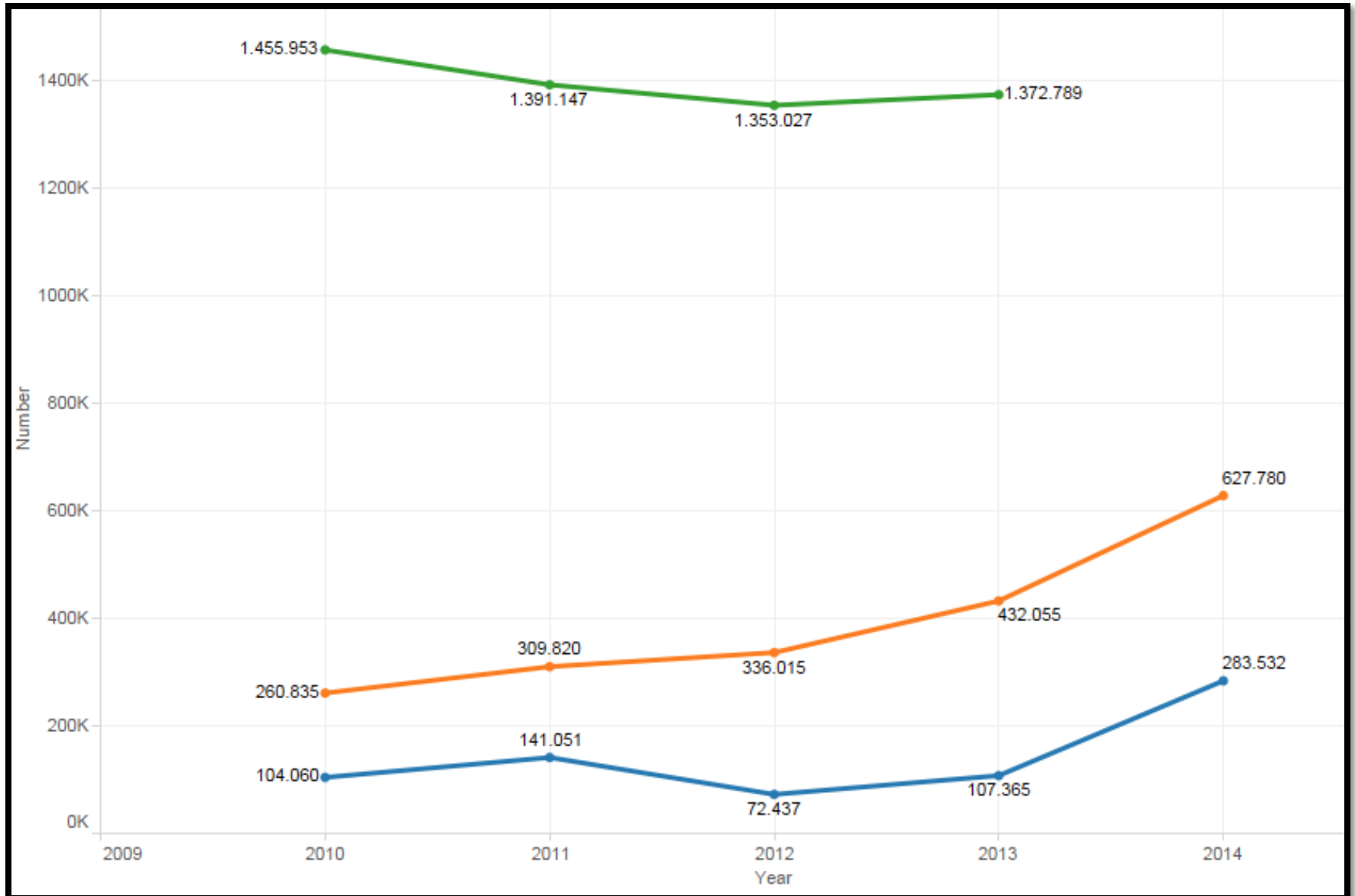
Highlights

- **Europe: continent of migration & social welfare**
 - 10% of world's people, 25% of world's countries, 35% of international migrants, 50% of social welfare spending
- **Net migration: 500,000 to 700,000 a year, versus 1 million+ a year in US. Half to Germany & UK**
- **EU leaders: Europe needs migrants, but EU should select migrants, not migrants select Europe**
 - **Dublin:** asylum seekers should apply in the first EU country they reach, and this decision is binding on all EU member states
 - **Schengen:** once inside Schengen, no border checks on foreigners or nationals
 - **Blue Card & foreign students:** make it easier for foreign professionals to enter with families, graduates to stay

**Migration crisis 1992: 438,000 to Germany from Balkans
Dublin & national reforms: require visas & carrier
sanctions, safe third countries, peace in Balkans**



EU migration 2012: Non-EU arrivals (green) 1.4 million or 4,000 a day, asylum applicants (orange) 1,000 a day, irregular (blue) 200 a day



**Arab spring began in 2011: Yemen, Libya, Syria, Tunisia,
Egypt**
Displacement and civil war in Libya, Yemen, and Syria



Africans cross Mediterranean

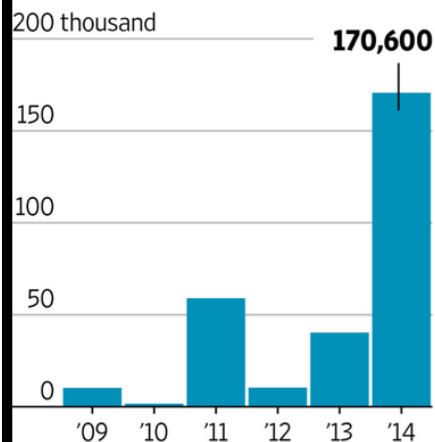




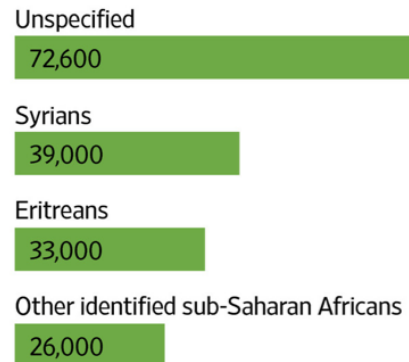
Crossing the Mediterranean

Smugglers working mostly in Libya have made the sea's central region the main migrant transit route to Europe.

Migrant arrivals in Italy and Malta*



Migrant arrivals in Italy and Malta by origin, in 2014*



Merkel: August 25, 2015. Dublin regs for Syrians are suspended (Germany will not return Syrians to Austria)



Greek islands are close to Turkey



**Migrants buy life jackets & boats to get to Greek islands.
Everything is for sale.
France's honorary consul in
Bodrum resigned after she
sold rubber boats to
migrants**



13 miles from Bodrum to Kos





From Greek islands to Piraeus by ferry



From Greece via Balkans to Hungary, Austria, & Germany

Migrant route to Germany



Source: Europol

BBC

Greek-Macedonia border



From Hungary to Austria

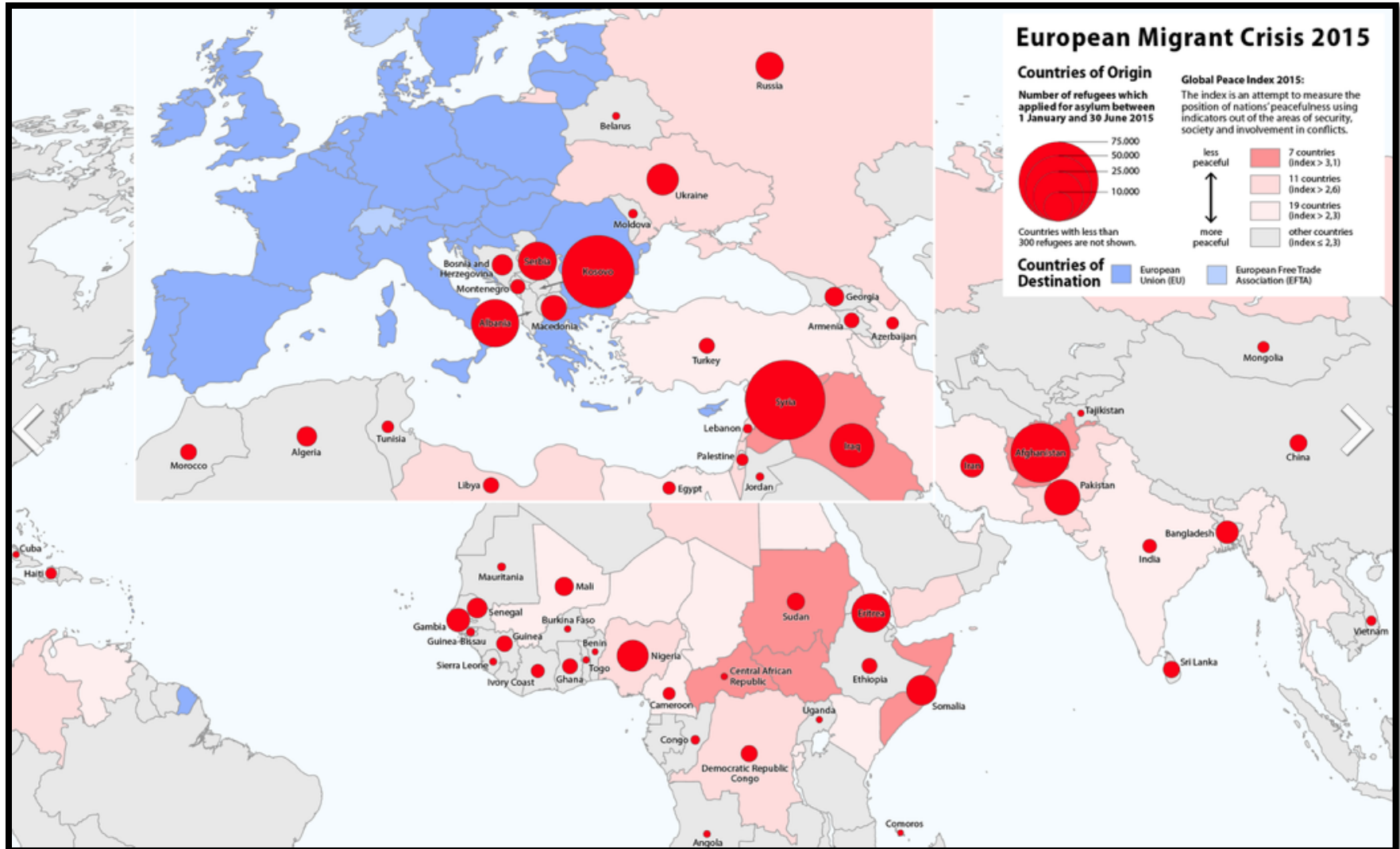


Large numbers of refugees walk along a lane of the M1 motorway near the Austria-Hungary border. Photo: ERA

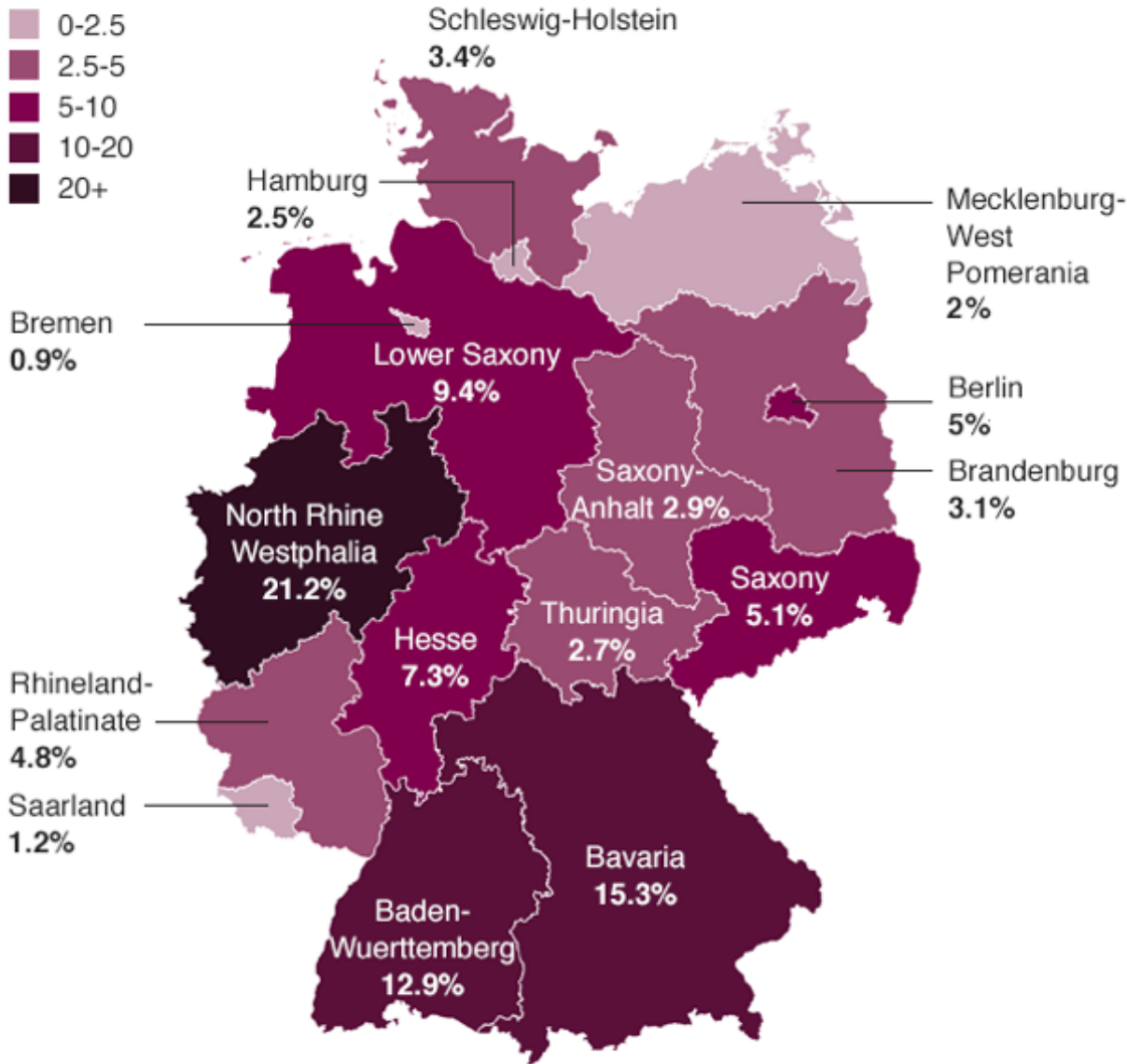
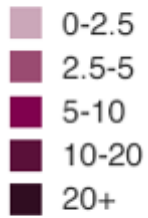
**Over 12,200
migrants arrived
in Munich, Sat
Sept 12, 2015**



Big 5 origin countries: Syria, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Eritrea, and Albania



Distribution of Asylum Seekers in Germany



**Koenigsberg
key allocates
asylum
seekers to
states based
on their pop
& income.
States &
cities pay for
housing and
food**

Volunteers providing food to asylum seekers: Vienna



Arson attacks on migrant housing



Hungarian government ad in Lebanon newspapers

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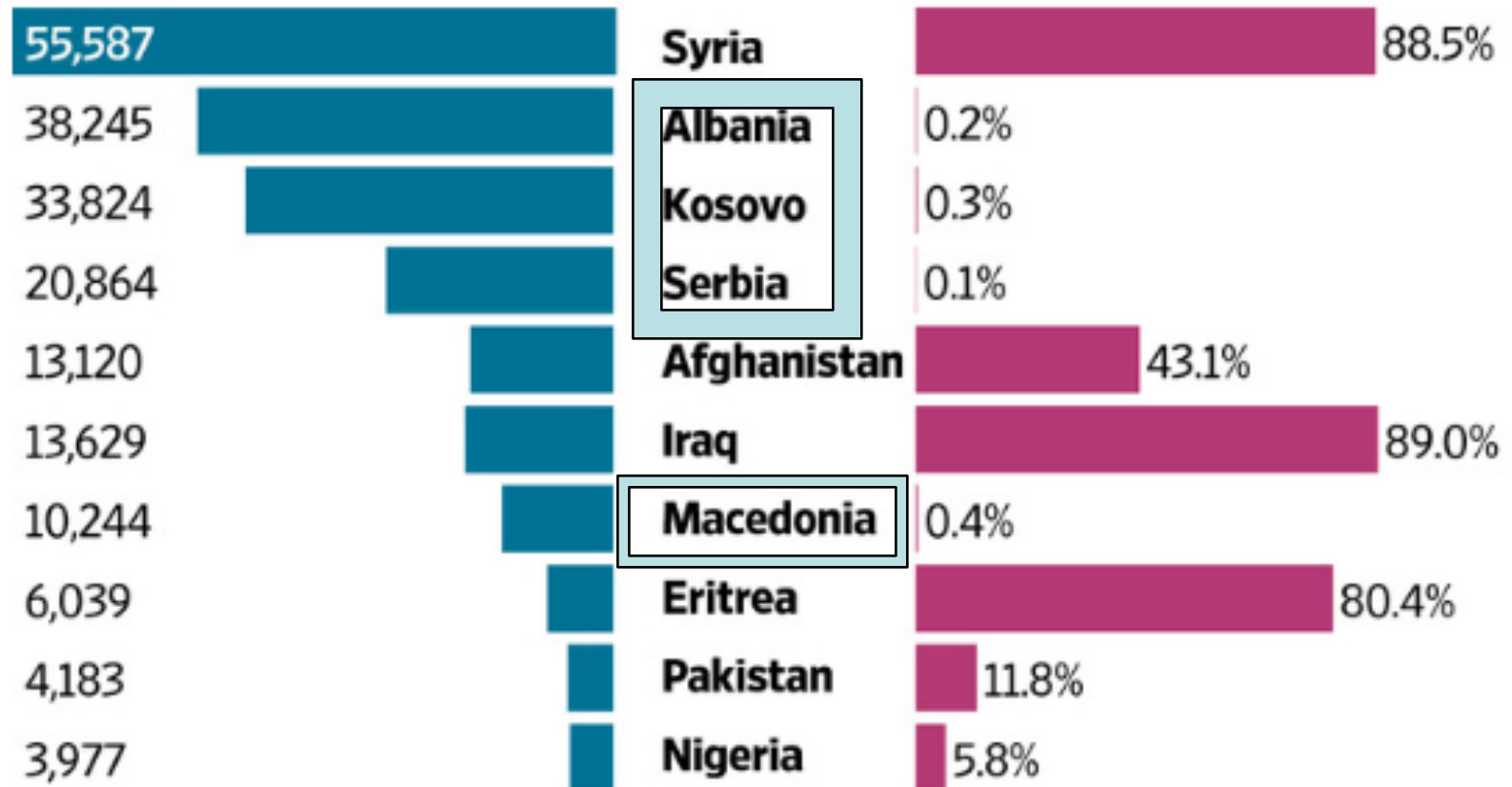


Balkan nationals are 40% of asylum applicants; few recognized as refugees

As Germany braces for the arrival of up to a million migrants this year, it is stepping up efforts to deport rejected asylum seekers from the Balkans, whose requests are almost always denied.

Asylum applications

Top 10 countries of origin





**Challenge: from
refugee to
employee.**

**Ger: 81 mil pop; 43
million employed;
6.2% U rate.**

**How fast can
Germany absorb
500,000 workers?**



EU challenges 2015: Russia-Ukraine, Greece, migrants

