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ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN



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Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR)

- AVR activities in Lithuania with brief intermissions have been implemented since 1997;
- AVR projects funded under European Return Fund were re-launched at the beginning of 2010.





Who can apply for AVR

- Return decision (obligation to depart) is imposed on the Alien.

Backgrounds for issuing Return decision (Law on Legal Status of Aliens of Lithuania):

- Visa has been annulled;
- Residence permit has been withdrawn;
- Alien stays in Lithuania after expiry of his visa;
- Alien stays in Lithuania after the expiry of his residence permit;
- Alien entered Lithuania legally, but stays without possessing residence permit;
- Alien overstayed the period of visa-free stay.

(Including “Dublin” cases)

- Refugees and persons enjoying other types of protection, who decided to renounce their protection and return home voluntarily.



Cooperation

- Migration Department / Migration Services
- State Border Guard Service (Airports, “Dublin” cases)
- Foreigners Registration Center
- Refugees Reception Center
- Representatives of the airline’s ground services
- Non-Governmental Organizations





Statistic from 1998

Year	Voluntarily Returned Migrants
1998	62
1999	138
2000	124
2001	91
2002	40
2003-2004	0
2005	35
2006	3
2007	12
2008	15
2009	0
2010	55
2011	47
2012	31
Total	653

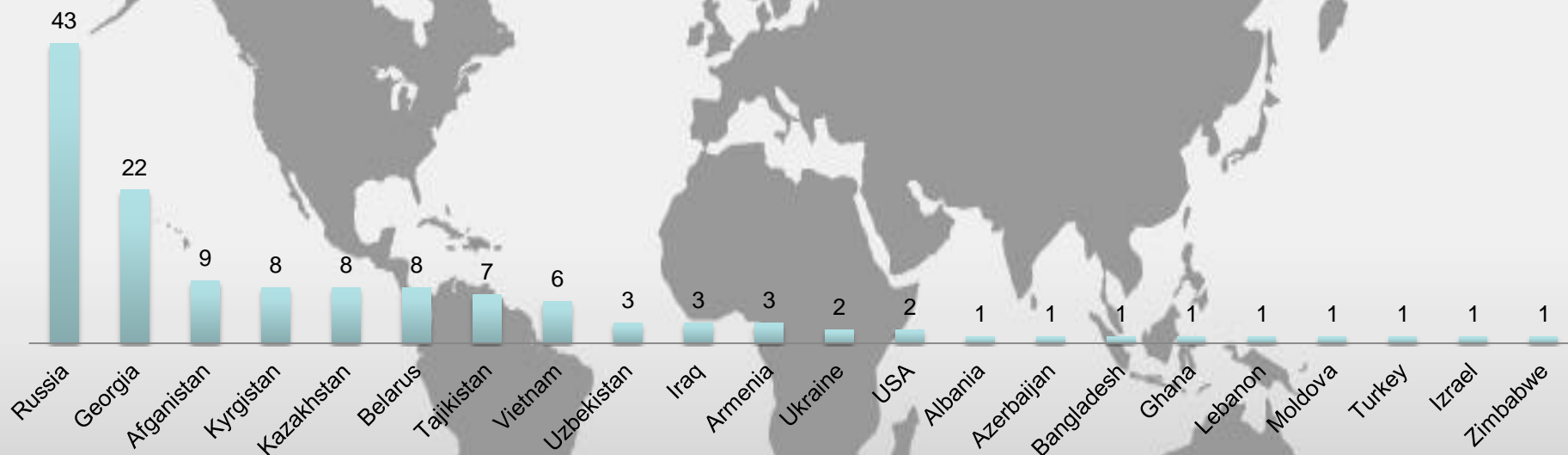




Statistic from 2010

With IOM assistance voluntarily returned 133 returnees
including 29 vulnerable persons

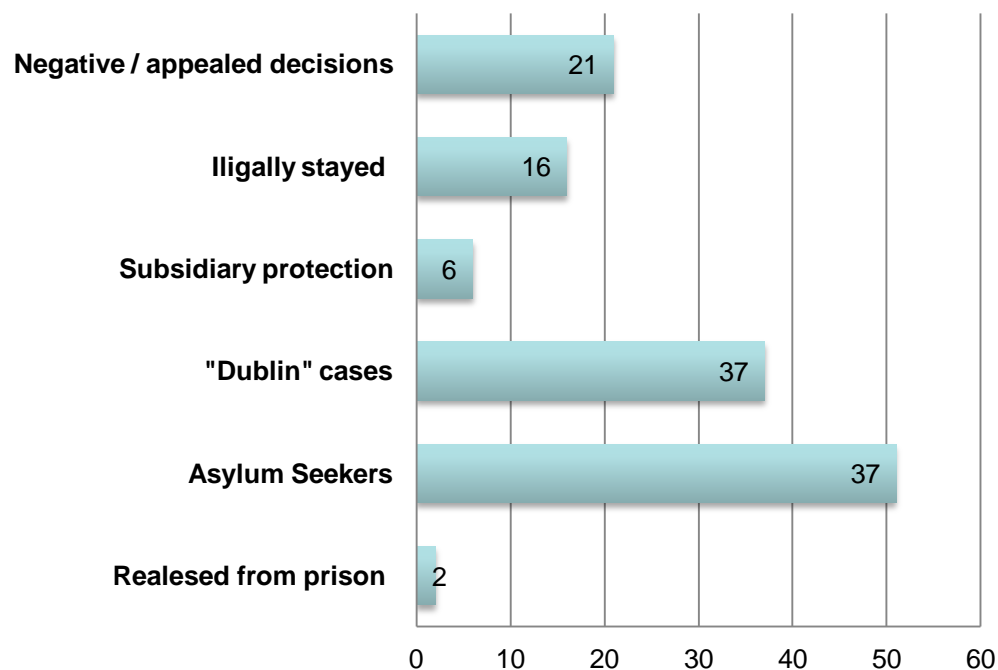
Countries of Origin





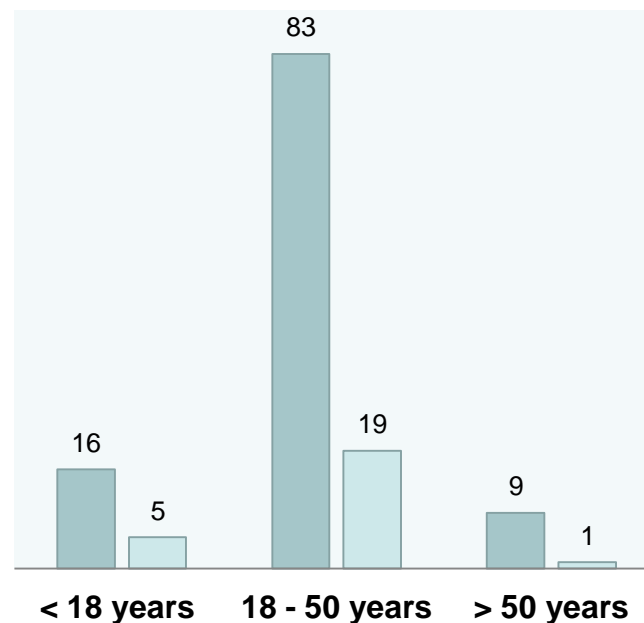
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Beneficiaries



Age, Gender

Male Female





Practice and Intentions

Practice

- Travel arrangements through non-Schengen states (applies to transit cases).

Intentions

- Arrange travel through Schengen states:
 - more directions (direct / non stop flights);
 - economic effectiveness;
 - opportunity for joint flights.