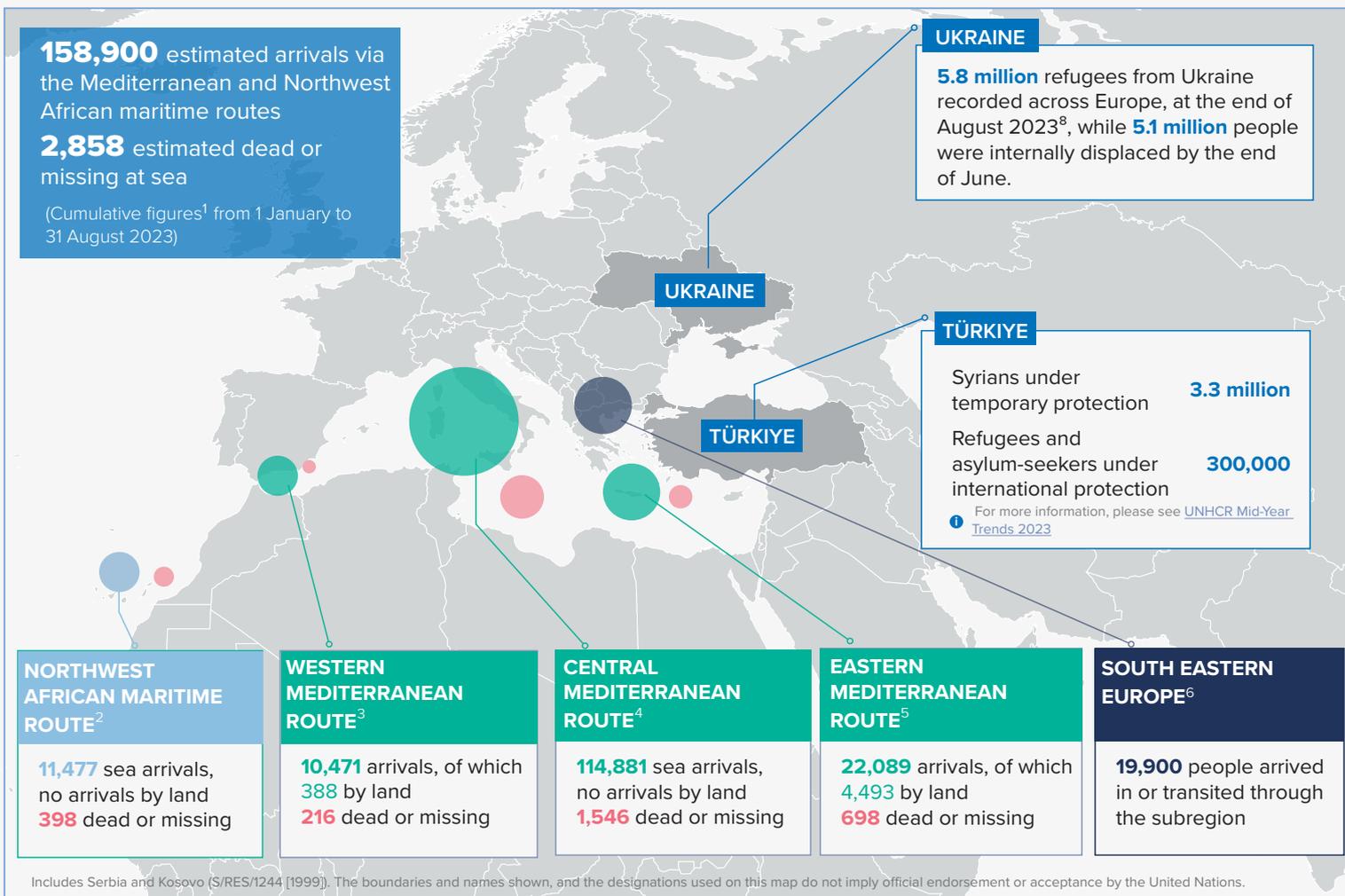


### ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

#### ▶ AUGUST 2023 FIGURES



#### UKRAINE SITUATION

The war in Ukraine triggered a major increase in humanitarian needs due to mass internal displacement and refugee outflows. As of 31 August 2023, 5,815,200 refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, with 5,180,700 registered for Asylum, Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes. As of the end of June, 5.1 million people were internally displaced in Ukraine.<sup>7</sup>

Between January and August 2023, some 670,000 applications for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes were registered in Europe, equivalent to an average of around 84,000 per month. Compared to the second half of 2022, this represents a 54 per cent decrease in average monthly applications and around ten times less the figure registered in the first four months of the war. Of the total, some 60% applications were recorded in Poland, Germany and Czech Republic. In addition, over 14,000 asylum applications from Ukrainian nationals were recorded in the first half of 2023 in Europe, a significant decrease compared to 2022 when nearly 148,000 asylum applications were recorded. On the other side, the estimates of refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (stocks) have not varied significantly in recent months, fluctuating between 5.7 and 5.9 million persons, slightly higher compared to end of 2022. While additional applications for Temporary Protection or asylum have been registered this year, and other countries have also reported new arrivals under other forms of stay, authorities in Europe have also adjusted their stock estimates for different reasons (including de-duplications and de-activations). Onwards movements outside of Europe have also been observed, with over 369,000 refugees from Ukraine recorded outside of Europe by August-2023, compared to 230,000 by end 2022.

#### ▶ Ukraine situation key figures as of 31 August 2023<sup>8</sup>

**5,815,200**

Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

**364,000**

Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

**6,179,200**

Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

For more information, please visit the [Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)

## ARRIVALS IN EUROPE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTHWEST AFRICAN MARITIME ROUTES

Between January and August 2023, some 158,900 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. This resulted in a 77 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. In August, arrivals increased by 26 per cent compared to previous month and had increased by 76 per cent compared to August 2022.

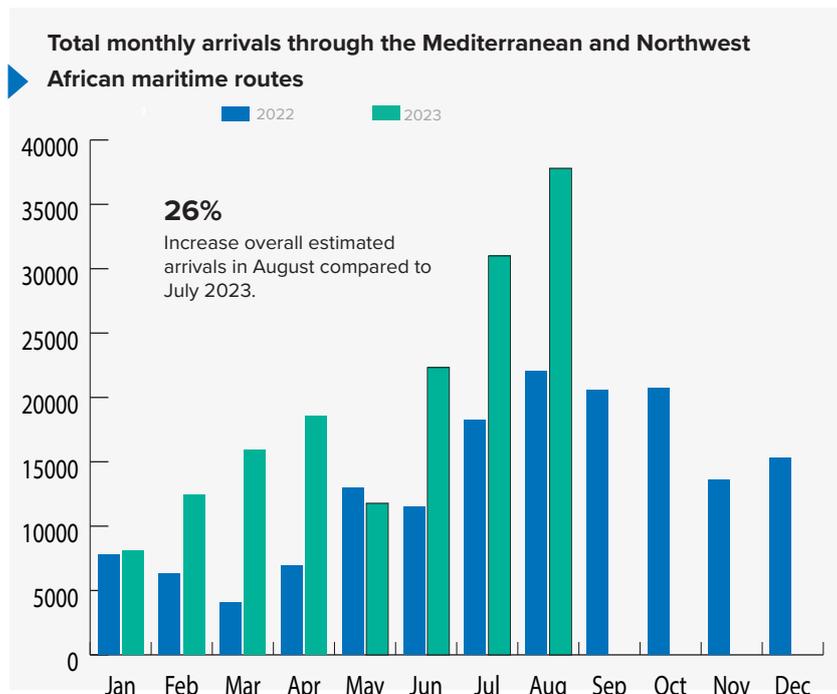
Total arrivals in Italy increased by 10 per cent in August compared to the previous month, and by 53 per cent compared to the same period last year. Of the 25,700 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over August, 79 per cent departed from Tunisia, and 17 per cent from Libya. UNHCR also noted some 800 arrivals from Türkiye and 200 from Lebanon in August. In addition, 94 people arrived in Malta over the month as well.

Total arrivals from Tunisia between January and August 2023 increased more than four times, while arrivals from Libya increased by 13% compared to the same period last year. Most arrivals from Tunisia originated from Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and Tunisia, while most arrivals from Libya originated from Egypt Bangladesh and Pakistan.

In Spain, some 5,600 refugees and migrants arrived over August, a 58 per cent increase compared to the previous month. Of all arrivals in August, 52 per cent landed on the Canary Islands. Arrivals along the Northwest African maritime route increased by 118 per cent in August, and by 21 per cent along the Western Mediterranean route compared to the previous month.

In Greece, throughout August, some 7,100 refugees and migrants arrived by both land and sea, representing a 110 per cent increase compared to the previous month and a 228 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. Turkish authorities reported rescuing, or intercepting, 5,006 refugees and migrants at sea in over the month. Further, 379 refugees and migrants arrived in Cyprus by sea in August, resulting in a 31 per cent decrease compared to the previous month.

For more information, please visit <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>



## SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE<sup>9</sup>

In August 2023, 5,100 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. Resultantly, arrivals were 16 per cent more than the previous month and two per cent more than in August 2022. Between January and August 2023, 19,900 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion, seven per cent less than in the same period in 2022.

In August 2023, 82 people submitted asylum applications, the same number than the previous month. Over the month, five positive first-instance decisions were issued in August (five subsidiary protection status), while 11 applications were rejected and 90 closed.

As of the end of August, 471 asylum applications were pending a decision across the subregion. So far this year, 100 positive first-instance decisions were issued across the subregion (37 refugee status and 63 subsidiary protection status) while 123 asylum applications were rejected, and 517 asylum applications were closed after applicants did not respond or were no longer present in the country of application.

For more information, please visit <http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/southeasterneurope>

<sup>1</sup> Dead and missing figures refer to the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. Information is compiled from a variety of sources, the quality and reliability of which can vary. While every effort has been made to ensure that all statistical information is verified, figures on some arrivals, as well as dead and missing at sea, represent an estimate. Triangulation of information and sources is performed on a continuous basis. Therefore, amendments in figures may occur, including retroactively.

<sup>2</sup> Includes sea arrivals in the Canary Islands (Spain) via the Atlantic Ocean.

<sup>3</sup> Includes sea and land arrivals in Spain via the Western Mediterranean route.

<sup>4</sup> Includes sea arrivals in Italy and Malta.

<sup>5</sup> Includes sea and land arrivals in Greece and sea arrivals in Cyprus.

<sup>6</sup> Majority of the persons arriving in the Western Balkan region are part of the secondary movement, those who have already arrived in Greece or Bulgaria and then transited through the region with the intention to move onward to other EU countries.

<sup>7</sup> [Ukraine Internal Displacement Report, IOM](#), June 2023.

<sup>8</sup> In preparation for UNHCR's Annual Statistical Review 2023, and publication of our Global Trends Report in June 2023, a thorough review of all statistics related to refugees from Ukraine was undertaken (for details please refer to [Ukraine Refugee Situation - Data Explanatory Note](#)).

<sup>9</sup> Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).