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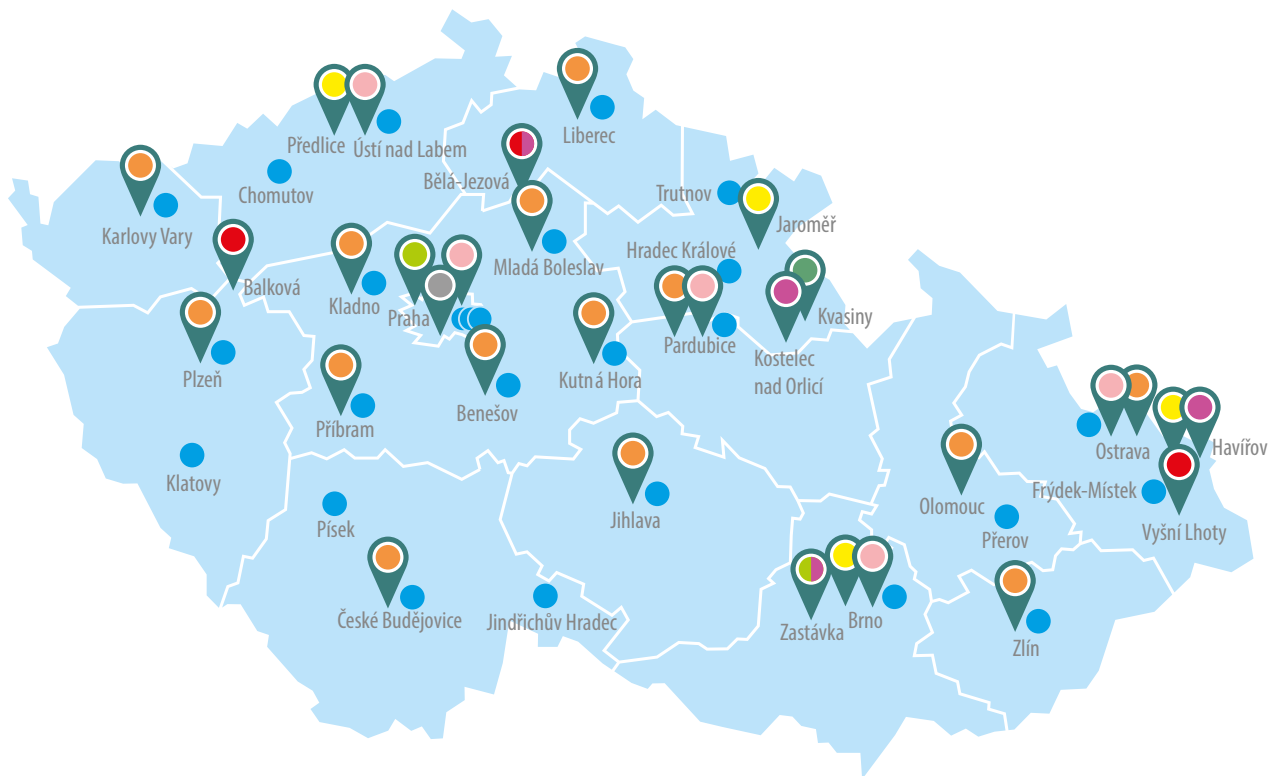


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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Reader,

The previous year 2020 was a massive challenge for all of us. The global pandemic of malicious infectious disease SARS-COV-19 affected gradually the whole world and has probably changed it forever, including the Czech Republic. The pandemic, logically, has affected and changed our plans for 2020 and influenced our working lives tremendously. From the very beginning, our organization was one of those which had predicted and strongly sensed the coming risks. We had not underestimated the situation and thanks to this fact we were prepared as one of the first in the Czech Republic. Maybe this fact also helped us to successfully prevent the worst-case scenarios to happen and we managed to protect the lives and health not only of our employees, but especially of our clients.

I would like to stress the effort of the employees of the Refugee Facility Administration of the Ministry of the Interior, who have shown, for the second time in the last five years, their true character, courage and professionalism in the fight against this malicious disease. For this I am humbly thankful. Not only were they able to ensure the operation of the asylum infrastructure of the Czech Republic in such extreme working conditions, some even participated and volunteered in their free time to help people in need, who were affected the most. Despite the difficulties and an extraordinary situation that has numbed

the entire society, the employees of our organization were able to finish many crucial projects and ensure the smooth operation of our entire organization during the pandemic. On the other hand, I know from some colleagues it was the daily hard work that helped them to keep their sanity, life motivation and the most needed perspective at a time when the whole world was mourning for the victims and social and cultural life disappeared.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the leadership of the Ministry of the Interior for their support and readiness for action, which has helped to protect the lives and health of our employees and clients. We cannot forget the perfect cooperation with our colleagues from the Health Facilities of the Ministry of the Interior, who have been an important support to us during 2020 and are, like other medics and doctors, the real heroes of 2020.

I wish you all good health and safety

Pavel Bacík  
Director



# MISSION AND STRUCTURE

The Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of the Interior (RFA MOI) is a government organization which falls under the authority of the First Deputy Minister of the Interior for Internal Security and Police Education.

The RFA MOI was established on 1 January, 1996 by separation from the former section for refugees (now the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy – DAMP) in order to detach the execution of state administration asylum policy and the administrative procedure for granting asylum from providing services to international protection applicants. The RFA MOI has become a practical implementer of a major part of the national asylum, migration and integration policy.

## RFA MOI ACTIVITIES

One of the key roles of the RFA MOI is the operation of its facilities and providing services and other activities to implement part of the national asylum, migration and integration policy. The RFA MOI cooperates with other sections of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic – the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy (DAMP), Police of the Czech Republic (PCR), the Health Service of the Ministry of the Interior (HSMOI), and other national and non-government organizations.

The RFA MOI activities are defined especially by Act 326/1999, Coll., on the stay of foreigners in the Czech territory, and by Act 325/1999, Coll., on asylum. The RFA MOI activities are governed by a Foundation Deed.

### The RFA MOI:

operates several types of facilities – Reception Centers (ReC), Residential Centers (ResC), Integration Asylum Centers (IAC), Foreigner Detention Facilities (FDF),

provides services to various categories of foreigners based on their legal status – international protection applicants, international protection holders, detained foreigners,

is a general provider of integration services for international protection holders who are included in the State Integration Program.

operates Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners for third country foreigners in ten regions of the Czech Republic,

operates the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone

arranges voluntary returns of former international protection applicants to their countries of origin,

provides economic and logistical service for the DAMP MOI.

## RFA MOI CLIENTS

RFA MOI clients include all categories of foreigners staying in the territory of the Czech Republic. Based on their legal status, they can be divided into the following categories:

### Applicant for International Protection

A foreigner who has applied for international protection in the Czech Republic or in another EU member state, is defined as an applicant for international protection. The Czech Republic is authorized to assess the application. International protection means either asylum or subsidiary protection. These foreigners are assigned to reception and residential centers.

### Person Granted Asylum/Subsidiary Protection

He/she is a foreigner who has been granted international protection, either asylum or subsidiary protection. This person has the same rights and obligations as foreign citizens with a permanent residence (e.g. access to labor market, health care, or social security). Unlike asylum, subsidiary protection is granted for a definite period, after which it is examined whether the reasons for which it was granted persist. These foreigners can join the State Integration Program and stay in an integration asylum center.

### Detained Foreigner

A foreigner who entered or resided on the territory of the Czech Republic (the EU) illegally is defined as a detained foreigner. Foreigners illegally residing in the Czech Republic are detained to be administratively deported or transferred under the International Convention or the applicable EU legislation. These foreigners are detained in foreigner detention facilities.

### Third-Country Foreigners

Foreigners from non-EU countries live in the Czech Republic under a residence permit. They can avail themselves of the services of Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners.

### EU Citizen

A foreigner – citizen of an EU member state who stays and works in the Czech Republic legally. These foreigners can use the services of the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny industrial zone and, from 1 July 2020, also the Center for the Support of the Integration of Foreigners.

## FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE RFA MOI

### ASYLUM FACILITIES

#### Reception Centers (ReC)

These centers serve for the accommodation of newcomer applicants for international protection for the duration of the basic entry procedures, including identification of persons, submission of application for international protection, and medical examination. Asylum seekers are provided with accommodation, meals, basic sanitary supplies, health care, social and psychological services, and leisure time activities.

The RFA MOI operates a Reception Center in the transition zone of Prague International Airport of Václav Havel (outer Schengen border), and a Reception Center in Zastávka.

## Residential Centers (ResC)

Following the entry procedures at the reception center, asylum seekers (those who cannot provide for their own accommodation) can stay in one of the residential centers until their application is processed (within the competence of DAMP). They are free to leave the center, and they receive the allowances and prepare their own meals. Asylum seekers can use the services of social workers, and choose from a variety of leisure time activities, voluntary Czech language courses, legal and psychological assistance.

The RFA MOI operates residential centers in Kostelec nad Orlicí, Havířov, Zastávka and Bělá pod Bezdězem – Jezová.

## Integration Asylum Centers (IAC)

Integration Asylum Centers serve as temporary accommodation of persons who have been granted international protection in the form of asylum, or subsidiary protection, joined the State Integration Program, and who cannot provide for their own accommodation. The persons accommodated in those centers are provided with assistance and consultations of social workers on getting accommodation and jobs, and other integration services, including Czech language courses which are the flagship of the State Integration Program activities. The maximum length of stay of foreigners is 18 months; however, most of them stay for a considerably shorter period of time.

The RFA MOI operates IACs in Brno, Jaroměř, Havířov, and Ústí nad Labem – Předlice.

## Foreigner Detention Facilities (FDF)

These facilities are designed for the detention of foreigners who have been served a decision on administrative expulsion and on detention from the Immigration Police. Foreigners who shall be transferred to another EU member state under the Dublin Regulation and who may be suspected of fleeing, are also placed in the FDF. Also, those foreigners who are detained under the Act on Asylum can stay in the FDF. Only a person above the age of 15 can be detained.

The Police of the Czech Republic carries out the external surveillance, and a private security agency provides for the internal surveillance of the FDF. The DAMP personnel has an office in the FDF.

Foreigners are provided with accommodation, food, and other material needs. Clients can use the services of social workers, leisure time activities, psychological and legal services, and emergency health care provided by the Health Service of the Ministry of the Interior.

The RFA MOI operates two FDFs for single males, in Vyšní Lhoty (for Moravia and Silesia region), and in Balková (for Bohemia region). One FDF accommodates families with children, and other vulnerable groups, and provides conditions respecting their specific needs. Single men are not accommodated there. This special FDF is located in Bělá pod Bezdězem – Jezová.

Most of the RFA MOI facilities also serve as deposit areas for the DAMP residential workplaces, where the RFA MOI staff provides services and maintenance.





**Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners in the regions of the Czech Republic provide in particular free Czech language and social and cultural courses, social, legal, information and other services. They also organize events for the public.**

## **INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION HOLDERS**

### **State Integration Program**

The main mission of the State Integration Program is to support the integration of persons whom the Czech Republic has granted international protection.

Under Act 325/1999, Coll., and the Government Decree 36 of 16 January, 2017, the RFA MOI is an author authorized general provider of integration services.

One of the major aims of the RFA MOI in the integration of international protection holders is especially to guide them to be independent and responsible in their lives. The support, including financial assistance, is focused on priority areas of housing, employment, education, and Czech language courses which are conducted under the auspices of the Ministry of Education.

We provide integration services through our own contact points in Prague, Brno, Ústí nad Labem, Pardubice and Ostrava. Furthermore, in integration asylum centers and also on the basis of contractual relations with non-profit organizations.

International protection holders can stay in Integration Asylum Centers if they have no other place to stay.

### **Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners**

The centers and their activities are a key tool of the government policy "Concept of Integration of Foreigners".

The RFA MOI operates centers in ten regions: Moravia-Silesia, Pardubice, Pilsen, Zlín, Karlovy Vary, Liberec, South Bohemia, Olomouc, Vysočina, and in Central Bohemia in five important Central Bohemian cities (Mladá Boleslav, Kladno, Příbram, Benešov, and Kutná Hora).

In the Ústí nad Labem region is the Counselling Centre for Integration, In Prague the Integration Centre Prague, o.p.s., in Hradec Králové region the Diocesan Catholic Charity Hradec Králové and in the South Moravian Region the region.

The centers offer foreigners from third countries (outside the EU) and, from 1 July 2020, to all foreigners residing legally in the Czech Republic, in particular free Czech language and socio-cultural courses, social and legal counseling, information activities and other services.

One of the important activities of the centers is coordination or participation in the operation of regional platforms, which are a meeting place of all stakeholders in integration of foreigners in a particular region (labor offices, immigration police, NGOs, local administration, schools, etc.). The platforms identify concrete problems, and help coordinate individual actors, provide for better exchange of information, respond to topical needs. Every year, thousands of foreigners from dozens of countries use the centers' services.

In the period up to 30 June 2020, the operation of the Centers was financed from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). With the approval of Act No. 176/2019 Coll., Which amended Act No. 326/1999 Coll., On the stay of foreigners in the Czech Republic, the Centers were legally anchored and therefore the Ministry of Finance approved the financing of activities of the Centers operated by RFA MOI from the state budget from 1 July 2020.

### **Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone**

The Czech Republic Decree 388 of 22 May, 2017, stipulated the establishment of a Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone which complements the network of Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners. Its establishment is part of the measures solving a deteriorating situation in the industrial zone and its neighborhood due to the increased employment of foreigners.

The establishment of the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone which serves both the foreigners and citizens of the respective towns and cities is a priority instrument promoting a long-term solution of the situation and prevention of negative phenomena related to the employment of foreigners.



# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2020

## EPIDEMY COVID-19

The Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of the Interior began preparing for the covid-19 epidemic in January, after the first reports of the spread of the virus in China appeared. We immediately began to supply ourselves with appropriate protective equipment, which was distributed not only among employees, but also among clients.

All facilities were one by one equipped with plexiglass shields in the visitor rooms. All CSIF and SIP workplaces were equipped in the same way.

After the the Government of the Czech Republic declared a state of emergency, the Crisis Staff of RFA MOI was meeting daily, to operatively solve all problems, ensure cooperation with other units and took proper decisions. The employees in the facilities were usually divided into two teams, which alternated at weekly intervals to minimize the risks associated with a possible spread of the infection between employees.

As another part of the protection of clients against the epidemic, preventive measures were taken in the organization of the operation of individual facilities. During the first wave of the epidemic in the spring of 2020, the Bělá-Jezová quarantine facility also served to accommodate applicants for international protection who stayed outside the residential center pursuant to Article 82 of Act no. 325/1999 Coll. "Law on Asylum" or in private before they were confirmed to be negative for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus and allowed to return to the standard asylum facility.

During the second wave of the epidemic in October 2020, regime measures were taken in all reception and residential centers, moreover only half of the accommodation capacity was used and clients were accommodated in separate zones to prevent them from meeting in large numbers and in case of suspected COVID-19 disease, the clients were transferred to the quarantine facility of ReC Bělá-Jezová, where they underwent tests for the disease and, in the event of a positive result, remained there until cured.

Thanks to the above-mentioned measures, RFA MOI managed to keep all facilities running.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE AND ReC IN BĚLÁ-JEZOVÁ

In connection with the COVID-19 epidemic and with the aim of eliminating the risks of spread of the virus in the facilities forming the migration infrastructure of the Czech Republic, an emergency measure issued by the Ministry of the Interior, healthcare provision section, as a public health protecting body, established on 1 April the quarantine area in ReC Bělá-Jezová, intended for the reception of new clients of RFA MOI, and both applicants for international protection and detained foreigners, with a capacity of 65 beds.

This facility was created by allocating the premises of the existing ResC Bělá-Jezová. The operation of the facility was regulated in accordance with Act No. 258/2000 Coll., On the protection of public health, where RFA was primarily responsible for the allocation of the premises and their operation, ensuring cleaning, repairs and food.

Only after the expiration of the period of imposed quarantine or after a negative result of the COVID-19 test could clients, and therefore also detained foreigners, be transferred to a standard FDF or ReC. This measure formed the basic preventive tool for preventing the spread of infection in the RFA MOI facility. This measure was followed by other measures approved and implemented in these facilities.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE AREA IN FDF VYŠNÍ LHOTY AND FDF BALKOVÁ

Due to the growing requirements for the placement of foreigners detained by the Foreign Police, the FDF Vyšní Lhoty quarantine facility with a capacity of 60 beds for detained foreigners was allocated in FDF Vyšní Lhoty on 3 July and the FDF Balková quarantine facility for detained foreigners was similarly allocated in FDF Balková on 20 July with a capacity of 35 beds.



In order to eliminate the risk of the spread of the epidemic in the facilities that create the Migration Infrastructure of the Czech Republic, the Bělá-Jezová quarantine facility was opened on 1 April. During July, similar facilities were opened in FDF Vyšní Lhoty and in FDF Balková.



With several hundred masks, the RFA MOI also managed to support the U Apolináře maternity hospital in Prague, which also struggled with an acute lack of protective equipment, especially for new mothers.

The creation of quarantine facilities resulted in a significant increase in the number of transfers of both detained foreigners and applicants for IP. A total of 1,356 transfers were made from all quarantine facilities, which is 76.7% of all transfers. Only 8.3% of all transfers were made from reception centers, which was also due to the fact that 44.4% of clients left ReC Zastávka and moved to a private place.

For comparison, in 2019 a total of 1,307 transfers were made between RFA MOI facilities, in 2020 it was 1,768 relocations, of which only 412 of them were made for a reason other than moving from a quarantine facility to a standard facility.

### #REFUGEESHIELD

In the spring, RFA MOI employees, together with clients – applicants for international protection, immediately responded to the then acute lack of protective equipment in the fight against COVID-19 and began sewing masks. At first, all clients in the facilities were equipped with these masks, others were given to the most endangered, ie seniors in the municipalities where the RFA MOI facilities are located. Thousands of masks were donated, for example, to the Domovinka Day Care Center in Kostelec nad Orlicí, to a home for the elderly in Albrechtice, to the local administrations in Bělá pod Bezdězem, Vyšní Lhoty and Zastávka. With several hundred masks, RFA MOI also managed to support the U Apolináře maternity hospital in Prague, which also struggled with an acute lack of protective equipment, especially for new mothers.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE MEDEVAC PROGRAM FOR BELARUS

Since September, RFA MOI, in cooperation with the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, has participated in the implementation of Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No 878 of 24 August 2020, by which the Government of the Czech Republic approved the provision of help to citizens of the Republic of Belarus within the realization of the MEDEVAC Permanent Health and Humanitarian Program in 2020. The program provided health and rehabilitation care to selected Belarusian citizens, following the situation in Belarus after the presidential elections on 9 August 2020.

Health, rehabilitation and psychological care in the Czech Republic is provided by the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. RFA MOI provides transport to the Czech Republic and possibly back home, PCR tests for COVID-19, transport within the Czech Republic, accommodation, meals, social worker services, interpreter services, payment of non-refundable financial assistance, purchase of a prepaid card to the local transport, purchase of a SIM card and credit for telephoning, provision of hygiene supplies, purchase of seasonal clothing and technical devices for communication.

The program included 61 people, 60 people arrived in the Czech Republic, of which 31 were men, 17 women, 11 children and 1 unaccompanied minor. Most of them are families – there were 36 family members, 24 individuals. The average age of the participants at the time of arrival was 29 years.

The costs of this program, financed by RFA MOI on the basis of a budgetary measure, have not yet been closed, as the program continues in 2021, but in 2020 the expenses stood at the amount of CZK 7,243,132.

### EXTENSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTERS FOR SUPPORT OF INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS

In the period up to 30 June 2020, the operation of the Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners was financed from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). With the approval of Act No. 176/2019 Coll., which amended Act No. 326/1999 Coll., On the stay of foreigners in the Czech Republic, the Centers were legally anchored and for that reason the Ministry of Finance approved the financing of the activities of the Centers operated by RFA MOI from the state budget from 1 July 2020.

With this step, the number of potential clients of the Centers has significantly expanded. These centers thus serve not only citizens of the so-called third countries (including the United Kingdom after Brexit), but also citizens of the Member States of the European Union.

# STATISTICS

## ASYLUM FACILITIES

In 2020 asylum facilities (AF) received the total of 1 083 newly arrived persons. Compared to the same period in 2019, the number increased by some 40.5% – the number in 2019 was 1 820 arrivals. The number of newly registered in this period fluctuated, the largest decrease was in April (only 2.9% of the total number for the whole year). The overall decrease was probably due to the closure of state borders and restrictions on the movement of persons in connection with the state of emergency declared by the Czech government due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the following restrictions on cross-border movements and public transport, especially air transport in spring and autumn. On the average 90 persons arrived in the AF monthly; in 2019 the monthly arrivals were 152 persons.

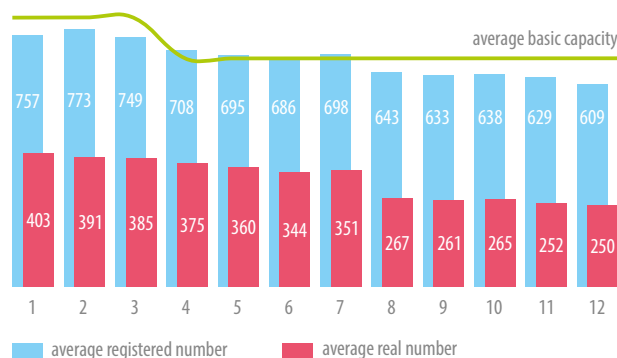
The most numerous are applicants from Ukraine (314 persons, ie 29.0%), Georgia (146 persons, ie 13.5%) and Vietnam (76 persons, ie 7.0%).

In 2019 the most numerous nationalities were Armenians, Ukrainians, and Georgians.

However, this is not the number of unique people, but cases. After the same person re-enters the asylum procedure, the person is registered as a new case (newcomer). According to the data of the DAMP of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, on average for the period 2008–2020 (January–November) 72.4% of applications for international protection were new and 27.6% of applications were repeated. In 2020, compared to 2019, the number of repeated applications increased significantly – from 17.9% to 31.6%.

In 2020, from the above number 422 foreigners were accepted at the Zastávka Reception Center; 31 foreigners at the Praha-Ruzyně Reception Center, 21 of whom were received under the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council

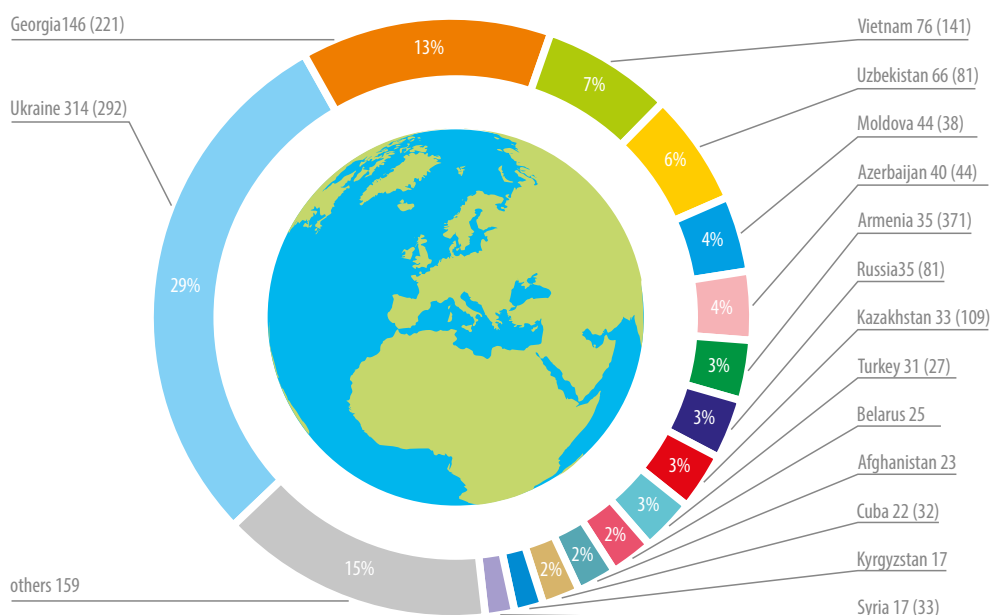
## THE RATE OF THE ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF RECEPTION AND ACCOMMODATION CENTERS IN 2020



of Europe No. 604/2013 dated 26th June 2013 (Dublin III) by air and 10 foreigners arrived in the Czech Republic by air in order to apply for international protection; 485 persons applied for international protection in a quarantine facility in Reception Center Bělá-Jezová, 101 persons came from the FDF as international protection applicants; 38 persons came individually from prisons, from a hospital, or as persons accommodated with families with granted exception, and 6 children were born to mothers who were in the process of granting international protection.

According to the social anamnesis, 232 persons came to asylum facilities in the mentioned period as members of families (21.4%, in 2019 32.8%); whereas the number of families was 96; and 851 persons as individuals (78.6%, in 2019 it was 67.2%). Of the total number, 23.4% were women and 76.6% were men.

## ARRIVALS OF FOREIGNERS IN ASYLUM FACILITIES IN 2020



**In 2020 asylum facilities received the total of 1,083 newly arrived persons.**

The numbers for 2019 are in brackets

## INTEGRATION ASYLUM CENTERS

As of 31 December 2020, the RFA MOI operated four integration asylum centers with 43 accommodation units, with the maximum capacity of 124 beds, for international protection holders (the units are allocated according to the size and nature of families).

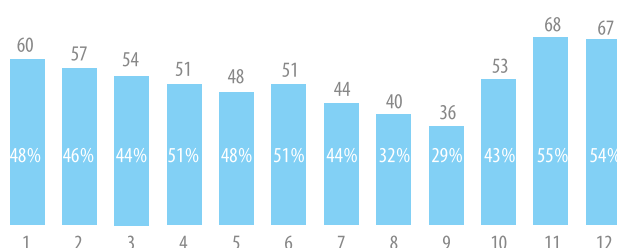
After a long-term decline the number of clients accommodated in IAC increased significantly in 2015, but since then it has again had a downward trend which continued until 2018. Due to the increased need for free accommodation capacity in ResC, since the end of 2017 IAC have also been used for the accommodation of applicants for international protection as an alternative to accommodation in ResC, to an increased extent since June 2019 when preparations for the reconstruction of ResC Havířov and ReC Zastávka began and then again in the autumn of 2020 due to a reduction in the number of residents in residential centers in order to ensure anti-epidemic measures in the ResC.

The extent of utilization of IAC accommodation capacities is only indicative because accommodation capacities are accommodation units rather than individual rooms, where family ties and privacy of clients must be respected. Therefore, the number of free beds does not copy the number of free accommodation units.

## CAPACITY OF INTEGRATION ASYLUM CENTERS IN 2020

|                          | Number of Accommodation Units | Number of Beds |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Ústí n. Labem – Předlice | 10                            | 22             |
| Jaroměř                  | 9                             | 30             |
| Brno                     | 4                             | 20             |
| Havířov                  | 20                            | 52             |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>43</b>                     | <b>124</b>     |

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACCOMMODATED IN IAC IN 2020



## FOREIGNER DETENTION FACILITIES

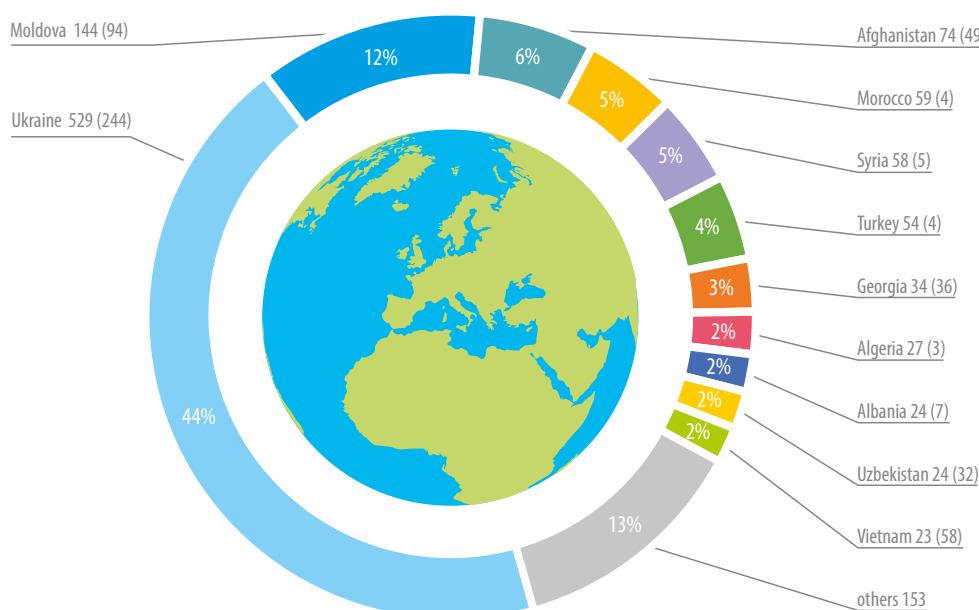
In 2020, a total of 1,203 detained and accommodated foreigners came to the FDFs. Compared to the previous year, this is an increase of 63% – in 2019, 738 foreigners were newly admitted to the FDFs. On average, 100 foreigners came to the FDFs per month, the most in July 2020 (22.8% of all arrivals in the period under review); in 2019 it was an average of 62 people per month.

The largest group were the citizens of Ukraine (529 persons, ie 44.0%), Moldova (144 persons, ie 12.0%) and Afghanistan

(74 persons, ie 6.2%). In 2019 the most frequently detained foreigners in the FDF were citizens of Ukraine, Moldova, and Nigeria.

According to the social anamnesis, 1,135 individuals (94.3%) and 68 (5.7%) family members were placed in FDFs. By gender, men predominate – 1,084 (90.1%), only 119 (9.9%) were women.

## DETAINED FOREIGNERS IN THE FDF IN 2020



**In 2020, a total of 1,203 foreigners came to the FDFs. This is an increase of 63% compared to the previous year.**

The numbers for 2019 are in brackets



## CENTERS FOR SUPPORT OF INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS

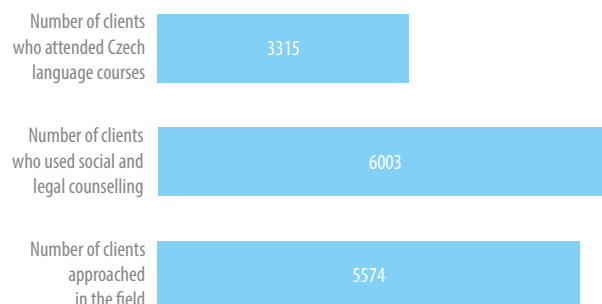
In 2020, all Centers operated by the RFA MOI provided the total of 41 470 services. The offered services were used by 7 858 clients during the reported period, of which 6 003 clients used social and legal counselling, and 3 315 clients attended Czech language courses. The Total of 5 574 foreigners were serviced by field workers.

The operation of the Center in 2020 was strongly influenced by preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19 disease, taken by the management of the Ministry of the Interior and the Government of the Czech Republic. In some periods, it was necessary to limit or suspend the provision of outpatient services of the Centers, and courses with the physical presence of clients at classes were canceled, with online courses replacement. However, the centers continued to work in this mode, only the focus of their work shifted to the online environment. Counseling, including legal assistance, was also provided through electronic communication (via SMS, online applications and social networks), even in foreign languages. During this period, the intensity of cooperation with other actors of integration in the given regions also increased, as there was a great demand for relevant valid information.

Due to the epidemic situation, only one sports event was organized at the beginning of 2020, when the staff of the

Center for the Olomouc Region organized an International Futsal Tournament. The aim of the event was to create a space for the meeting of representatives of the majority and foreigners through their free time spent together. The presentation of leisure topics was moved to the online environment, where socio-courses included, for example, topics: traditions and customs in the Czech Republic, Easter, Christmas, getting to know the region where you live, traveling in the Czech Republic, etc.

## SERVICES USED BY CSIF CLIENTS



The operation of the centres in 2020 was strongly influenced by preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19. Nevertheless, especially in the summer, it was possible to successfully organize or participate in several events, for example the Festival of Cultures in Mladá Boleslav.





SIP Contact Points



Integration Asylum Centers



**In 2020, 83 people joined the SIP. During the year, a total of 47 individual integration plans were drawn up for 71 holders of international protection.**

## COORDINATION CENTER FOR FOREIGNERS IN THE KVASINY INDUSTRIAL ZONE

Under the Czech government Resolution No. 388 of May 22, 2017, the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny industrial zone operated by the Refugee Facility Administration was established as one of the series of measures solving a deteriorating situation in the Kvasiny industrial zone due to an increased number of employed foreigners.

The Coordination Center's activities include monitoring the current situation in the region and reporting to the Interior Ministry department, improvement of coordination of main stakeholders (local administrations, biggest employers, the Rychnov nad Kněžnou Labor Office, Police of the Czech Republic, Foreigner Police, and others), mediation of assistant and counselling activities for foreigners, and fieldwork in the region. In order to promote the activities of the Coordination Center, websites are operated and information leaflets are distributed in seven language variations. These are available to individual employers, national institutions, security officials, and other units to which can be contacted by foreign workers with their requests.

In 2020, support continued to be provided to mayors and employers in solving specific problems related to the employment of foreigners. At the beginning of the COVID-19 epidemic, the coordination center ensured that foreigners were informed or that masks were distributed to lodging houses. Based on the requirements of individual participants, the distribution of information was mediated between the Regional Public Health Office, police sections, accommodation providers of foreigners, employers and doctors. The coordination center also provided companies with rapidly changing information on current regulations for cross-border workers from Poland and for employees from third countries. The police and the management of RFA MOI were reported with information on how these government regulations are applied in practice and what consequences they have for the operation of companies in IZ Kvasiny.

The Coordination Center mediated the holding of regular Czech-Polish videoconferences to improve the awareness of actors from both the private and public sphere, participating in the cross-border employment of foreigners. In several cases, a cross-border communication and cooperation was established for the first time, as for example between the Regional Public Health Offices of both states.

The regular monitoring provided monthly updates on the number of employees in the industrial zone, and the number of workers accommodated by the employer.

The Coordination Center actively participated in the planning and activities of the group of the local action plan for education in the Rychnov region.

## STATE INTEGRATION PROGRAM

In 2020, a total of 83 eligible persons joined the SIP, which represents a decrease of 24% compared to the previous year. During the year, a total of 47 individual integration plans were drawn up for a total of 71 holders of international protection (individuals and families), and at the same time work on integration plans launched in the previous year was carried out for a certain part of the year.

|      | International protection granted | Joined the SIP | The number of IIPs compiled | Persons in IIP |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 2017 | 147                              | 101            | 104                         | 180            |
| 2018 | 167                              | 121            | 72                          | 120            |
| 2019 | 147                              | 109            | 63                          | 95             |
| 2020 | 114                              | 83             | 47                          | 71             |

The sum of year-round documented records on the nature of individual work tasks shows that social workers most often dealt with the issue of housing (25%).

Under the influence of the COVID-19 epidemic, a number of activities had to be postponed or dealt with remotely, and the search for rental housing was more complicated or sometimes completely paralyzed. Reduced mobility on the labor market also had an effect and there were some problems with reducing the office hours of some offices (for SIP, it was mainly the case of the Employment Office).

During the state of emergency in the spring of 2020, the director of DAMP, on the initiative of RFA MOI, decided on the possibility of extending the normal duration of the integration plan by up to 3 months. Even during the second wave of the pandemic, with the individual consent of the DAMP, there was a similar prolongation in two cases.

This is one of the reasons why the fact that it was possible to mediate start-up rental housing in 29 cases can be considered a success. In 21 cases, a more significant course or activity was carried out, strengthening the long-term self-sufficiency and competence of the participant in the labor market.

## VOLUNTARY RETURNS PROGRAM

Voluntary returns form an integral part and parcel of the RFA MOI activities. The program is designed for applicants whose international protection procedure has been completed. Voluntary returns are a significant part of the Czech migration policy. The program is beneficial for both parties – the unsuccessful applicant for international protection avoids the risk of illegal stay and the ensuing consequences. For the Czech Republic voluntary returns of foreigners are economically more advantageous than their stay on the Czech territory.

In 2020 the total of 55 requests for voluntary returns were submitted – 36 of them (13 men, 12 women, and 11

children) were completed and the clients were returned to their requested countries of destination. Compared to the previous year, this is a significant decrease; in 2019, a total of 106 applications for voluntary return were processed (a decrease of 48.1%) and a total of 88 voluntary returns were realized (a decrease of 59.1% compared to the previous year).

The total costs spent by the RFA MOI on voluntary returns in 2020: 217,429 CZK, including those which were not accomplished.

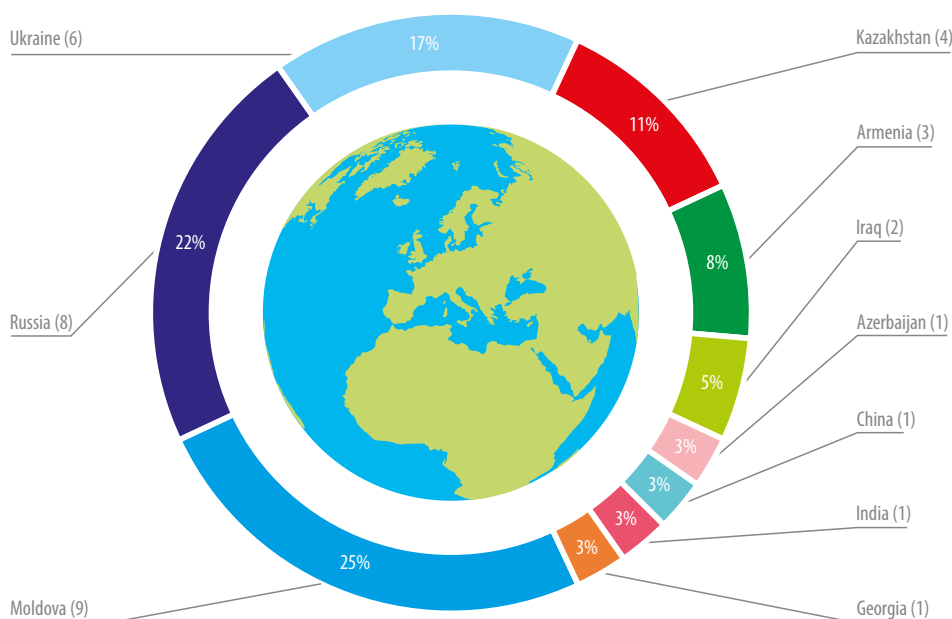
### ACCOMPLISHED VOLUNTARY RETURNS IN 2020 BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE ACCOMPLISHMENT

| Place                   | Number    |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| ResC Havířov            | 18        |
| ReC & ResC Zastávka     | 10        |
| ReC Praha-Ruzyně        | 3         |
| ResC Kostelec n. Orlicí | 2         |
| private accommodation   | 1         |
| FDF Bělá-Jezová         | 1         |
| FDF Vyšší Lhoty         | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>36</b> |

### ACCOMPLISHED VOLUNTARY RETURNS IN 2020 BY THE PERIOD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

| Month        | Number    |
|--------------|-----------|
| January      | 3         |
| February     | 13        |
| March        | 1         |
| April        | 0         |
| May          | 2         |
| June         | 0         |
| July         | 1         |
| August       | 6         |
| September    | 5         |
| October      | 2         |
| November     | 3         |
| DecemberW    | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>36</b> |

### VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY COUNTRY OF RETURN IN 2020



**In 2020, we went through a total of 55 voluntary return applications. There were 36 returns successfully accomplished.**

## TRANSFERS OF THIRD COUNTRY FOREIGNERS TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC (DUBLIN III)

The data are processed according to the information provided by the Dublin Center of the DAMP to the RFA MOI for the purpose of taking persons into care of the RFA MOI. Therefore, the total number does not correspond with the total number of actually processed Dublin cases in the Czech Republic because the DAMP requires cooperation with the RFA MOI only in cases when a foreigner should be placed in an asylum facility.

### ACCOMPLISHED TRANSFERS TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC BY NATIONALITY AND COUNTRY OF TRANSFER

| Nationality | Number | Country of Transfer | Number |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Azerbaijan  | 24     | Germany             | 51     |
| Kazakhstan  | 10     | Sweden              | 9      |
| Turkey      | 7      | Netherlands         | 7      |
| Iran        | 6      | France              | 4      |
| Armenia     | 5      | Austria             | 4      |
| Afghanistan | 3      | Iceland             | 2      |
| Stateless   | 3      | Denmark             | 1      |
| China       | 3      | Poland              | 1      |
| Georgia     | 3      | Slovakia            | 1      |
| Russia      | 3      | Switzerland         | 1      |
| Kosovo      | 2      | Great Britain       | 1      |
| Mongolia    | 2      | TOTAL               | 82     |
| Pakistan    | 2      |                     |        |
| Syria       | 2      |                     |        |
| Bangladesh  | 1      |                     |        |
| India       | 1      |                     |        |
| Iraq        | 1      |                     |        |
| Sri Lanka   | 1      |                     |        |
| Tunisia     | 1      |                     |        |
| Ukraine     | 1      |                     |        |
| Uzbekistan  | 1      |                     |        |
| TOTAL       | 82     |                     |        |

The above mentioned data are for the period January–December 2020, but in the period April–June 2020 no transfer to or from the Czech Republic took place due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the partial and complete closure of borders between Member States. In 2020 under the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council (EU) No. 604/2013 of 26 June, 2013, which sets the criteria and procedures for identification of a member state which is authorized to assess a request for international protection submitted by a third country citizen or a stateless person in one of the member states ("Dublin III") the total of 82 foreigners were transferred to the Czech Republic, of whom 35 by air, and 47 on land. In the same period the total of 180 transfers (93 by air, and 87 on land) were not accomplished, even though those cases were accepted by the Czech Republic and the date of transfer was set. That means that the success rate of transfers of foreigners from a third country to the Czech Republic was 31.3%. (In 2019 it was 39.6%.)

Airborne transfers were specific in that the foreigners went through the Reception Center at Praha Ruzyně and then they were transported to asylum facilities in the Czech territory. It means that they burdened the capacity of at least two facilities, and increased the number of transfers between those facilities. In July 2020, an agreement with all

stakeholders changed this practice, and unless the specific circumstances of the case require it, foreigners are transported from the border crossing (at the airport or at the former land border crossing) immediately after being handed over by the other party right and after performing the necessary tasks of PCR to the given asylum facility by public transport at the expense of RFA MOI.

Germany was the country from which most of the transfers were realized – there were 51 cases, of which 41 were on the road and 10 by air. There were 121 cases (87 on land, and 34 by air) which were not completed, so the success rate of transfer of foreigners from Germany to the Czech Republic was 29.7% (in 2018 it was 36.6%). (In 2019 it was 37.0%.) Second placed Sweden with 9 transfers, all of them by air. There were 5 cases (all of them by air) which were not completed. The success rate of transfers from Sweden was 64.3%. The third most common country was the Netherlands, with 7 transfers, all by air. There were 14 cases (all of them by air) which were not completed. The success rate of transfers from the Netherlands was 33.3%.

The least successful country as regards transfers of foreigners for which the relevant country for assessing their applications for international protection was the Czech Republic, was France.

The most frequent nationalities of clients transferred to the Czech Republic and in the care of RFA MOI in 2020 were Azerbaijan (24) and Kazakhstan (10). On average, 9 clients were transferred to the Czech Republic per month (average for the period of transfers, ie outside April–June).

### TRANSFERS OF FOREIGNERS FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF DUBLIN III

In 2020, under the cooperation with the RFA MOI providing transfer documents to foreigners, the Czech Republic transferred 19 foreigners under the Dublin III to the country authorized to process international protection applications, all of them by air. The total costs expended on flight tickets amounted to CZK 123,440, including unrealized transfers for which tickets have already been purchased.

### ACCOMPLISHED TRANSFERS FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC BY NATIONALITY AND RESPONSIBLE COUNTRY.

| Nationality | Number | Country of destination | Number |
|-------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Georgia     | 4      | France                 | 4      |
| Russia      | 3      | Germany                | 3      |
| Algeria     | 2      | Netherlands            | 3      |
| Kazakhstan  | 2      | Italy                  | 2      |
| Nigeria     | 2      | Austria                | 2      |
| Ivory Coast | 2      | Lithuania              | 1      |
| Afghanistan | 1      | Luxembourg             | 1      |
| Guinea      | 1      | Romania                | 1      |
| Ukraine     | 1      | Spain                  | 1      |
| Stateless   | 1      | Sweden                 | 1      |
| TOTAL       | 19     | TOTAL                  | 19     |

# RFA MOI EMPLOYEES IN 2020

In 2020 the average number of RFA MOI employees was 501. The professional structure includes a variety of professions which cover all RFA MOI operations, such as the property maintenance, especially the care of the compounds of residential, reception, and integration centers and to a large extent also of big compounds of foreigner detention facilities. These professions range from the top management of sections to maintenance positions.

The professional structure also includes a broad spectrum of employees caring for RFA MOI clients – organization and social workers, accommodators, leisure time pedagogues, and educators.

The RFA MOI provides jobs in the total of 82 types of vocational activities.

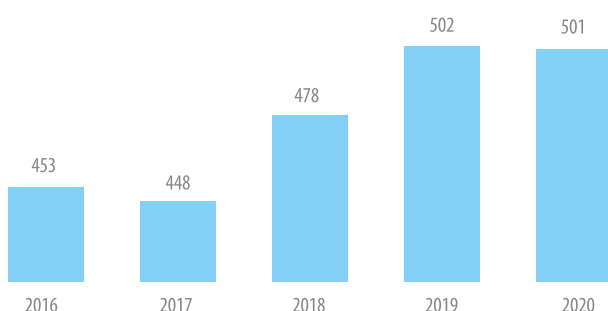
Due to the legitimate requests of individual workplaces and the changes in the organization chart, by conducting targeted recruitment of personnel during the year, especially in relation to the implementation of a new project of Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners, the final number of regular workforce was 518 by the end of 2020.

Of which 34.6% men and 65.4% women. 63.5% of employees were under 50 years of age, 36.5% were over 50 years of age.

## TRAINING OF THE RFA MOI EMPLOYEES IN 2020

The RFA MOI pays due attention to the professional development of employees on all levels of management, taking into account the budgetary possibilities. Employees in all positions maintain, or develop their professional skills in compliance with the RFA MOI needs.

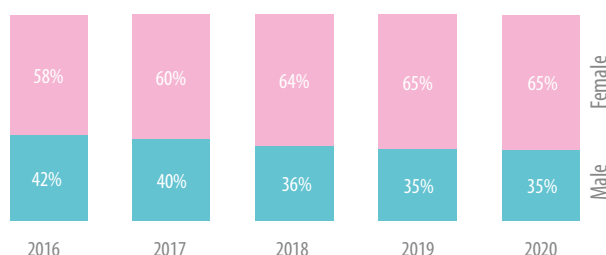
## AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, CONVERTED TO FULL - TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE YEAR



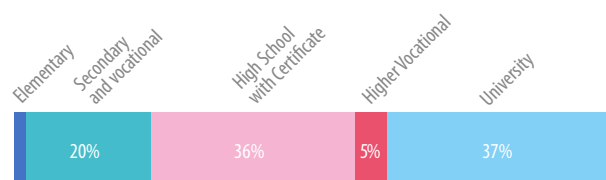
## AGE STRUCTURE OF EMPLOYEES AS OF 31. 12. 2020



## GENDER OF EMPLOYEES ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTED STATUS AS OF 31. 12. IN%



## YEAR 2020 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EMPLOYEES AS OF 31.12.



The RFA MOI organizes courses and training for its employees to prepare them for fulfilling demanding tasks and activities, especially in the work with clients. The educational and training process is designed for all employees in order to develop, restore, and maintain their professional competencies and skills necessary for their respective positions.

The RFA Personnel Section organized 367 training events of which 9 were collective courses and 358 individual education events in 2020. Compared to the previous year, there was a slight decrease in the number of events caused by the approved anti-epidemiological measures. There was no major decline due to the fact that suppliers and organizations managed to respond flexibly to the situation and courses that were possible, were realized online.

The average amount spent on one employee training was 3,129 CZK.

All RFA MOI employees can draw on “the Language Bonus” up to six thousand CZK a year (equaling the RFA MOI contribution) to improve their language skills.

The specification of training activities, especially collective training activities, under the auspices of individual sections of methodological management, is set by an internal directive – “Directive of the Director” – always for the specific calendar year.

The subject matter is largely debated by section managers prior to the release of the directive. The training budget is based on the needs of the employer and the employee alike, legal norms, and financial means of the organization in a particular year.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

One of the factors which has annually a major impact on the drawdown of money from the RFA MOI budget, is the number of applicants for international protection, the number of international protection holders, and the number of detained or accommodated foreigners whom the RFA MOI provides with accommodation, meals, and other services under the Law on Asylum and the Law on Foreigners.

The Operational Spending (without projects implemented and co-financed by the EU) can be divided into four areas:

### 1) Operating expenses of AF and FDF + Central office,

where RFA MOI spent a total of approximately CZK 265,000,000 in 2020.

### 2) The RFA MOI spent a total of 74,000,000 CZK in 2020 on the security of DAMP,

majority of which was spent on the rent of the DAMP MOI workplaces, and repairs and maintenance of property were located. These costs made some 22% of the overall absorption of the budget.

In addition to the above-mentioned essential activities, in 2020 RFA MOI also provided other activities, which were financed within the RFA MOI current expenditure budget, namely:

### 3) State Integration Program

The RFA MOI spent a total of CZK 3,970,688.60 on the operation of this program. The total amount of financial resources was assigned by the budgetary measures of the Economic Department of the Ministry of the Interior.

### 4) MEDEVAC Program

RFA MOI spent a total of CZK 7,023,445.00 on the implementation of this program. Most of the financial resources (6.6 million) were assigned by budgetary measures of the Economic Department of the Ministry of the Interior. RFA MOI set aside the financial difference from its budget.

### 5) Spending on Specific Tasks

In 2020, apart from standard activities, the RFA MOI delivered other activities based on the Government resolutions or

agreements with the DAMP MOI. These activities were as follows:

Transfers of foreigners to countries responsible for assessment of applications for asylum – the Dublin Regulation (cooperative agreement between the RFA MOI and DAMP MOI)

- To deliver these activities, the RFA MOI budget was increased by 850,000 CZK through budgetary measures,
- To deliver these activities, the RFA MOI spent the total of 136,170 CZK from acquired budgetary funds.

The general income increased by 9,595,279.36 CZK as compared to 2019. The content of the above activities remained practically the same like in 2019.

The wages and related expenses (including claims) increased by a total of 21,233,880.61 CZK, as compared with 2019, due to the inclusion of claims from 2019 and, especially due to the increase of funds for wages as a consequence of the increase of tariffs.

As regards other current expenses, drawdowns were higher by 8,771,443.35 CZK in 2020 than in 2019. It was due to the standard increase as a consequence of the price increase. Significantly higher spending related to a higher rent for the DAMP workplace due to its enlargement.

In the area of funding property reproduction (investment expenses), 10 projects were carried out valued at 65,883,114.40 CZK (including claims from unused expenditure (CFUE) from 2019), which is by 51,852,553.66 CZK less than in 2019.

## NON-INVESTMENT TRANSFERS TO REGIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

In 2020, the RFA MOI (in compliance with § 84 of the Law 325/1999 Sb., on Asylum as amended, and the Czech Government Resolution 303 of April 7, 2016, and also in compliance with § 151 of the Law 326/1999 Coll., on the Stay of Foreigners in the Czech Territory, and the Czech Government Resolution 286 of March 30, 2016) provided a 10 CZK per person per day subsidy to partially cover the municipalities' spending for accommodation of foreigners' asylum and detention facilities located in their respective territories.

## COMPARISON OF RESULTS OF INCOME/EXPENSES SEGMENT IN 2020 WITH 2019

| Indicator  | Reality 2019 (CZK) | Reality 2020 (CZK) | Difference (CZK) |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Total Income (Non-Tax Income, Capital Income and Transfers Total)  | 28,116,049.01      | 37,711,328.37      | 9,595,279.36     |
| Total Expenses (incl. claims from unused expenses)   | 601,604,094.21     | 662,228,091.22     | +60,623,997.01   |
| Of which: Total current expenses = total expenses - VPF (incl. claims from unused)   | 587,573,533.47     | 596,344,976.82     | +8,771,443.35    |
| Of which: Wages and related expenses / wages and other payments for performed work + compulsory insurance + FKSP/ (incl. NNV)                      | 266,168,812.00     | 287,402,692.61     | +21,233,880.61   |
| Of which: Total other current expenses (operation expenses) = total expenses – VPF – wage and related expenses (incl. claims from unused expenses) | 321,404,721.47     | 308,942,284.21     | 12,462,437.26    |
| Expenses for funding programs of property reproduction (incl. claims from unused expenses)   | 14,030,560.74      | 65,883,114.40      | +51,852,553.66   |

Table includes expenses for programs co-financed by the EU (SB share/ EU share)  
The sums referred to include claims from unused expenses from past years



In 2020, a total of 1,866,420 CZK was paid to municipalities where asylum and detention facilities for foreigners were located.

### EXPENSES ON PROJECTS CO-FINANCED BY THE EU

In 2020, the RFA MOI implemented 8 projects on the basis of approved applications for support, co-financed from the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF).

The aim of the projects is, in compliance with the Concept of Integration of Foreigners, to create conditions for a long-term, conceptual, and sustainable support of foreigners staying legally in the Czech territory. The RFA MOI operated in the first half of 2020 the Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners in the Pardubice, Plzeň, Moravia-Silesia, Zlín, South Bohemia, Karlovy Vary, Liberec, Olomouc, Central Bohemia, and Vysočina Regions from AMIF. In the second half of 2020, a new project has been started to secure Czech language lessons for foreigners coming from above mentioned CSIFs.

### BUDGET OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD:

| Operation of Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners: | Total Expenses (CZK) | Required AMIF Support (CZK) |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Central Bohemia Region   | 29 911 354           | 22 433 515                  |
| CSIF I.  | 21 684 894           | 16 263 670                  |
| CSIF II.   | 21 686 948           | 16 265 211                  |
| Czech language in Centers for integration                      | 23 998 808           | 17 999 106                  |

### TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS (INCLUDING NNV CLAIMS) IN 2020:

| Operation of Centers (total of 4 Projects) | 2020 Budget (CZK) | Spent in 2020 (CZK) |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Total                                      | 44 314 898.66     | 29 104 381.41       |
| of which                                   |                   |                     |
| SB   | 11 078 724.66     | 7 276 095.35        |
| EU   | 33 236 174        | 21 828 286.06       |

The aim of the other 4 projects was investments in the current infrastructure of the RFA MOI:

#### 1) Investment Project: Asylum Facility Havířov – Purchase and Reconstruction of Adjoining Building – AMIF/14/01

No. of Investment: 114V51200 7021

The project has an approved implementation period from 1 February, 2018 to 31 May, 2021.

The aim of the project is the purchase and reconstruction of a construction directly adjoining the existing residential and integration center Havířov. The project will create the accommodation capacity of 85 beds for international protection applicants, including leisure time capacities and offices for RFA MOI employees directly working with the applicants and helping process their international protection applications.

In 2020, the amount of CZK 49,106,056.73 was drawn for the implementation of construction work and ensuring the technical supervision of the builder and the health and safety coordinator.

Claims from unused expenditures amount to 12,431,237.58 CZK.

#### 2) Investment Project: FDF Balková – Construction of a Sewage Plant – AMIF/19/01

No. of Investment: 114V51200 9005

The project has an approved implementation period from 1. April, 2019 to 31 March, 2022.

The aim of the project is to improve the quality of living conditions of detained foreigners at the FDF Balková by constructing a new sewage plant. To have a working sewage plant is a condition for a proper operation of the facility and for providing a sufficient accommodation capacity.

In 2020, the amount of CZK 10,462,618.79 was drawn for the implementation of construction work – building of the WWTP.

Claims from unused expenditures amount to 0,21 CZK.

#### 3) Investment Project: Replacement of Old Windows and Doors at the FDF Bělá-Jezová and FDF Vyšní Lhoty – AMIF/19/02

No. of Investment: 114V51200 9004

The project has an approved implementation period from 1 April, 2019 to 30 November, 2020.

The aim of the project is to improve the quality of accommodation conditions for detained foreigners at the RFA MOI Foreigner Detention Facilities, at the FDF Bělá-Jezová and FDF Vyšní Lhoty by the replacement of old windows and doors (paneling of holes).

In 2020 the amount of 885,787 CZK was spent to replace paneling of holes in buildings No. 4 and No. 5 (dormitories) in the FDF Vyšní Lhoty.

Claims from unused expenses amount to 0 CZK (the event has been completed).

#### 4) 114V51200 0006 Reconstruction of the kitchen in FDF Balková – AMIF/26/01

No. of Investment: 114V51200 0006

The project has an approved implementation period from 1 April, 2020 to 31 December, 2022.

The aim of the project is to improve the conditions of stay of detained foreigners in the Facility for Detention of Foreigners through the reconstruction of the kitchen. The reconstruction will help to ensure economical, hygienically safe and modern operation for heat treatments and serving meals with a significant increase in the number of prepared meals for accommodated clients, RFA MOI employees and other units working in the facility.

In 2020 the amount of 235,000 CZK was used to prepare a construction documentation which will be a fundamental basis for a tender for the contractor.

Claims from unused expenditures amount to 4,194,146 CZK.

### TOTAL COSTS OF THESE INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN 2020:

|          |    | Spent in 2020 (in CZK) |
|----------|----|------------------------|
| Total    |    | 65 883 114.40          |
| of which | SB | 16 470 778.60          |
|          | EU | 49 412 335.80          |

# RESULTS OF THE FINANCIAL, INTERNAL, AND EXTERNAL CONTROLS AND AUDITS

Audit and control activities of RFA MOI were limited in 2020 in times of emergency by complying with all extraordinary measures commanded by Regulations of the Government of the Czech Republic and Extraordinary and Protective Measures by the Ministry of Health, including departmental instructions, decisions, measures issued by the Secretary of State of the Ministry of the Interior and by the Health Service of the Ministry of the Interior – Department of Public Health to disease COVID-19. Therefore, for objective reasons, not all controls listed in the RFA MOI plan of controls were performed. Unrealized controls in 2020 were moved to the inspection plans of individual departments and separate departments of RFA MOI for 2021 at the proposal of the head of the Internal Audit and Control Department of the RFA MOI.

Financial controls did not reveal any infringement of the fiscal discipline or a wrong use of financial resources. The external control authorities and Interior Ministry controls have not found any serious infringement of the fiscal discipline, or any violation of Act 320/2001, Coll., on financial control, or public notice 416/2004, Coll., which implements the law on financial control and Act 563/1991, Coll., on accounting.

## 1) EXTERNAL CONTROLS AT THE RFA MOI WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR INSTITUTIONS

In the period from 25 May 2020 to 11 December 2020, the Supreme Audit Office carried out a controlling operation at the RFA MOI “SAO inspection No. 20/10 – State funds spent on the fulfillment of selected objectives of the migration policy of the Czech Republic”, when the controlled entity was also the Ministry of the Interior at the same time.

The aim of the control was to verify whether RFA MOI spent state funds on the fulfillment of selected objectives of the migration policy of the Czech Republic economically and efficiently and whether the implementation of activities and projects contributed to the fulfillment of the set objectives. The controlled period was the years 2017 to 2019, in the case of factual connections also the period preceding the period until the end of the audit.

The state funds spent on the fulfillment of selected objectives of the migration policy of the Czech Republic were controlled, namely:

- Project name AMIF/8/01 “Reconstruction of buildings in ResC Havířov and ResC Kostelec nad Orlicí”
- Project name AMIF/14/01 “AZ Havířov – purchase and reconstruction of an adjoining building”
- Project name AMIF/16/01 “Establishment and operation of the Center for the Support of Integration of Foreigners for the Central Bohemian Region”
- Project name AMIF/20/04 “Operation of Centers for the Support of Integration of Foreigners I”
- Project name AMIF/20/05 “Operation of Centers for the Support of Integration of Foreigners II”
- State Integration Program
- Individual integration plans – foreigners to ensure the integration of persons granted international protection in selected samples for the years 2016 to 2019

Based on the conclusions of the SAO’s controlling protocol, no breach of budgetary discipline or breach of the management of state property was found. Based on the evaluation, the SAO drew conclusions and made 23 findings. On 4 January 2021, the RFA MOI filed objections against this assessment from the SAO. Based on the submitted objections, the SAO re-evaluated the conclusions and complied with them in 6 cases, partially in 5 cases and not complied with in 12 cases. RFA MOI does not agree with this conclusion. On 11 February 2021, the Ministry of the Interior filed an appeal with the SAO Board against the conclusion to appeal against the objections and their partial or complete non-compliance with the RFA MOI. RFA MOI concerns appeals against the evaluation of individual integration plans. Of the 33 plans, 28 were evaluated as effective, 3 effective with slight deficiencies, 1 limited effectiveness and 1 ineffective. It was against the evaluation of limited effectiveness in 1 case and 1 ineffective case that RFA MOI filed an appeal. They fundamentally disagree with the conclusion on the project AMIF/14/01 “AF Havířov – purchase and reconstruction of the adjoining building”, when the audit committee assessed in the conclusion that the project is only effective to a limited extent. In principle, RFA MOI does not agree with this assessment, which is why it appealed to the SAO Board. In addition, it supported its appeal with the “Operation audit report” of the Audit Authority of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic of 1 February 2021 for the AMIF / 14/01 Havířov project.

In the period from 4 November 2020 to 27 January 2021, the audit authority of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic audited the operation project AMIF/14/01 entitled “AZ Havířov – purchase and reconstruction of an adjoining building”, which was carried out in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No. 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The project was assessed on the basis of or according to the estimated costs with an allocation of CZK 84,736,425. The audit authority recognized the same amount as eligible project expenditure under the legal act on the provision of the grant. Based on the audit, the audit team stated that the set audit objectives were met:

1. verify, on an appropriate sample, the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared to the Commission, including the following:

- (a) the project has been selected in accordance with the criteria of the national program, the project has been carried out in accordance with the approval decision and has complied with all applicable conditions at the time of the audit as regards functionality, use and objectives to be achieved;
- b) the expenditure declared to the Commission corresponds to the accounting records and the supporting documents required show an adequate audit trail,
- c) for expenditure declared to the Commission, the outputs and results on which the payments are made to the beneficiaries have been met, the data on participants or other records of outputs and results are in line with the information provided to the Commission and the required supporting documents constitute an adequate audit trail,

2. verify that the public contribution has been paid to the beneficiary in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation 514/2014 and Regulation 1042/2014. Based on the performed audit of the operation, it was verified that all audited reported expenditures are eligible.

### **The Department of European Union Funds**

in the Field of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of the Interior examined the implementation of project No. AMIF/16/01 entitled "Establishment and operation of the Center for the Support of Integration of Foreigners for the Central Bohemian Region" at the Department of Foreigners Support Center RFA MOI, project No. AMIF / 16 / 01 in the period 1. 8. 2018 – 30. 4. 2019. A total of 72 items in the amount of CZK 1,417,915.37 of direct costs were verified for the project, and the corresponding part of indirect costs in the amount of CZK 141,791.54, ie a total of CZK 1,559,706.91, which represents 23.16% of approved and proven funds within the Ministry of Health No. 1 and No. 2 (CZK 6,735,458.34). The controlling board did not identify any breach of the rules of the Handbook for Applicants and recipients or the Conditions of Use of Support from NP AMIF No. 2/2018 and did not determine any corrective measures. In 2020, three more controls of AMIF projects were launched, which are not completed.

## **2) INTERNAL AUDITS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CONTROL OF GRANTS AND GENERAL CONTROLS IN 2020 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RFA MOI**

### **Internal Audit and Control Department**

in 2020, according to the plan, 9 follow-up public administration controls were carried out at the subsidy recipient with verification of the correct use of public financial support funds in 2019 in accordance with purpose, economy and efficiency according to the valid MOI regulation. Last year, public administration controls were carried out in the administrative form. The control from the annual plan of the main control tasks (Decision-making on the needlessness of assets and the method of disposing of these assets) was postponed to 2021 on the basis of organizational measures. Other planned controls of the GDPR, controls of domestic business trips and subsequent control of compliance with the measures taken from previous controls were performed. In addition to the plan, based on the request of the Director of RFA MOI, an audit contract "Departmental Hygiene of the MOI and fulfillment of the given measures of RFA MOI" was carried out to assess the conclusion of the control by the healthcare provision section of the Ministry of the Interior – Public Health Department. According to the conclusions of the inspection, it was stated that RFA MOI does not comply with some provisions of hygiene regulations. The consistent execution of the audit contract stated and pointed to Act No. 258/2000 Coll., On the protection of public health, implementing decrees and provisions of the internal regulations of the Ministry of the Interior with the conclusion that RFA MOI does not violate any regulations. The performed audit in its entirety was forwarded to the healthcare provision section of the Ministry of the Interior. The result was the conclusion of the superior body that RFA MOI in no case violates any generally valid regulations or internal acts of proceedings in the field of compliance with hygiene regulations.

The individual departments and separate departments of RFA MOI did not carry out all the planned controls during the extraordinary government measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Organization Section**

authorized employees carried out several planned partial controls in 2020. Some of these controls were found to be minor errors and compliance with the proposed corrective measures will be verified by follow-up controls. Unrealized controls were moved to the plan of controls for 2021.

### **Department of work with clients**

authorized employees in 2020 carried out controls of compliance with the schedule of implementation of leisure activities in RFA MOI facilities, control of procedures for passing information to escort group in FDF (part of preparation for foreigner's departure) and control of procedures for using FDF records – filling data into records. Part of the controls was with findings for which measures were proposed. Measures from controls are listed in the report on the results of controls held on the basis of the decision of the head of the department of work with clients in 2020 and also in detailed reports for the head of the department.

### **Economic and Operation Section**

authorized employees did not carry out the planned inspections as part of a comprehensive verification of the established procedures in the economic and operational area at FDF and ResC Bělá pod Bezdězem (IAC Předlice) and FDF Balková due to priority ensuring the operation of the organization during emergency measures. Unrealized controls have been moved to the plan of controls for 2021 and will be carried out provided that emergency crisis measures are completed.

### **Department of Centers for the Integration of Foreigners**

authorized employees performed the most controls within the controls of Czech language courses (over 200 controls). These controls did not reveal any breach of budgetary discipline. Part of the controls with partial measures are carried out by the head of the CPIC department.

### **The FDF and AF departments**

carried out control activities within limited possibilities while ensuring their basic functioning in compliance with all extraordinary measures ordered by the Government of the Czech Republic and departmental measures related to resolving the pandemic with COVID-19. Unrealized controls are transferred to the plan of controls for 2021 and will be performed provided that the situation stabilizes after the end of extraordinary crisis measures and at the same time after the release of personnel capacity for controls.

Audits and controls carried out by the managers of individual areas, as methodological assistance to the FDF and asylum facilities, streamline the activities of the entire organization and set up the proper functioning of the internal control system. Controlling activities in 2020 within the entire RFA MOI were partially limited and the overall situation was undoubtedly due to restrictions during the emergency government measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which reduced working contacts in 2020 to necessary for the operation and functioning of the organization. It can be stated that despite this limitation, the RFA MOI control system works.

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EASO (European Asylum Support Office)

UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency)





## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

RFA MOI – Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of the Interior  
FDF – Foreigner Detention Facilities  
ReC – Reception Center  
ReC and ResC – Reception and Residential Center  
ResC – Residential Center  
IAC – Integration Asylum Center  
CSIF – Center for Support of Integration of Foreigners

SIP – State Integration Program  
GPIS – General Provider of Integration Services  
DAMP – Department of Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior  
UNHCR – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
IOM – International Organization for Migration  
EASO – European Asylum Support Organization  
MEDEVAC – Medical Humanitarian Program of the Ministry of the Interior

EU – European Union  
AMIF – Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund  
PCR – Police of the Czech Republic  
LO – Labor Office  
MEYPE – Ministry of Education, Youth, and Physical Education  
SB – State budget







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