



STATE AGENCY FOR REFUGEES WITH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



HISTORY

- 1992 – 1999
National Bureau for Territorial Asylum and Refugees
Ordinance for Granting and Regulating the Status of the Refugees
- 1999 – 2002
Agency for Refugees with The Council of Ministers
Law on asylum
- From 2002
State Agency for Refugees with the Council of Ministers
Law on Asylum and Refugees
- 16.10.2015
Law on Asylum and Refugees
Provisions of Directives 2011/95/EU and Directive 2013/33/EU transposed in the national legislation



MANAGEMENT

- **CHAIRMAN**
- **TWO VICE CHAIRMEN**
- **SECRETARY GENERAL**



STATE AGENCY FOR REFUGEES

- **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**
- **SPECIALIZED ADMINISTRATION**
- **TERRITORIAL UNITS**

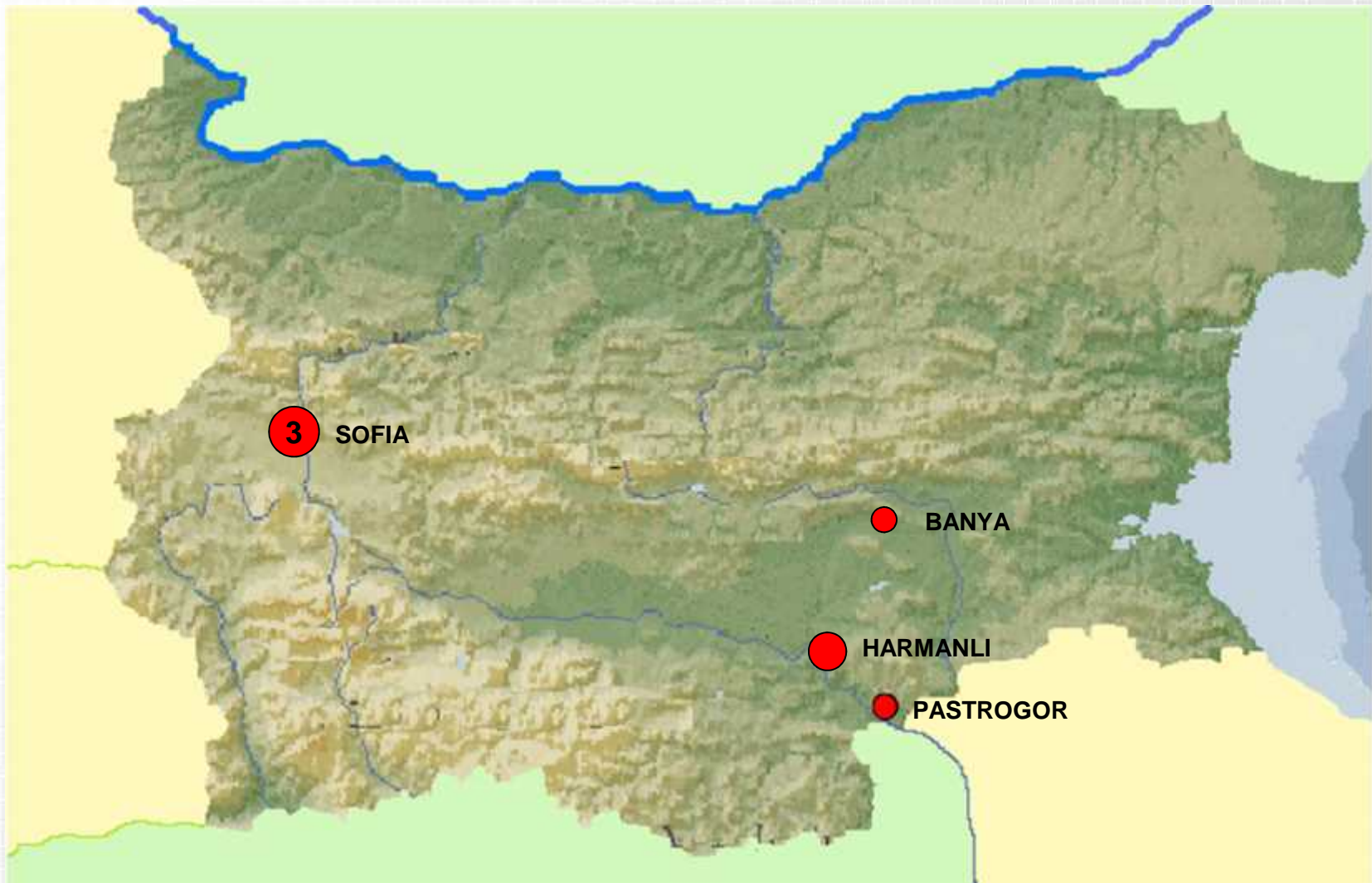


TERRITORIAL UNITS

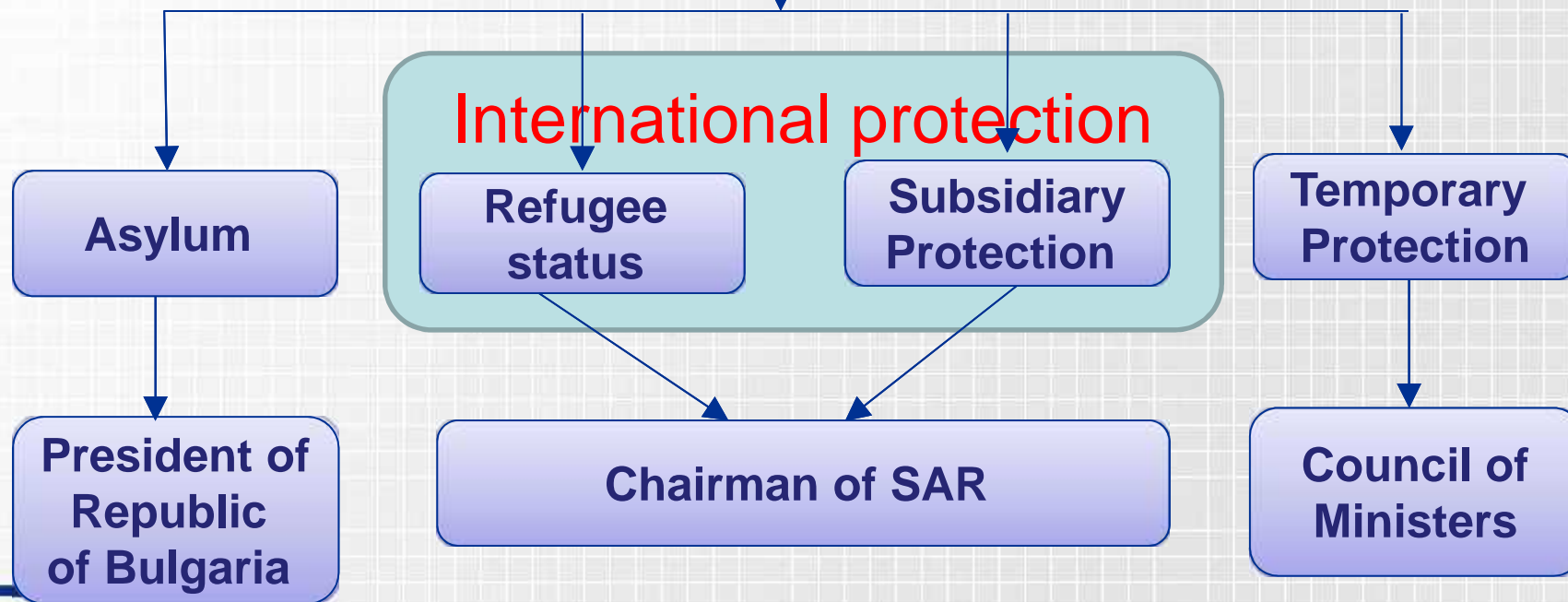
- 1.Registration and Reception Centre (RRC) in the city of Sofia
 - Ovcha Kupel
 - Vrazhdebna
 - Voenna rampa
2. RRC in the village of Banya, Nova Zagora Municipality
3. RRC in the city of Harmanli
4. Transit Centre in the village of Pastrogor, Svilengrad Municipality



TERRITORIAL UNITS



TYPES OF PROTECTION

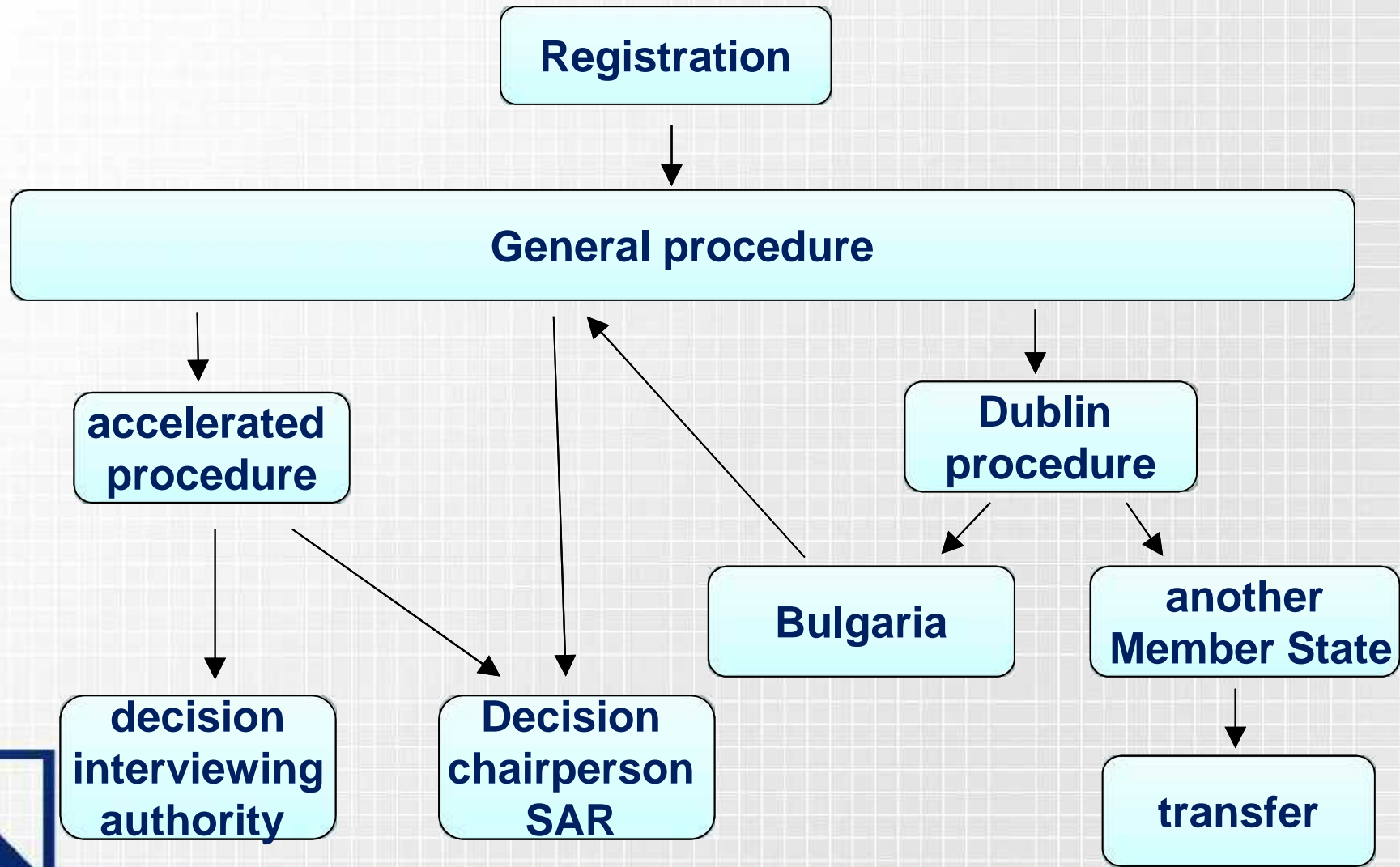


REGISTRATION

1. Asylum application
2. Introduction to the procedure
3. Fingerprinting
4. Compulsory Medical Examinations
5. Accommodation
6. Issuing of a document



STAGES OF THE PROCEEDINGS



DECISION OF THE CHAIRMEN OF SAR

In a six months' period after the beginning of a general procedure the Chairman of SAR makes a decision by which:

- ✓ Grants a refugee status;
- ✓ Refuses a refugee status;
- ✓ Grants subsidiary protection;
- ✓ Refuses subsidiary protection;



RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- Not admitted shall be restrictions of the rights or privileges of third-country nationals (TCNs) seeking or having received protection in the Republic of Bulgaria based on race, nationality, ethnic belonging, sex, origin, religion, education, convictions, political belonging, personal and public status or proprietary status. (Art. 20)
- TCNs, seeking or having received protection, who stay on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be obliged to observe and fulfil the Constitution and the laws. (Art. 28)



Rights of TCNs seeking international protection during the proceedings

- to remain in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
 - to shelter and food;
 - to social support pursuant to the procedures and in the amount determined for the Bulgarian citizens;
 - to health insurance, accessible medical care and free medical service under the conditions and pursuant to the procedure applicable to the Bulgarian citizens;
 - psychological help;
 - to obtain registration card;
 - to a translator or interpreter.
-
- The TCNs shall have the right to access to the labour market, including to be involved in programs and projects, financed from the state budget or under international or European funding, provided that the proceedings are not finalized within three months after the submission of the application for international protection due to reasons out of their control.
-
- The minor and under age TCNs seeking or having received international protection shall be entitled to primary and secondary education, including vocational education and professional training under the terms and conditions and following the procedure applicable to Bulgarian citizens.



Obligations of TCNs seeking international protection during the proceedings

- to fulfil the orders and not obstruct the officials in fulfilment of their official duties;
- to submit all of his and of the accompanying minor and underage documents which can serve for establishing their identity and citizenship, as well as the way of their movement and entry in the Republic of Bulgaria;
- to observe the regulations for the internal order in the transit and registration reception centres, to participate in the activities for the maintenance, hygiene and their improvement, as well as to preserve the property submitted to him for use;
- not to change the address, without permission by the State Agency for the refugees;
- not to enter the border zone of the Republic of Bulgaria without a due permit;
- not to leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria without the permit of the State Agency for the refugees;
- to assist the clarification of his case by announcing a full and reliable information to the respective officials;
- to be taken fingerprints;
- not to leave the allocated zone.



Rights and obligations of the TCNs having received protection

- A TCN with a granted status of a refugee shall have the rights and the obligations of Bulgarian citizens with exception of:
 - the right to participate in elections for state and local bodies, in national and local referendums, as well as to participate in the founding of political parties and be their member;
 - to occupy a position for which an Act requires a Bulgarian citizenship;
 - to be a military serviceman;
 - other restrictions explicitly stipulated by an Act.

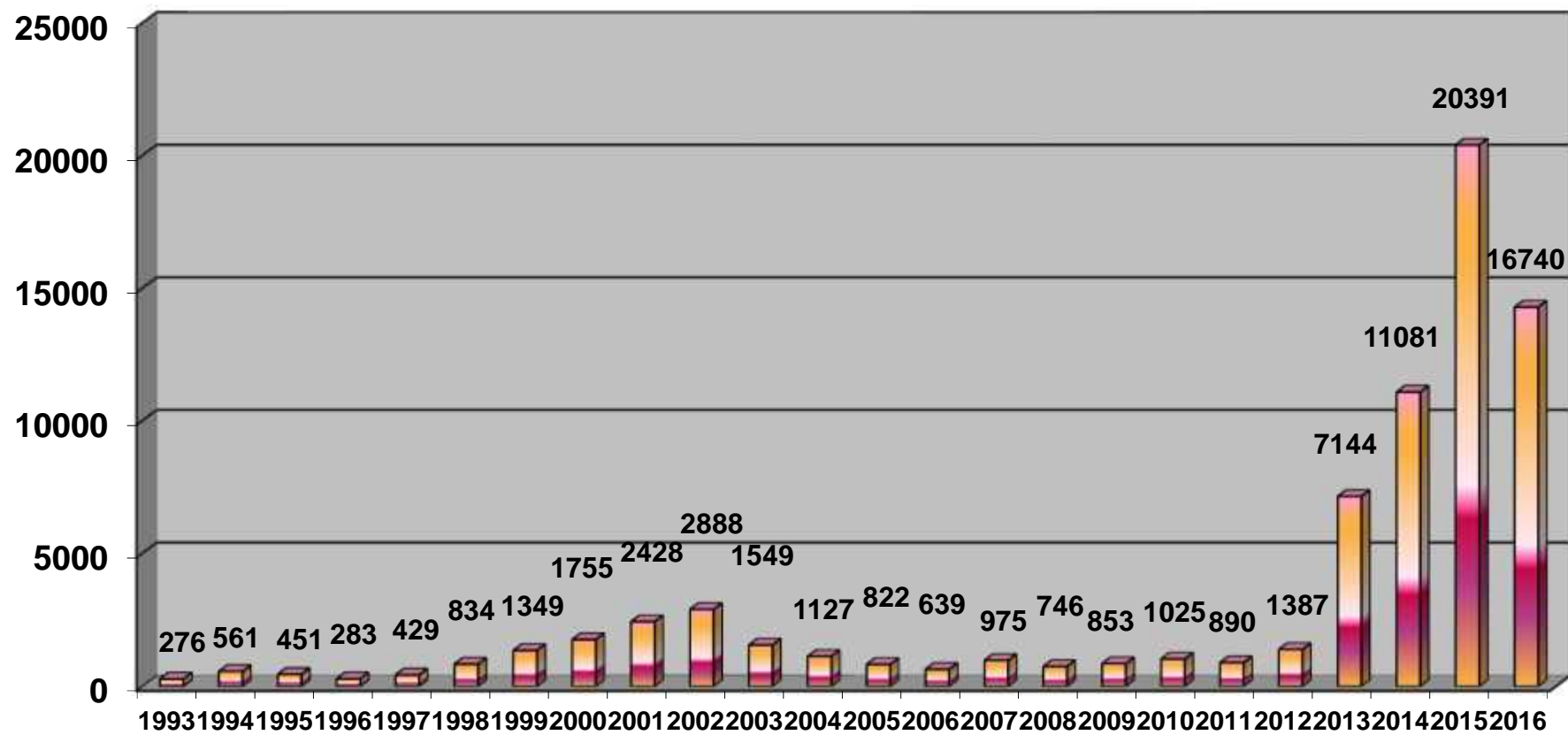


Information for asylum seekers and decisions taken in 2016

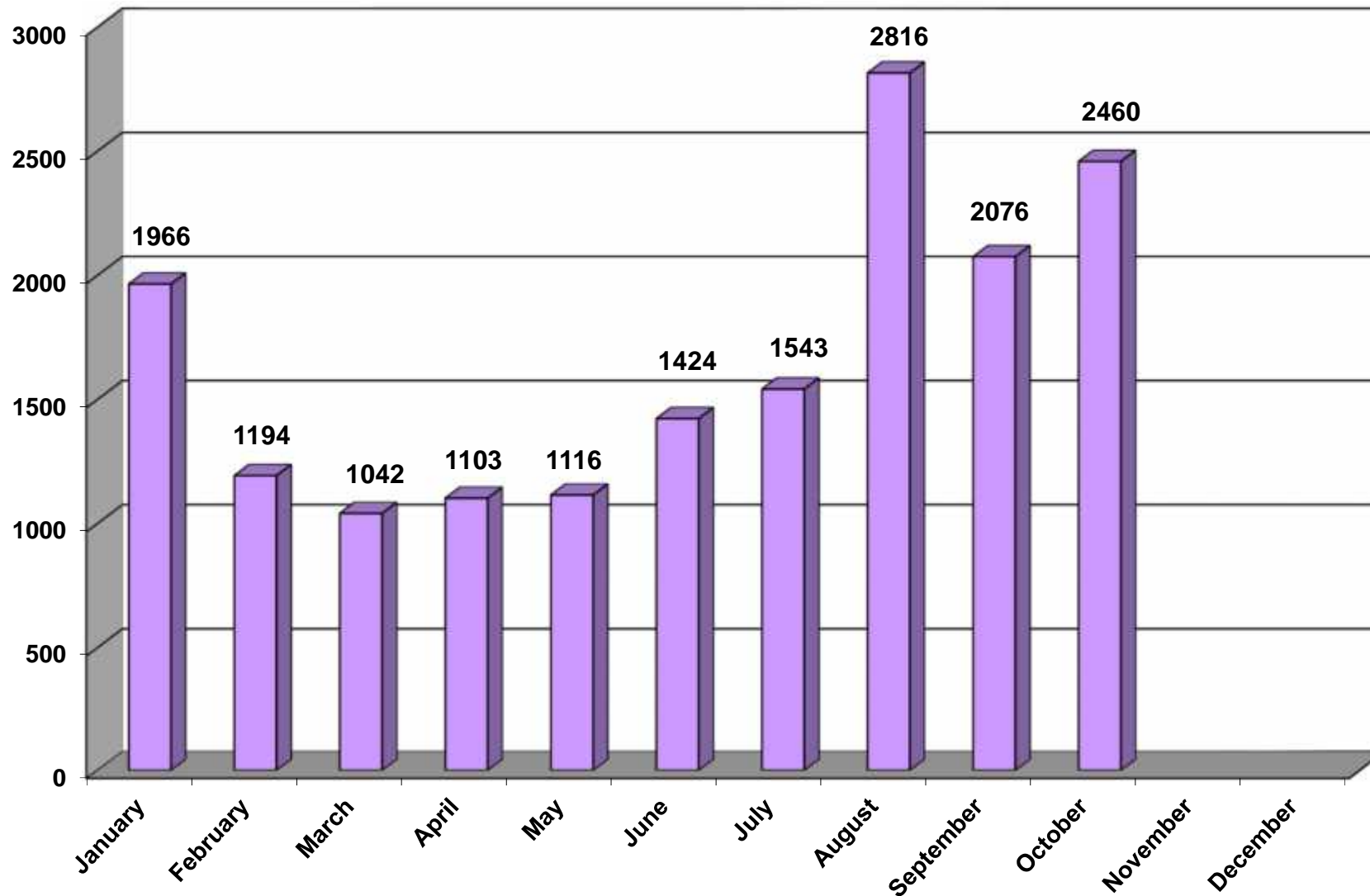
Month	Applications submitted	Refugee status granted	Subsidiary protection granted	Refusals	Terminated procedures	Total number of decisions
January	1966	47	18	33	1638	1736
February	1194	90	69	40	1011	1210
March	1042	27	15	39	519	600
April	1103	34	40	25	243	342
May	1116	51	38	49	303	441
June	1424	31	34	135	386	586
July	1543	77	45	63	398	583
August	2816	19	43	213	624	899
September	2076	115	60	232	744	1151
October	2460	70	49	190	1101	1410
November	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16740	561	411	1019	6967	8958



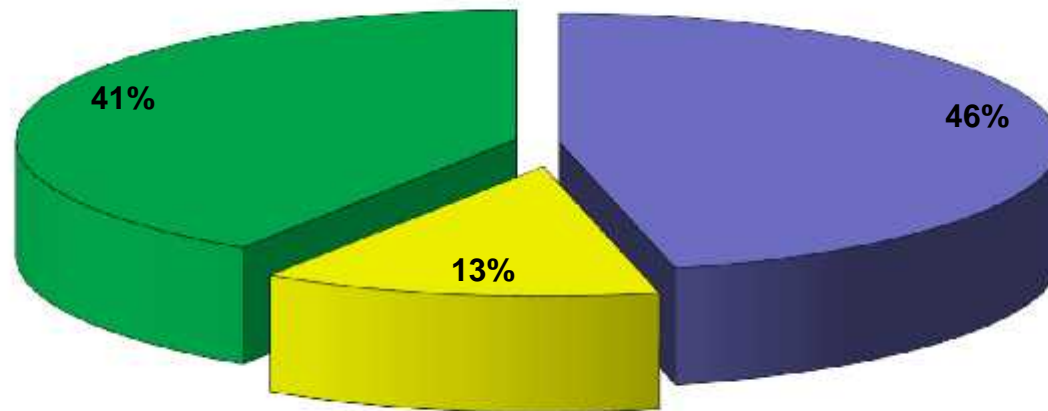
Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees
Total number of applications for international protection submitted,
01.01.1993 - 31.10.2016



Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees
Total number of applications for international protection submitted,
2016



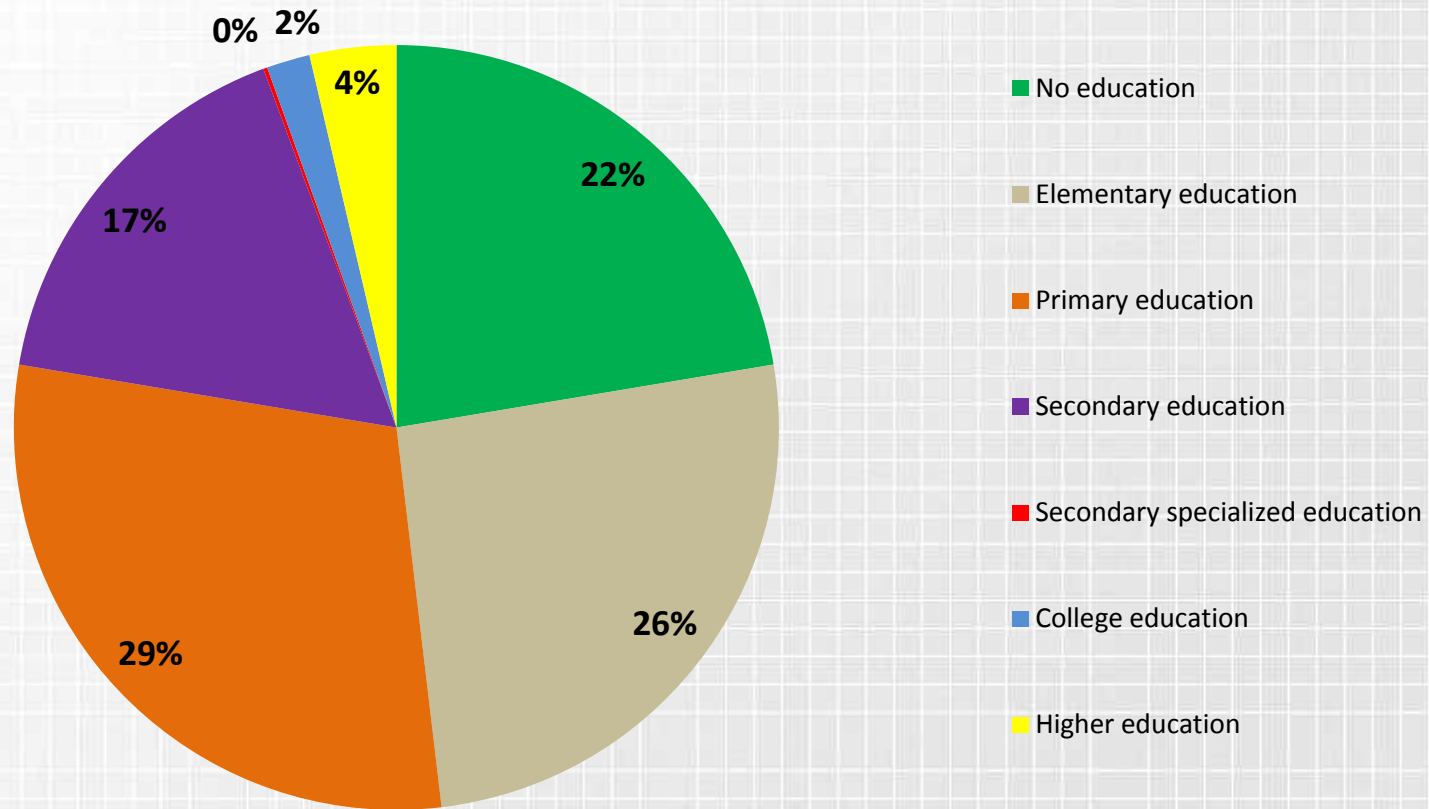
Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees
Refugee population by gender, 01.09.2016 - 31.10.2016



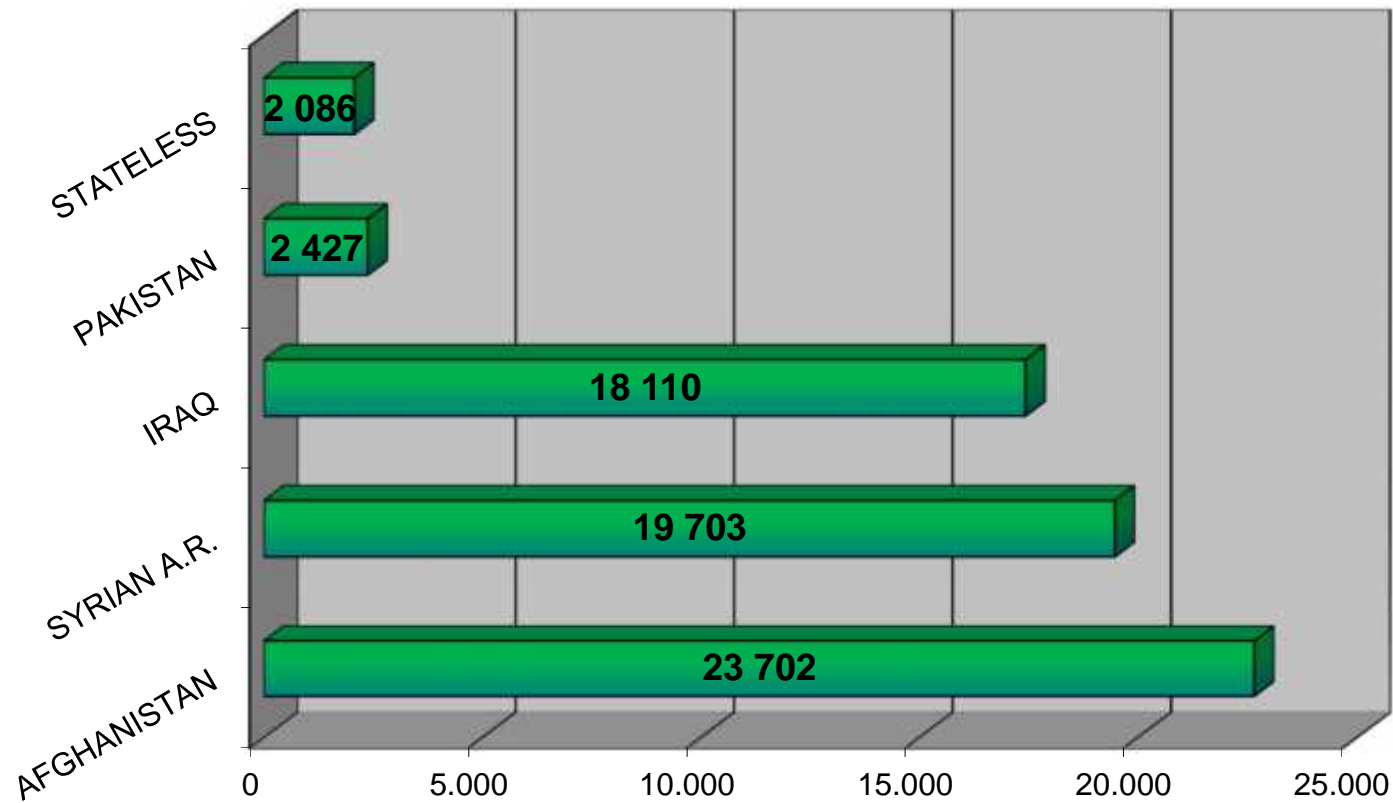
■ Male ■ Female ■ Children



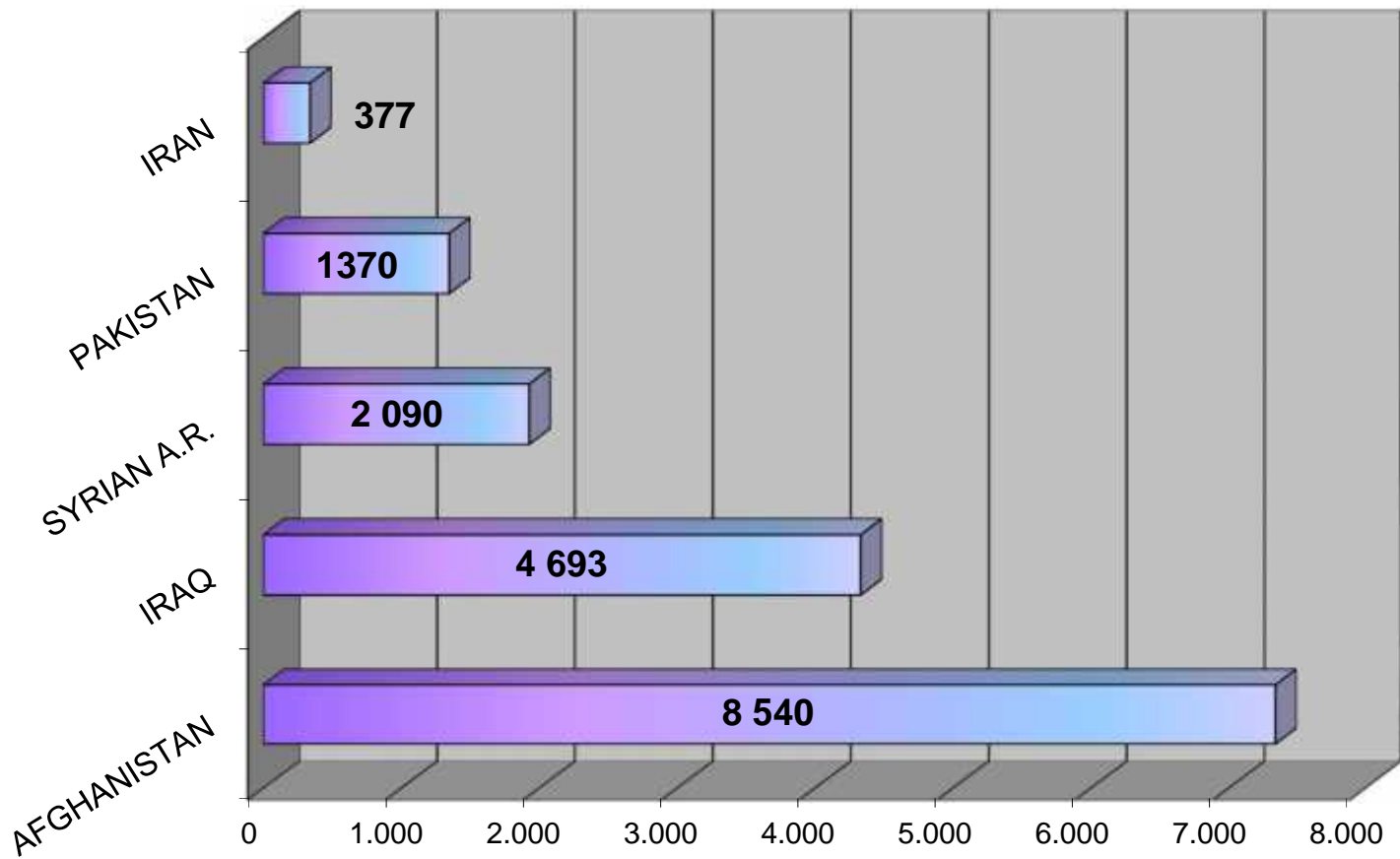
**Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees
Asylum seekers over 14 years by education - October 2016**



Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees
Top 5 asylum seeker countries of origin 01.01.1993 - 31.10.2016



**Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees
Top 5 asylum seeker countries of origin 01.01. - 31.10.2016**



QUESTIONS



Thank you for your attention !!!

