RBE - Western Balkans - Asylum Statistics - Summary of key trends observed

As of 31 January 2020

2018-19-20 Key figures

1413
New Applications in 2020

12K
New Applications in 2019

10K
New Applications in 2018

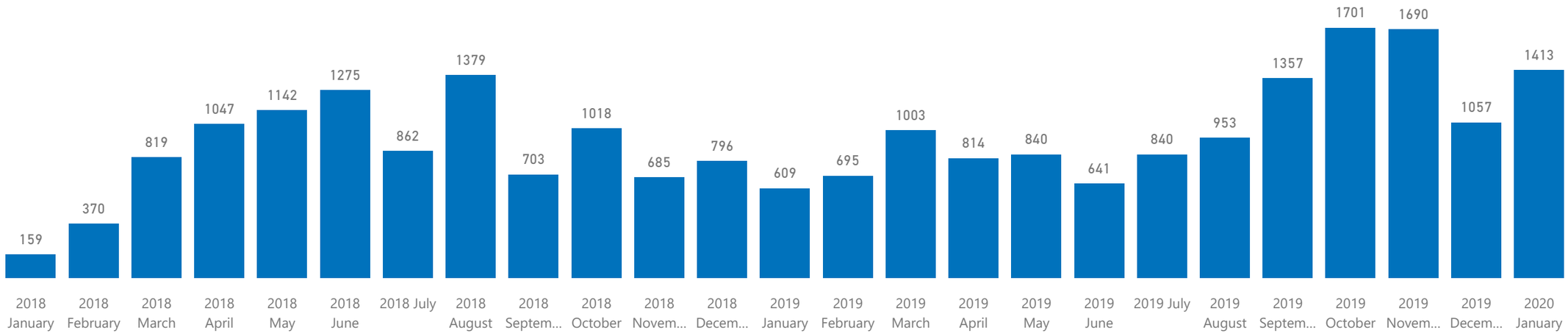
1
Recognized Refugees in 2020

51
Recognized Refugees in 2019

85
Recognized Refugees in 2018

Monthly applications since 2018

Applications by Year and Month



Summary of key trends observed

- In January, the number of arrivals in the region has increased by 7% compared to the previous month. This is somehow different to the previous year where the number of arrivals went downwards during January probably linked to seasonal conditions. Unlike the number of arrivals, the reported intentions to apply for asylum decreased by 36% compared to December 2019. At the same time, the overall number of submitted asylum applications in the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) has increased by 33.6% compared to end 2019.

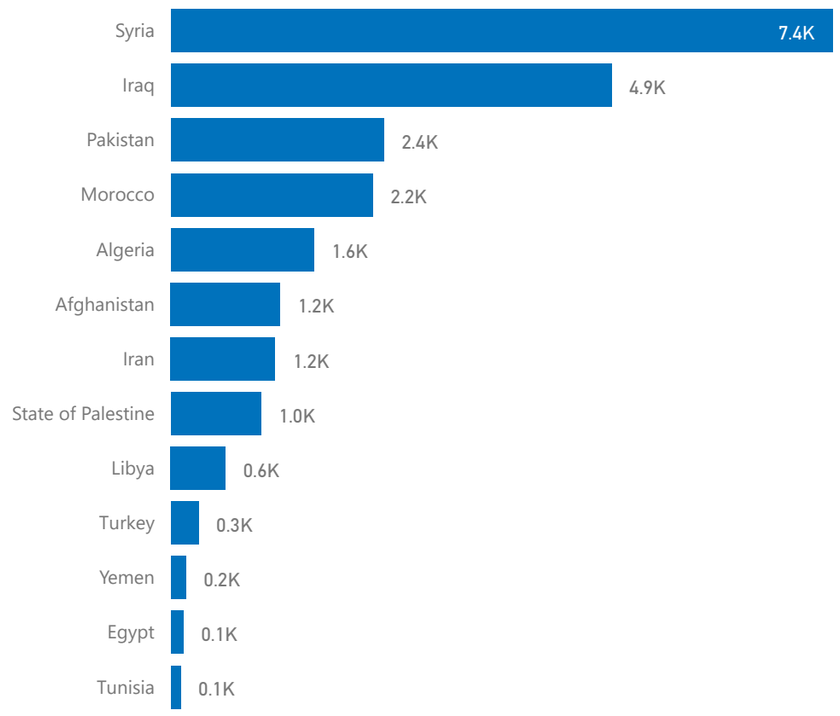
- In comparison to data reported in December 2019, the percentage of submitted intentions that turned into actual asylum applications in January 2020 has increased from 6% to 11% despite of a smaller number of individuals who have expressed interest to seek asylum.

- For this first month of the year, only one first instance decision was reached (compared to two in January 2019) from 1,413 asylum applications. The number of new granted refugee status was only 1, no cases were provided subsidiary protection status while 6 other applications were rejected. 355 cases were closed, because applicants absconded the asylum procedure.

- The total number of pending decisions recorded stands at 1505 for the month of January. This is an increase of 2.5% compared to December 2019. This is a worrisome trend considering that the total number of asylum decisions on the first instance remains low (only 7 decisions out of the 1,413 asylum applications lodged during January).

- In January 2020, women represent over 8% (170) of the total applications compared to December 2019 (18.8%, 121). In addition, there were 188 children including 10 UASC (13.3%) among applicants compared to 157 (25 UASC) in December 2019.

Applications in 2018-2019 by country of origin



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RBE - Western Balkans - Asylum Statistics - 2020 Trends Analysis

As of 31 January 2020

2020
Key figures

1413
New Applications of which:

10
Unaccompanied or separated children*

1
Recognized Refugees

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Subsidiary Protection

6
Rejected

355
Closed cases

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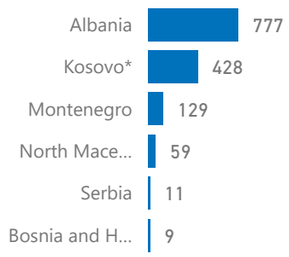
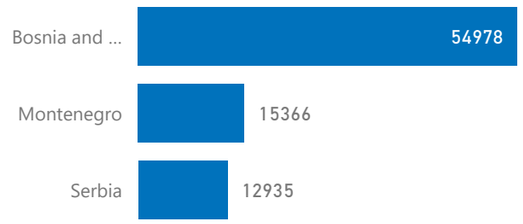
New Applications Regional Trends

Total New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



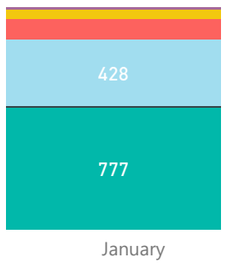
Total Asylum Intentions by Country of Asylum

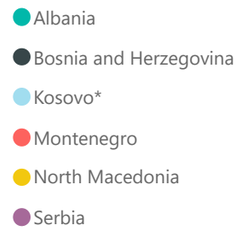


Total New Asylum Applications by Month

Total New Asylum Intentions by Month

New Asylum Applications by Month and Country of Asylum





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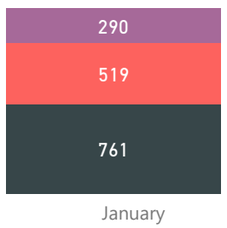
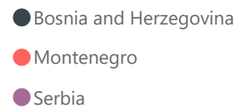
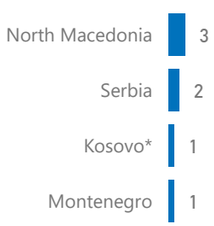


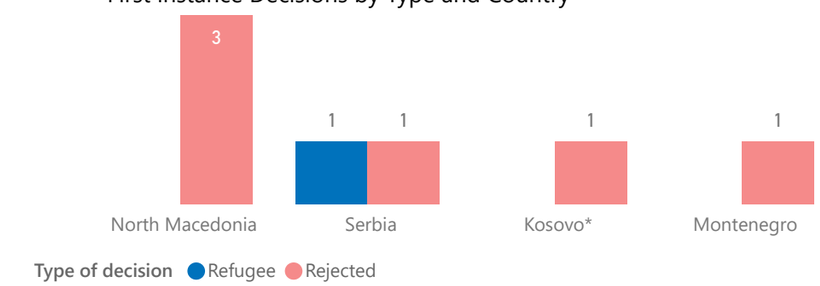


First Instance Decisions Trends

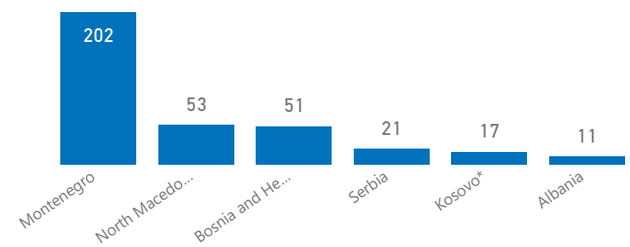
Total Decisions by Country of Asylum



First instance Decisions by Type and Country



Total Otherwise Closed Applications by Country



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RBE - Western Balkans - Asylum Statistics - Monthly Analysis

UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency

As of 31 January 2020

January 2020 Key figures*

1413
New Applications

125
Women

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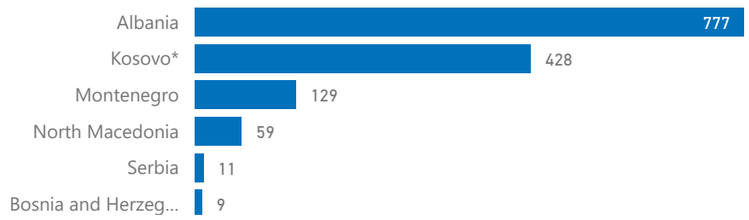
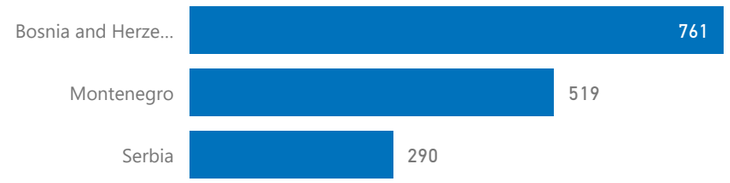
Monthly New Applications

Monthly New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



Monthly New Intentions to Seek Asylum by Reporting Country



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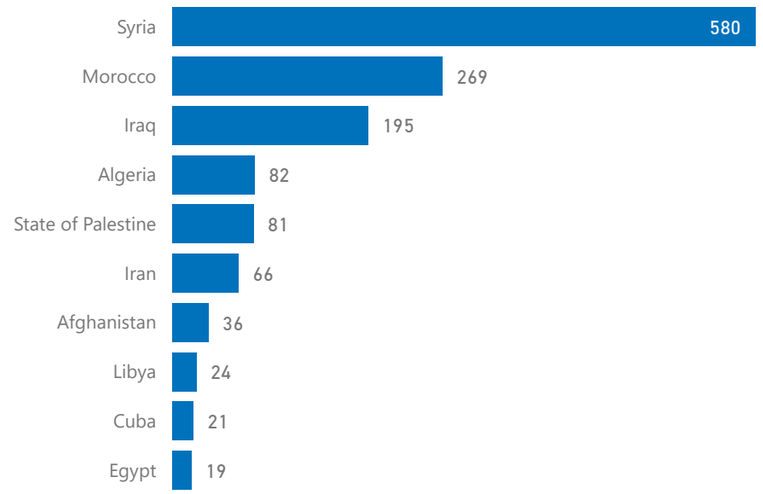
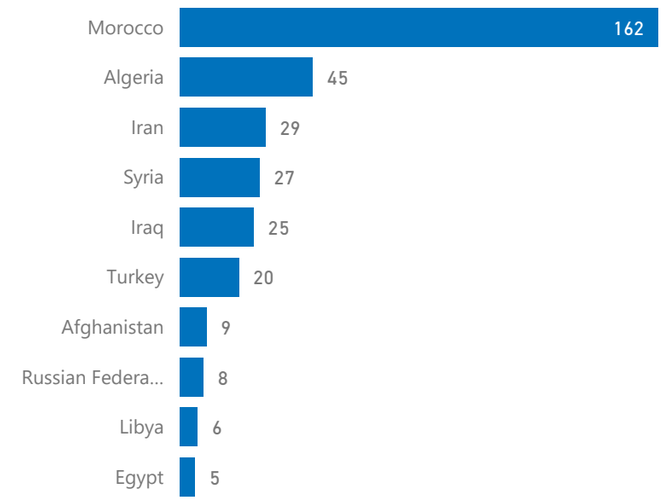


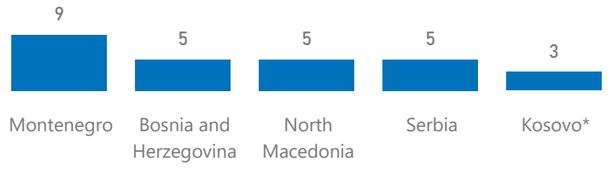
Monthly Otherwise Closed Applications by Nationality (Top 10)



Monthly First Instance Decisions

Monthly Decisions by Type of Decision

Monthly Interviews by Country of Asylum

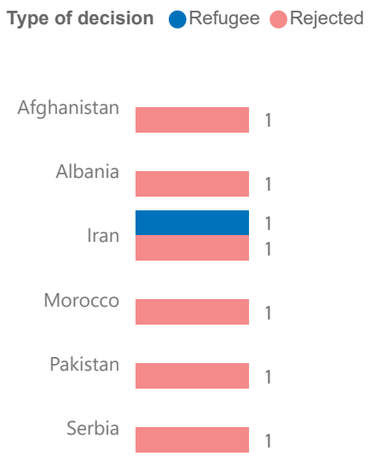


Average Lenght of Procedure (days) by Country

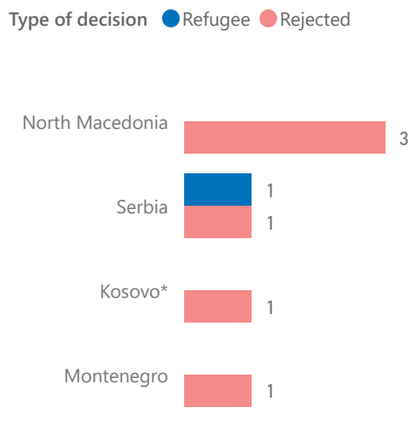
between application and decision

Montenegro	45
Bosnia and Herzegovina	209

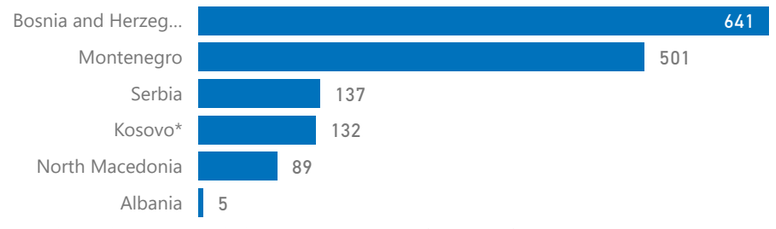
Monthly Type of Decisions by Nationality



Monthly Decisions by Country of Asylum and Type of Decision



Total Pending Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



Albania has not provided any pending cases information for August

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