

Refugees & Higher Education

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Bologna Process & refugees

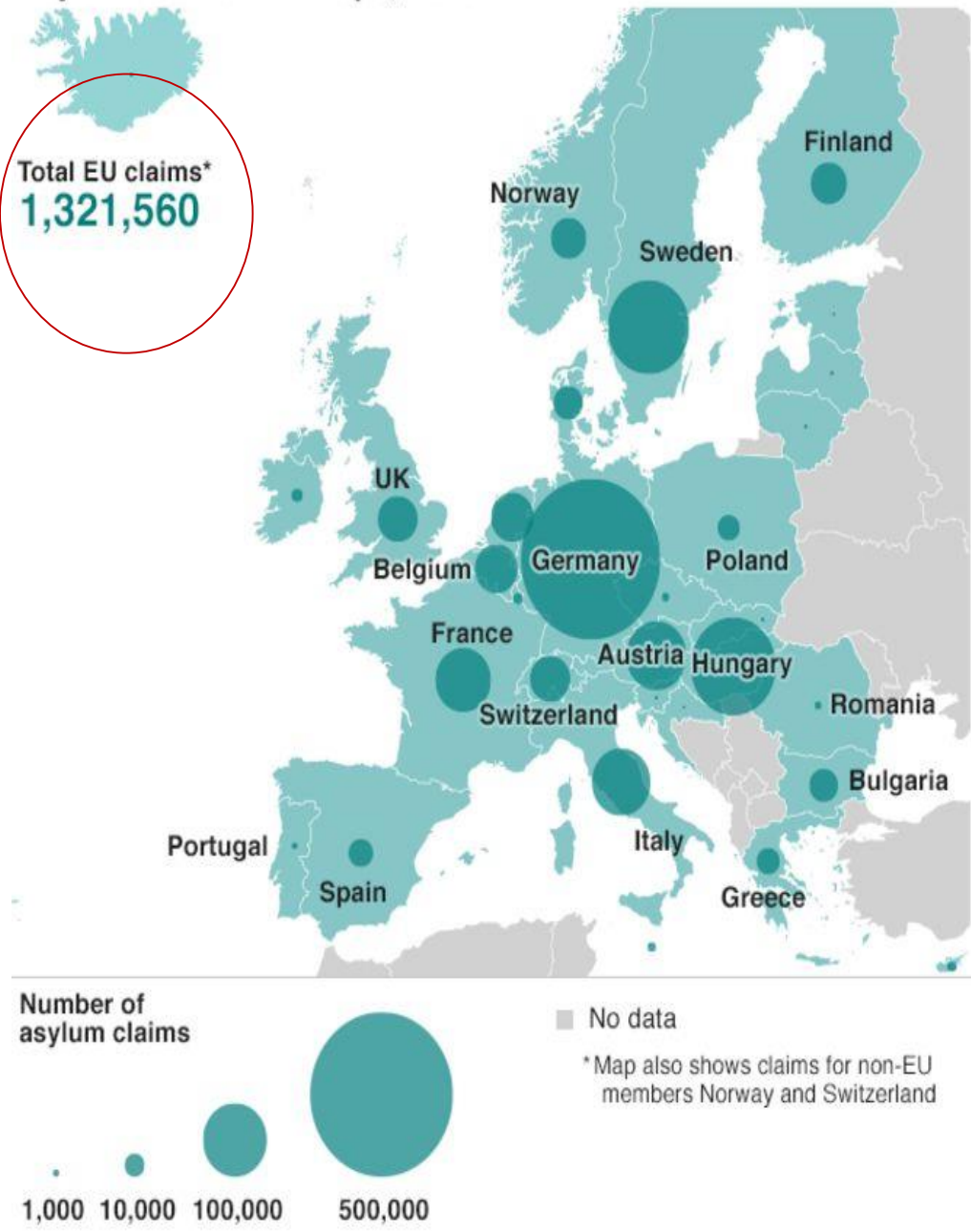
Yerevan Ministerial Communiqué 2015

- “We will provide mobility opportunities for students and staff from conflict areas, while working to make it possible for them to return home once conditions allow.”

BFUG WG 3 New Goals 2015-2018 – TOR

- Digital and pedagogical innovations
- EHEA-ERA / Knowledge triangle ...
- **Build more inclusive systems: gender, migrants, demographic changes, ethical minorities**
- Dialogue with employers, role of Higher Education in economy
- Professional recognition
- **EHEA's response to demographic changes, political extremism, immigration**

Asylum claims in Europe, 2015



Annual third country migration to the EU

1.4 Mill per year

- Family, marriage, students
- excluding asylum seekers
- (2010-2013)

EU migration

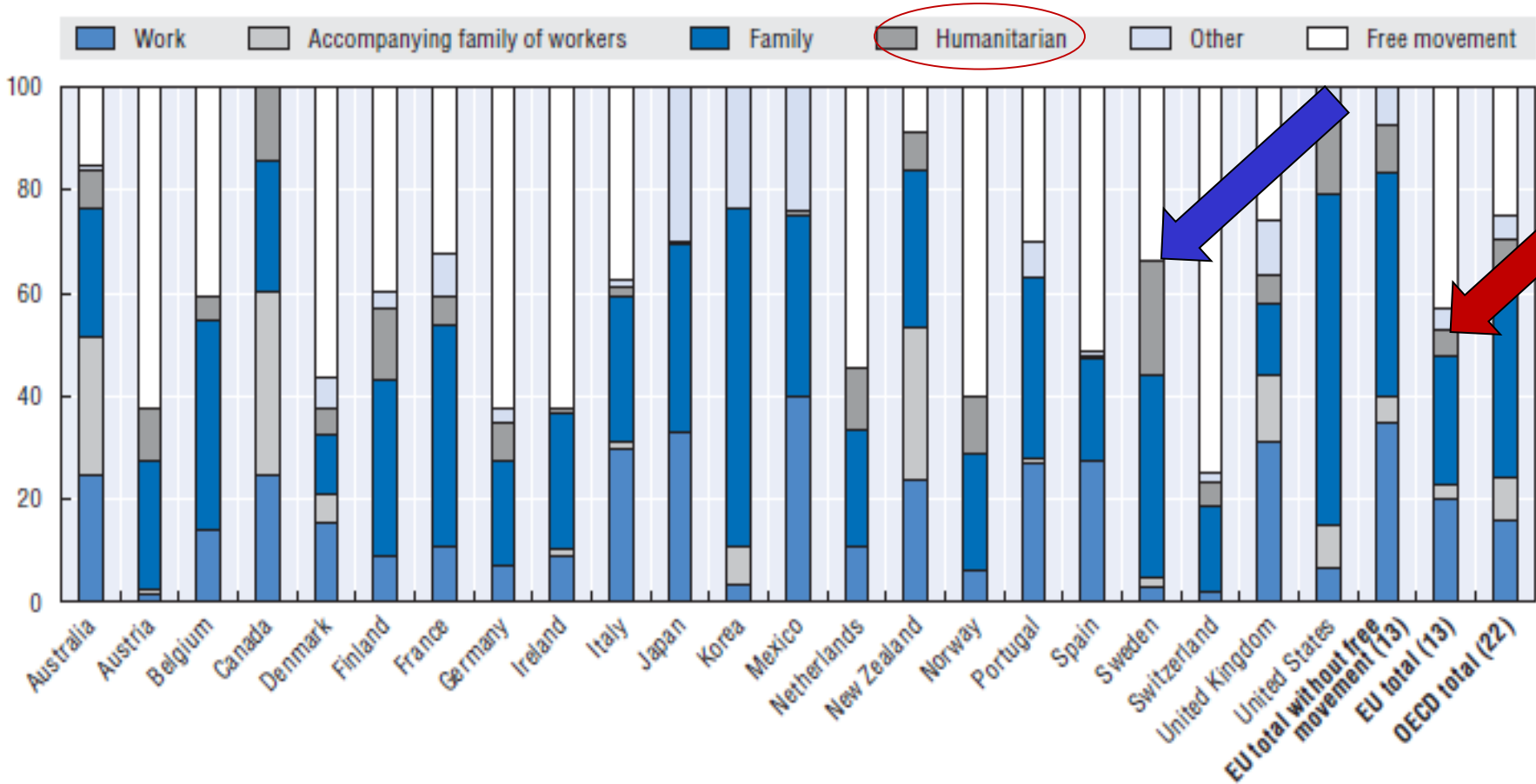
- citizens moving for work & study

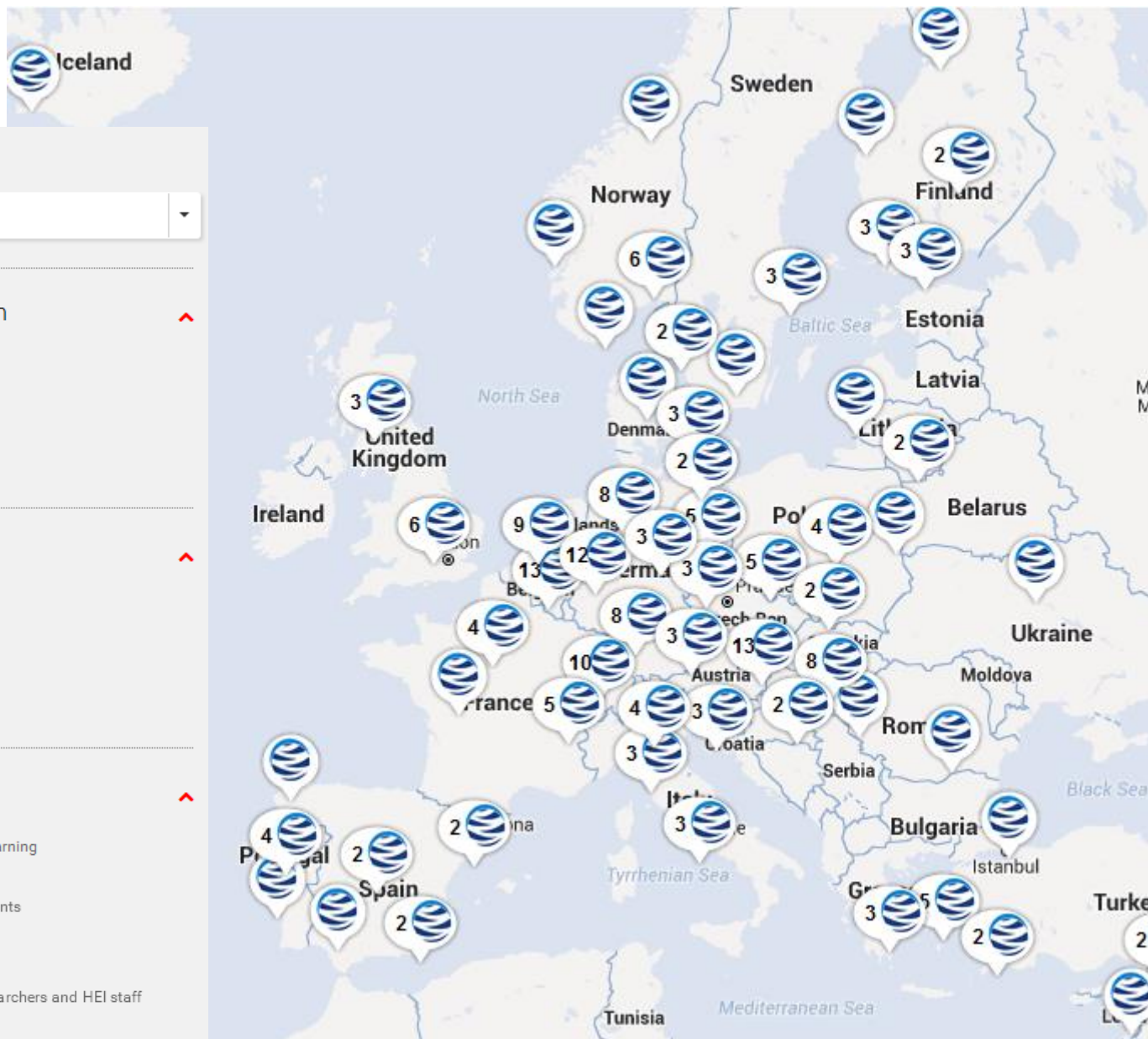
Indicators of Immigrant Integration 2015

SETTLING IN

Figure 3.2. Permanent inflows to OECD and EU countries by category of immigrant, 2005-13

Total = 100





Country filter [Select all](#) / [Deselect all](#)

Belgium (8) x

Filter by kind of organisation

- ☒ Higher Education Institution
- ☐ National Rectors' Conference
- ☐ Student Union
- ☐ Network
- ☐ Other

Filter by type of initiative

- ☐ Institutional
- ☒ Regional
- ☐ National
- ☐ European
- ☐ International

Filter by category

- ☐ Recognition of studies and prior learning
- ☐ Access to higher education
- ☐ Financial support for refugee students
- ☐ Preparatory and bridging courses
- ☒ Integration measures
- ☐ Employment opportunities for researchers and HEI staff
- ☐ Other

University engagement: flexible response to changing needs

2015/16 First aid for Refugees

- Shelter, food, health
- Language support, helping with authorities
- Culture, sports, education (language, welcome courses, courses for domestic population)

2016-2017 focus on student & scholars

- Recognition
- Language courses
- Preparation & bridging courses
- Access & admission
- Career guidance
- Very limited: alternative provision, online/ e-learning

Higher education institutions: enabling factors

- Institutional strategies
- Resources, funding
- National support mechanism
- Collaboration with other HEI, GOs, NGOs
 - ✓ Integration (accommodation, work, school, university, social & cultural).
 - ✓ Local & national strategies & policies
- Transferability of experience
 - ✓ LLL
 - ✓ Internationalisation
 - ✓ Social inclusion, work with other disadvantaged groups (Roma, migrants)

Refugees/ Migration in the threefold mission

1. Research & research dissemination

- ✓ Research on refugees & migration
- ✓ Contribute to a differentiated debate
- ✓ Better political and social preparedness (migration savvy systems)

2. Learning & teaching:

- ✓ Litmus text for L&T, recognition, LLL, alternative routes
- ✓ Diversity, social inclusion
- ✓ International classroom



3. Third mission: contribution to society

4. Internationalisation

1. Who is an international student and researcher
2. a global mission: bring HE to refugee camps?



EUA's Recommendations for the Erasmus+ Midterm review

Recommendation 8.

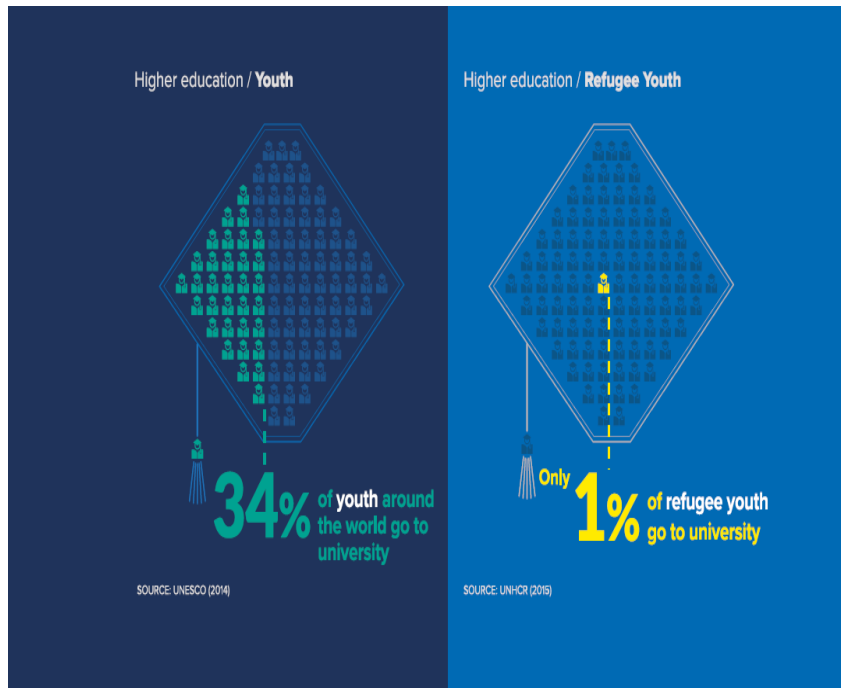
- Student grants for a full study
- Fellowships for university staff

<http://www.eua.be/Libraries/publications-homepage-list/erasmus-recommendations>

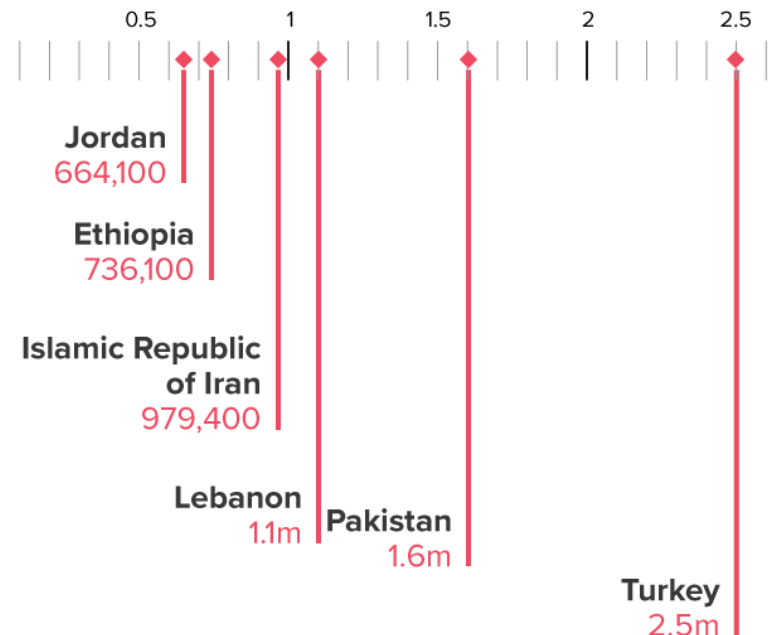
UNHRC “Missing out” 2016

Access to Higher Education

65 Mill refugees & displaced persons, half of them under 18



Top hosting countries



Bologna Process: transferability & enhancement

- Converged transparent systems for diverse societies
- Focus on flexibility, recognition, quality assurance, mobility, social inclusion
- Global Dimension/ internationalisation
 - ✓ provision in third countries
 - ✓ currently dominated by private-for-profits



Redefine HE Internationalisation?

Jesuit Refugee Service

https://en.jrs.net/campaign_detail?PTN=1&TN=PROJECT-20141029035246

Links and further information

- **Browse EUA's Refugees Welcome Map**

<http://www.eua.be/activities-services/eua-campaigns/refugees-welcome-map/>

- **Showcase your own university's initiative on the map:**

<http://refugeeswelcomemap.eua.be>

- **European Universities for an Open World campaign**

<http://www.eua.be/activities-services/eua-campaigns/european-universities-for-an-open-world>



- peer learning webinars
- collaboration (institutions, with region, municipality, refugees and displaced persons)
- transferability from & to internationalisation, social inclusion
- institutional diversity management
- good practice catalogue

Join the **Refugees welcome map**



UNIMED, Sapienza,
University Barcelona
Campus France,
UNICA

<https://www.inhereproject.eu/>

Universities & refugees

1. ... not new

2. ... not uncontested

“Unfortunately, there was not much time for networking, ... because their office was vandalised by Forza Nuova, ... a grouping of racists”

4 March 2017 – an EUA college on a meeting with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

<http://www.italy.iom.int/it/notizie/condanna-assalto-vandalico-di-stampo-xenofobo-di-forza-nuova>

