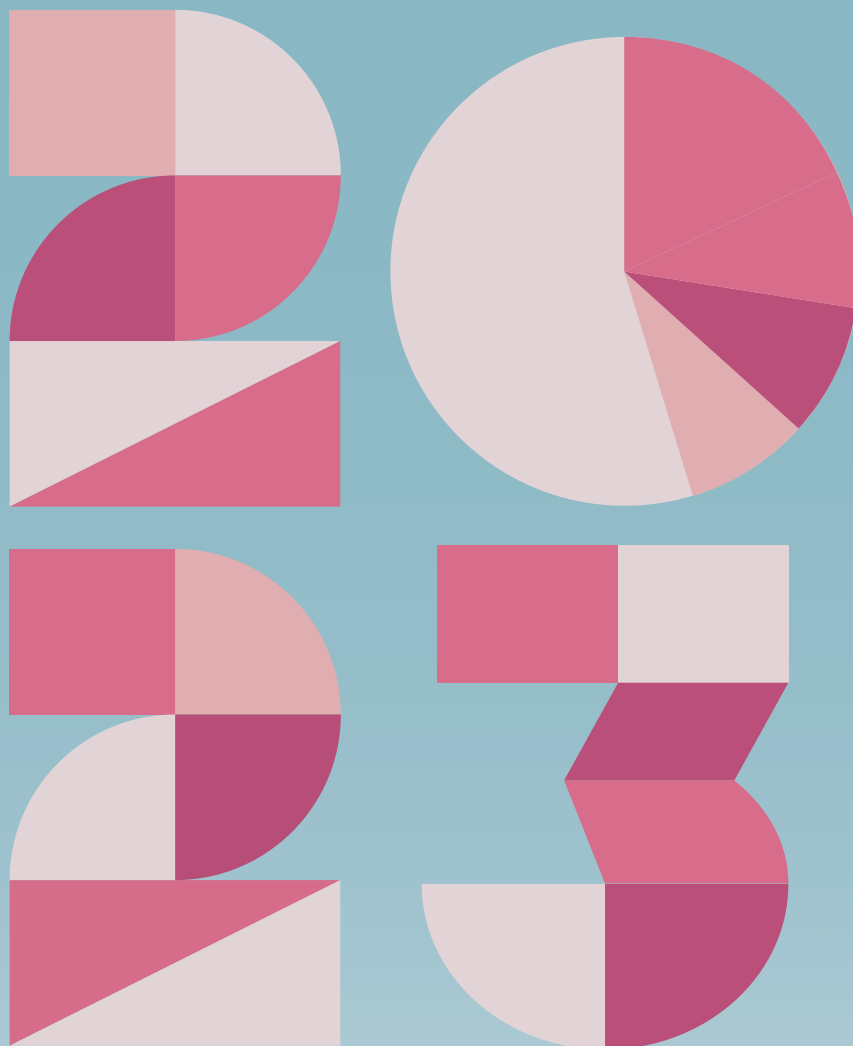


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OPENING REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR

Dear readers,

We would like to present to you the activities of the Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "RFA MOI") for the year 2023.

This was the second year of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine and the related refugee crisis across Europe. RFA MOI has been on the front line since the beginning of the migration wave and played a naturally crucial role in providing accommodation and basic needs to Ukrainian refugees. This continued last year, when we first took over operation of the Regional Assistance Centers for Ukraine (RACFU) from the regions and the Capital City of Prague, following the changes to the system, we established short-term shelters (STS) for applicants for temporary protection in Prague, Brno and Ostrava, and subsequently, at the end of the year, we took over the agenda of state humanitarian accommodation from the Fire Rescue Service. These steps took place in a relatively short period of time and were an unusually intensive logistical operation that we managed to successfully realize.

At the same time, we placed great emphasis on integration activities, whether through the Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners (CSIF), which the RFA MOI operates in ten regions of the Czech Republic, or when working with clients at RACFU, in facilities or directly in the field. All these activities are our contribution to the efforts to build social peace and to intensify the integration of foreigners arriving in Czech society.

The year 2023 was also a huge challenge for us in terms of the state of public finances and the necessary savings, which affected and will probably continue to affect the activities of all government organizations, including ours, in the years to come. In this context, the year 2023 was also a turning point in the internal transformation of RFA MOI, including the natural renewal of the organisation's management and some key positions.

I would like to thank very much all the employees of the Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of the Interior for cooperation, as well as our colleagues in the Ministry of the Interior, and also our external collaborators and partners from the government and non-profit sector and local governments, with whom we have been continuously able to deepen our cooperation.

I wish you an interesting reading.



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 Director General of the Section of the Internal Security and Police Education of the Ministry of the Interior.

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

ACTIVITIES OF RFA MOI

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 units 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 government, as well as non-government organizations.

The RFA MOI activities are defined in particular by Act 326/1999, Sb., on the Residence of Foreigners in the Territory of the Czech Republic, and by Act 325/1999, Sb., on Asylum. The RFA MOI activities are governed by a Foundation Deed.

RFA MOI:

- operates several types of facilities – Reception Centers (RecC), Residential Centers (ResC), Integration Asylum Centers (IAC), Facilities for the Detention of Foreigners (FDF), Short-Term Shelters (STS)
- provides services therein to various categories of foreigners based on their legal status – applicants for international protection, international protection holders, applicants and holders of temporary protection, detained foreigners, applicants for temporary protection
- 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 foreigners in ten regions of the Czech Republic,
- operates the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone
- operates the Regional Assistance Centers for Ukraine (RACFU)
- arranges voluntary returns of former applicants for international protection 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, and the Czech Republic is competent to consider this application. International protection means either asylum or subsidiary protection. Reception and Residential Centers serve these foreigners.

Asylum Holder/ Person with Subsidiary Protection

A foreigner who has been granted international protection, either in the form of asylum or subsidiary protection. That person has the same rights and obligations as a foreigner with permanent residence permit (e.g. access to the job market, health care, or social services). Unlike asylum, subsidiary protection is granted for a definite period of time 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 in the territory of the Czech Republic (European Union) illegally. These foreigners were detained to be administratively removed or transferred/ surrendered under International Convention or directly applicable EU legal instrument. These foreigners are detained in the Facilities for the Detention of Foreigners.

Applicant for Temporary Protection

Temporary protection is intended for refugees from Ukraine who have fled the conflict caused by Russian aggression. It is granted to citizens of Ukraine who resided in Ukraine before 24 February 2022 and subsequently left Ukraine, to foreign nationals from third countries and stateless persons who were granted international protection or equivalent national protection in Ukraine before 24 February 2022, to family members of the above-mentioned persons who resided together with them in Ukraine before 24 February 2022, and subsequently left Ukraine together, and to foreign nationals who were holders of a valid permanent residence permit in Ukraine as of 24 February 2022 and their departure to the state of which they are a citizen is not possible due to the threat of real danger pursuant to Section 179(2) of the Act on the Residence of Foreigners in the Territory of the Czech Republic.

Applicants apply for temporary protection at the competent Regional Assistance Center for Ukraine (RACFU), specifically at the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy (DAMP), which operates at each RACFU. In case applicants arrive outside the working hours of the RACFU, they can use the accommodation in the Short-term Shelter (STS), which the RFA MOI has been operating since 1 April 2023 in Ostrava and in Brno (until 31 August 2023 also in Prague).

Foreigner with Legal Residence Permit

A foreigner who legally resides and works in the Czech Republic. These foreigners can use the services of the Center for Support of Integration of Foreigners and the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone.

FACILITIES OPERATED BY RFA MOI

ASYLUM FACILITIES

Reception Centers (RecC)

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. The applicants are provided with accommodation, meals, basic sanitary supplies, health care, social and psychological services, and leisure time activities. Applicants are not free to leave the facility until the prescribed medical examinations have been completed.

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, the applicants for international protection (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 financial allowances and prepare their own meals. The applicants may 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.

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 of social workers, counselling focused on getting accommodation, employment, 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.

FACILITIES FOR THE DETENTION OF FOREIGNERS (FDF)

These facilities are designed for the detention of foreigners who have been issued a decision on administrative removal and on detention from the Foreign Police. Foreigners who shall be transferred to another EU Member State under the Dublin Regulation and who may be suspected of fleeing, may also be 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 may 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 have an office in the FDF.

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

The RFA MOI operates two FDFs for single men, in Vyšní Lhoty and in Balková. One FDF serves for single women, families with children, and other vulnerable groups of persons, 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 offices, where the RFA MOI employees provide substantial part of the services and maintenance of these offices.

SHORT-TERM SHELTERS (STS)

As of 1 April 2023, the Refugee Facilities Administration of MOI was entrusted by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic with the operation of the network of Regional Assistance Centers for Ukraine (RACFU), within the framework of which it operated short-term shelters (STS) in Prague, Brno and Ostrava for short-term emergency accommodation for those waiting to apply for temporary protection and for applicants for temporary protection. The operation of the STS Prague was terminated on 31 August 2023.

Accommodation is provided to clients after a basic check of compliance with the conditions for temporary protection, and in addition to accommodation with sanitary facilities, they are provided with meals (in the form of meal vouchers, dispensing of non-perishable foodstuffs), basic sanitary supplies according to needs and information on the possibility of providing basic living needs.

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 the Act No 325/1999 Sb., on Asylum, and Government Resolution No. 36 of 16 January 2017, the RFA MOI is designated as the 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 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: Moravian-Silesian, Pardubice, Pilsen, Zlín, Karlovy Vary, Liberec, South Bohemian, Olomouc, Vysočina, and in Central Bohemian with offices in five important Central Bohemian cities (Mladá Boleslav, Kladno, Příbram, Benešov, and Kutná Hora). Moreover, there are also permanent relocated offices in nine

regiones – in 2023 it was in Česká Lípa, Domažlice, Cheb, Litomyšl, Pelhřimov, Písek, Opava, Šumperk and Uherské Hradiště.

In the remaining regions, other organizations run similar centers. In Prague, it is the Integration Center Prague o.p.s., whose founder is the Prague City Hall. The South Moravian Region, in cooperation with other partners, operates the Center for Foreigners of the South Moravian Region. The Center for the Support of the Integration of Foreigners in the Ústí nad Labem Region is operated by the Counselling Center for Integration, o.s. The Diocesan Catholic Charity Hradec Králové operates the Integration Center for Foreigners in the Hradec Králové Region.

The target group of the Centers operated by the RFA MOI are foreigners with legal long-term residence permit in the Czech Republic and persons who have been granted international protection. The Centers offer free Czech language courses, social and legal counselling, adaptation and integration courses, socio-cultural courses, carry out information activities and provide other services to these foreigners.

An important activity of the Centers is to assist individual municipalities and citizens by coordinating and participating in the activities of regional platforms, which are a meeting place of all stakeholders in integration of foreigners in a particular region (labour offices, foreigner police, NGOs, municipalities, schools, etc.). The platforms identify concrete problems and help coordinate individual actors, provide for better exchange of information, respond to current needs. Every year, thousands of foreigners from dozens of countries use the services of the Centers.

On the basis of the amendment to Act No.326/1999 Sb., on the Residence of Foreigners in the territory of the Czech Republic, the Centers have been organising adaptation and integration courses for selected groups of foreigners since 1 January 2021. The aim of the course is to acquaint foreigners with the rights and obligations arising from their residence in the Czech Republic, with the fundamental values of the Czech Republic, with the local conditions and with the cultural

customs prevailing in the Czech Republic. At the same time, they are provided with information about organizations and institutions providing free counselling to foreigners.

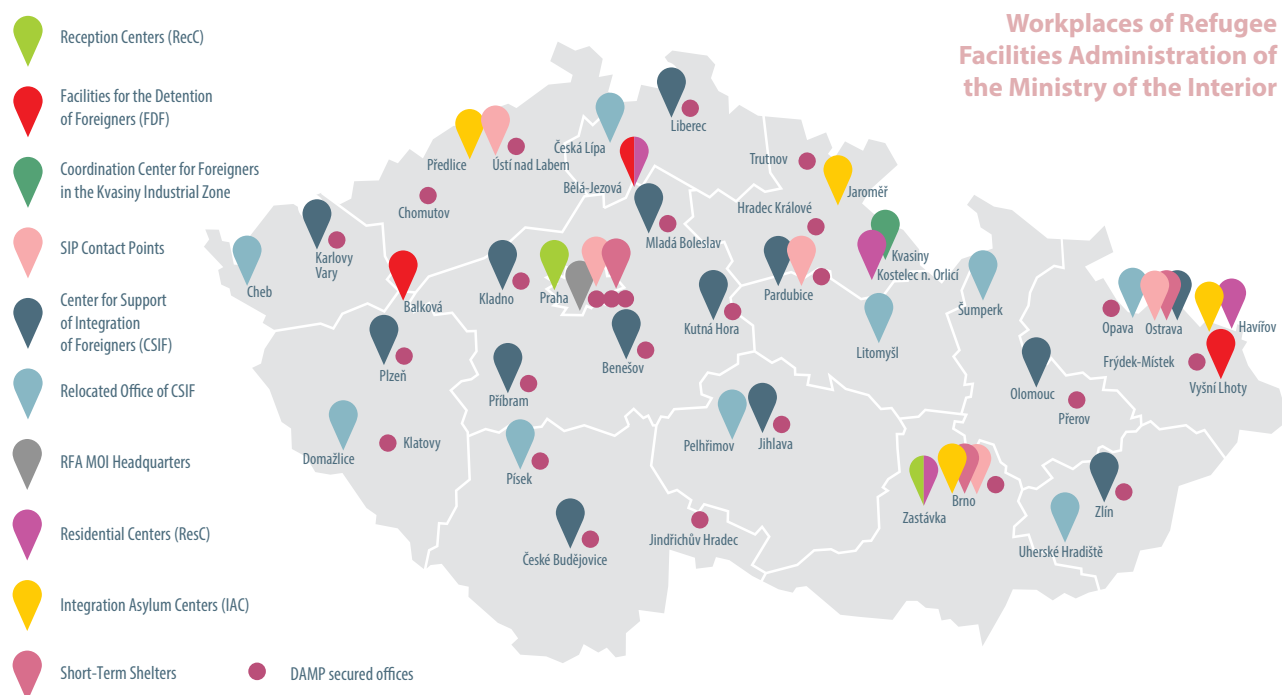
The target group is mainly foreigners from third countries coming to the Czech Republic for newly granted long-term residence or permanent residence without fulfilling the condition of previous residence. Exceptions from the obligation to take this course include citizens of the European Union and their family members, family members of a citizen of the Czech Republic, persons with a long-term residence permit for the purpose of studying in the territory, persons who have been granted a visa or temporary protection and persons who have not reached the age of 15 or have reached the age of 61 at the time the decision on residence in the territory becomes final.

COORDINATION CENTER FOR FOREIGNERS IN THE KVASINY INDUSTRIAL ZONE

The establishment of the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone was stipulated by Government Resolution No. 388 of 22 May 2017. This Center 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 neighbourhood 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 municipalities is a priority instrument promoting a long-term solution of the situation and prevention of negative phenomena related to the employment of foreigners.

The activities of the Coordination Center include, in particular, monitoring the current situation in the region, including reporting to the leadership of the Ministry of the Interior, improving the coordination of the activities of the main actors (local authorities, the largest employers, the labour office, the Police of the Czech Republic, OCP, educational institutions, etc.), facilitating assistance and counselling activities for foreigners and fieldwork within the region.



The exhibition of artworks by RFA MOI clients at the castle in Kvasiny included art and music workshops for children from nearby schools.



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2023

SHORT-TERM SHELTERS

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Accommodation is provided to clients after a basic check of compliance with the conditions for temporary protection, and in addition to accommodation with sanitary facilities, they are provided with meals (in the form of meal vouchers, dispensing of non-perishable foodstuffs), basic sanitary supplies according to needs and information on the possibility of providing basic living needs.

The operation of STS Prague was terminated as of 31 August 2023, and the operation of STS Brno as of 31 March 2024.

OPERATION AT RACFU

CSIF

While in 2022, a significant part of the capacity of the Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners was devoted to Ukrainian issues and work in the Regional Assistance Centers for Ukraine, in 2023 CSIF's activities began to return to foreigners from other countries who arrived primarily for long-term stay for employment purposes.

Nevertheless, in 2023, the Centers continued to provide assistance, counselling and interpreting services at RACFU for newly arrived Ukrainians as well as for those who arrived already in 2022, helping to address their problems related to temporary protection - e.g. in the areas of housing, health, education or orientation on the labour market.

As part of the help to Ukraine, either directly at the Centers or at the offices of RACFU and the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of Interior (DAMP MOI), CSIF employees thus provided a total of 152,815 interventions (face-to-face meetings as well as email and telephone communication) in 2023.

RFA MOI

There are coordinators and interpreters who fall directly under the Department of Work with Clients of RFA MOI operating in the RACFUs in regions where there are no centers established by RFA MOI. There are also social hotspots providing information, assistance, specialised counselling and arranging appropriate services to clients.

RFA MOI employees assist in the following areas, for example: assistance in the extension of temporary protection, assistance with humanitarian benefits, counselling in the field of education, unemployment and financial distress, cooperation with non-profit organisations.

COOPERATION WITH UNICEF

In late 2022, the existing collaboration between RFA MOI and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) culminated in

the award of a grant that provided RFA MOI with two years of funding to support the needs of refugee children to ensure their access to appropriate integrated support services.

The aim of the joint project is mainly to strengthen the staff capacity of CSIF (interpreters, coordinators, psychosocial support workers), to implement integration activities provided through non-governmental non-profit organizations (NGOs) and other local service providers (support for the operation of community clubs/centers, support for leisure and creative activities for children and youth, support of sports activities for children and youth, support for children from socially disadvantaged families, day camps and summer camps, ski trainings) and the creation of a friendly environment for children and youth (work with children and youth, involvement of youth representatives in planning activities, establishment of focal points and case managers to support the coordination of activities supporting the integration of children and youth in the Czech Republic).

Under the auspices of the UNICEF project, hundreds of different events and activities, both one-off and regular, took place in all Centers in 2023. These included various thematic workshops, trips, educational activities, cultural events, community clubs, etc. Many children were also supported directly.

STATE HUMANITARIAN ACCOMMODATION

At the end of 2023, MOI decided that RFA MOI would, as of 1 January 2023, take over the agenda of allocating state humanitarian accommodation from the Fire Rescue Service. Along with this, it was decided that instead of the current practice of allocating state humanitarian accommodation at all RACFUs, it would be allocated only upon personal visit at the RACFU in Ostrava and for the purpose of the whole Czech Republic, according to fulfilling the established quotas.

RACFU in Ostrava had to be adapted technically and in terms of personnel in order to cope with the expected influx of applicants for state humanitarian accommodation and the related agenda, which it managed to do with the help of colleagues from the existing STS Ostrava, the Prague headquarters, as well as from ResC Haviřov and FDF Vyšší Lhoty, and RFA MOI took over the agenda from the beginning of the year without any major problems.

EXHIBITION IN KVASINY

One of the biggest events of the year for RFA MOI employees and clients was the exhibition entitled Neither Black, Nor White, subtitled Refugee Stories Told Through Art, which took place from 10 August to 17 September at the castle in Kvasiny. The exhibition presented artworks of clients from all the facilities of RFA MOI and the work of leisure time instructors with clients.

From the very beginning, the exhibition was met with great public interest, which was enhanced by the accompanying art and music workshops for children from nearby schools and local residents.



STATISTICS

In 2023, the scope and purpose of the accommodation capacities of RFA MOI was stabilized both in terms of the volume of accommodation capacities and in terms of the types of clients to whom RFA MOI provided accommodation – in addition to the usual groups of foreigners, which are applicants for international protection, holders of international and subsidiary protection, detained and accommodated foreigners, foreigners accommodated on an exceptional basis (in particular due to their leave to stay in the territory), the accommodation services were also extended to persons with the intention to apply for temporary protection.

ASYLUM FACILITIES

In the period January-December 2023, a total of 1,347 newcomers arrived in asylum facilities (AF). Compared to 2022, there was a slight decrease of 12.1% – in 2022, 1,532 new cases were registered in AF (only persons with a link to an application for international protection; in addition, 6,956 persons arriving from Ukraine were also accommodated in AF on a humanitarian basis). The number of new registrations in 2023 was highest in January, after which there was a significant decrease (minimum in December). On average, 112 persons arrived in AF per month (median also 112); in 2022, it was 128 cases per month (median 113); in 2021, it was also 112 cases per month on average.

The largest share of newcomers were applicants from Turkey (246 persons, i.e. 18.3%), Uzbekistan (128 persons, i.e. 9.5%), Ukraine (121 persons, i.e. 9.0%), Russia (115 persons, i.e. 8.5%), and Vietnam (103 persons, i.e. 7.6%). The 10 most represented nationalities out of total of 58 (+ stateless persons) account for 74.2% of all newly registered persons.

In 2022, the most common nationalities represented in arrivals were Ukraine, Turkey, Russia, Georgia and Vietnam.

However, this is not the number of unique persons but cases. Upon re-entry of the same person into the asylum procedure, the person is registered as a new case (newcomer).

268 applicants for international protection came from safe countries of origin, representing 19.9 % of newcomers (21.4% of newcomers in 2022, 52.6 % of newcomers in 2021, 51.1% in 2020 and 34.8% in 2019). However, the number does not include applicants for international protection from Ukraine for the years 2022 and 2023, even though the decree as

currently drafted considers Ukraine to be a safe country, with the exception of the Crimea peninsula and parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions under the control of pro-Russian separatists.

In 2023, out of the above number, 42 foreigners arrived in the Reception Center Prague-Ruzyně, 1,039 to the Reception and Residence Center Zastávka, 257 persons were relocated as applicants for international protection from the FDF, 6 persons came from hospital, prison or as persons accommodated on an exceptional basis and 3 children were born to applicants for international protection during their stay in AF in the mentioned period.

39 applicants for international protection returned to AF from private accommodation or from the Integration Asylum Center (IAC); 321 were re-entries after arbitrary departure, 17 persons were re-accommodated after an appeal against the decision of the administrative authority or after return to the proceedings, 3 persons were re-accommodated on the basis of an exception by the Director of the RFA MOI or before transfer to the responsible country (Dublin III), 2 persons returned to asylum facilities from detention in the FDF.

It can be seen from the above that the number of applicants for international protection from Ukraine, Georgia and Russia has decreased proportionally the most, and the number of applicants from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Turkey has increased proportionally the most.

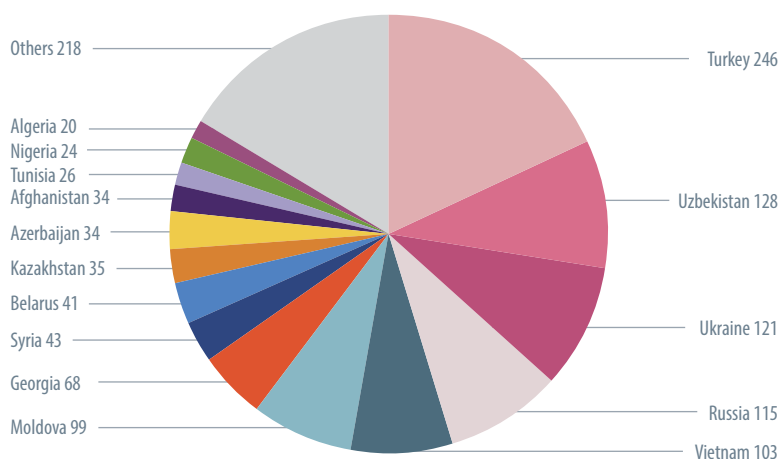
Regarding the stay in the AF, as of 31.12.2023, the highest number of currently registered clients in all types of AF were of the following nationalities Ukraine (14.8%), Turkey (9.0%), Russia (8.4%), Uzbekistan (6.0%), Armenia (5.4%) and China (5.1%); other nationalities were below 5%. As of 31.12.2023, the most clients that were physically present were clients of the following nationalities: Ukraine (17.8%), Russia (8.7%), China (7.8%), Turkey (6.8%), Azerbaijan (6.4%) Uzbekistan (5.9%) and Myanmar (5.5%); other nationalities were below 5%.

In comparing new client arrivals to AF by quarter, 2023 was among the slightly below average years, with a median of 338.5 quarterly arrivals in 2023, whereas the median for all quarters in 2019-2023 was 342.5.

Arrivals to Asylum Facilities in 2023 – 1,347 in total

The applicants from Turkey (18.3%), Uzbekistan (9.5%), Ukraine (9.0%), Russia (8.5%) and Vietnam (7.6%) accounted for the largest share of newcomers.

In the previous year, 1,532 persons arrived to AF, most often citizens of Ukraine, Turkey, Russia, Georgia and Vietnam.



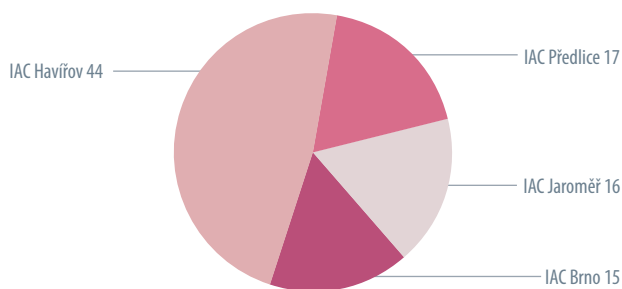
INTEGRATION ASYLUM CENTERS

As of 31 December 2023, the RFA MOI operated a total of four Integration Asylum Centers with a total of 44 accommodation units for holders of international protection (occupied according to the size and nature of the families accommodated) with a maximum capacity of 124 beds.

In 2023, a total of 92 new clients were accommodated in IACs, including holders of international or subsidiary protection, their family members and persons accommodated on an exceptional basis.

Clients from Afghanistan (34 persons, i.e. 37.0%), Ukraine (20 persons, i.e. 21.7%) and Myanmar (11 persons, i.e. 12.0%) accounted for the largest share of newcomers. These three nationalities out of nine in total accounted for 70.7% of newly accommodated persons.

Arrivals to individual IACs in 2023



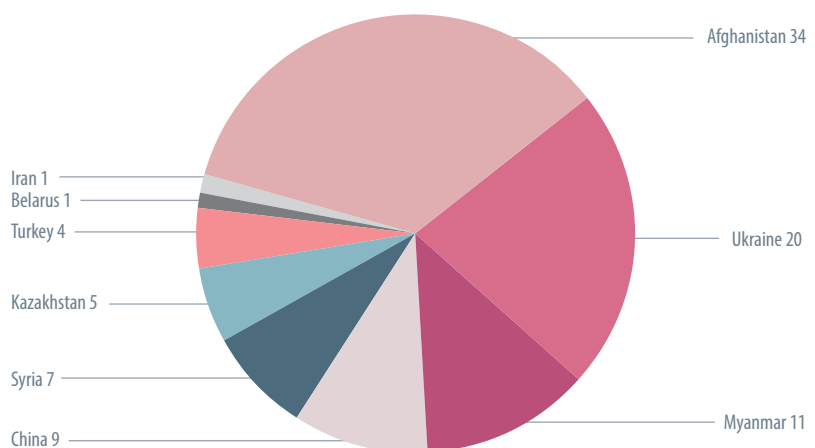
According to the social history, 32.6% of individuals and 67.4 % of family members were placed in IACs in 2023. Children and minors accounted for 33.7 % of all new placements. By gender, males were slightly predominant, accounting for 52.2%, while females accounted for 47.8%. The average age of new IAC clients on arrival was 27.1 years (median 27.7 years); the average age of males on arrival was 27.5 (median 25.3) and females 26.7 (median 28.7). A more detailed breakdown is shown in Tables 24 and 25.

The occupancy rate of the accommodation capacities and the occupancy rate of IACs is only indicative, because the accommodation capacities are rather residential units than separate rooms and the family ties and privacy of the clients must be respected.

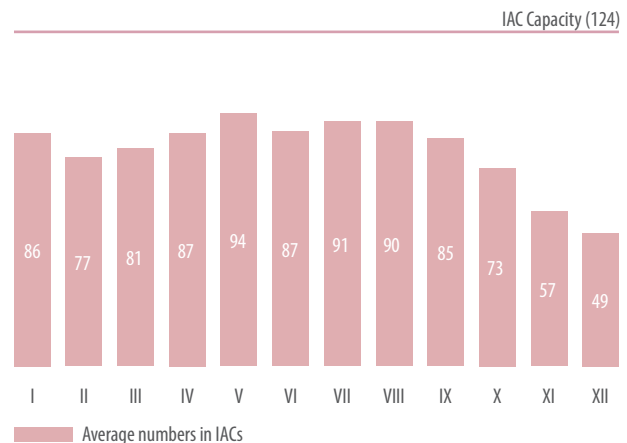
Newcomers to IAC in 2023 by nationality

In 2023, 92 newcomers in total were accommodated in IAC.

In 2019, the average number of accommodated persons in IAC was 71 persons, in 2020 52 persons, in 2021 68 persons, and in 2022 89 persons.



Average number of accommodated persons in all IACs in 2023



Capacity of Integration Asylum Centers in 2023

	Number of accommodation units	Number of beds
Přeblice	10	22
Jaroměř	10	30
Brno	4	20
Havířov	20	52
In total	44	124

Therefore, the number of available beds does not replicate the number of available housing units. The average number of clients accommodated in IACs in 2023 was 80, with a significant decrease in the number of persons accommodated to only 48 across all IACs by the end of the year. In terms of recent years, this is a high number, but doesn't reach the values of 2015, when, after a long term decline, the number of persons accommodated increased significantly in the short term, before resuming a downward trend that continued into 2018.

In 2019, the average number of persons staying at IAC was 71, in 2020 it was 52, in 2021 it was 68 and in 2022 it was 89.



During the first months of the refugee crisis triggered by the Russian aggression in Ukraine, the facility in Vyšní Lhoty bore the biggest influx of refugees and later faced a large influx of detained foreigners as part of the increased flow of irregular migration. Despite this, it has stood up well. This was also appreciated by the Minister of the Interior Vít Rakušan during his visit to Vyšní Lhoty at the end of June.

FACILITIES FOR THE DETENTION OF FOREIGNERS

In 2023, a total of 1,071 detained and accommodated foreigners arrived at the FDF. This is a decrease of 59.9 % compared to the previous year - in 2022, 2,669 foreigners were newly accepted to the FDF. On average, 89 foreigners arrived in the FDF per month (median 82), with the highest number in October 2023 (15.7 % of all arrivals in the reporting period); in 2022, the average was 222 (median 84) persons per month.

Foreigners from Turkey (256 persons, i.e. 23.9%), Moldova (181 persons, i.e. 16.9%) and Syria (141 persons, i.e. 13.2%) accounted for the largest share of arrivals. These three nationalities account for 54.0% of the total number of foreigners placed. In 2022, citizens of Syria, Turkey and Morocco were the most frequently detained in the FDF.

FDF Bělá-Jezová was again intended only for accommodation of single women, unaccompanied minors and families, as it used to be in previous years (except for the period from 1 July 2022, when it was also intended for single men due to lack of other capacities), so the occupancy of the accommodation capacity was limited by this condition. Since 2015, the total number of detained and accommodated foreigners primarily placed here has been on a downward trend – in 2016 37.6% of foreigners were primarily placed here, in 2017 it was 24.4% of foreigners, in 2018 28.0% of foreigners, in 2019

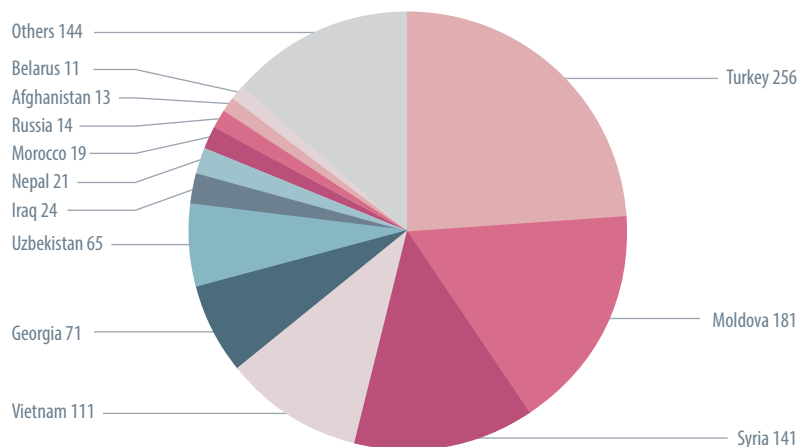
18.6% of foreigners, in 2020 (after 1 April 2020 after expiry of quarantine measures) it was 14.0% of foreigners, in 2021 (after expiry of quarantine measures) 9.6% of all newly detained and accommodated foreigners and in 2022 26.3%. In 2023, 180, i.e. 16.8% of all newly detained and accommodated foreigners, were primarily placed there.

FDF Vyšní Lhoty, like FDF Balková, is designated to accommodate single men. In 2023, 272 (25.4%) of all detained foreigners were primarily placed there. In 2022 it was primarily or by 28 February, after expiry of quarantine measures in the RecC Bělá-Jezová 1,091 (40.9%) of the detained foreigners, in 2021 it was 720 (61.1%) of the detained foreigners primarily or after expiry of quarantine measures in the RecC Bělá-Jezová, in 2020, 416 (34.4%) of all detained foreigners were primarily or after expiry of quarantine measures either in the quarantine part of the FDF Vyšní Lhoty or in RecC Bělá-Jezová, and in 2019, 14.1% of all detained foreigners.

In 2023, 619 (57.8%) of detained foreigners were primarily placed in FDF Balková, in 2022, 876 (32.8%) of detained foreigners were primarily placed in RecC Bělá-Jezová, in 2021, 384 (32.6%) of detained foreigners were primarily or after expiry of quarantine measures placed in FDF Bělá-Jezová, in 2020, 623 (51.6%) of all detained foreigners were primarily (after 1 April 2022 after expiry of quarantine measures either in quarantine part of FDF Balková or in RecC Bělá-Jezová), and in 2019 it was 67.3% of all detained foreigners.

Arrivals to Facilities for the Detention of Foreigners in 2023

The foreigners from Turkey (23.9%), Moldova (16.9%) and Syria (13.2%) accounted for the largest share of arrivals, which is 54.0% of the total number. In 2022, citizens of Syria, Turkey and Morocco were most often in FDF.



SHORT-TERM SHELTERS FOR CITIZENS OF UKRAINE

As of 1 April 2023, the Refugee Facilities Administration of MOI was entrusted by the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic with the operation of the network of Regional Assistance Centers for Ukraine (RACFU), within the framework of which it operated short-term shelters (STS) in Prague, Brno and Ostrava for short-term emergency accommodation for those waiting to apply for temporary protection and for applicants for temporary protection. Also for temporary protection holders who for some reason are forced to stay in STS for a short period of time (e.g. no possibility to be accommodated on the same day or a long journey to the accommodation). The operation of STS Prague was terminated as of 31 August 2023. Accommodation is provided to clients after a basic check of compliance with the conditions for temporary protection, and in addition to accommodation with sanitary facilities, they are provided with meals (in the form of meal vouchers), basic sanitary supplies according to needs and information on the possibility of providing basic living needs.

During the nine months of operation, in the period April–December 2023, a total of 801 persons were provided with

short-term shelter, of which the largest number were in Ostrava (383 persons), 233 persons in Prague and 185 persons in Brno. On average, a total of 5 persons were accommodated daily in all STSs (median 4), of which the highest number in Prague (3 persons, or median 4) and the lowest number in Brno, with an average of only 1 person. The average occupancy rate of basic accommodation capacities in the STSs was 5.3% for the whole period.

According to the social history, 20.3 % of individuals and 79.7 % of family members were placed in STSs in 2023. Children and minors accounted for 38.6 % of all incoming persons. By gender, women are slightly predominant, accounting for 53.8 %, while men accounted for 46.2 %. There were 12.7% of single men accommodated, 33.5% of male family members, 7.6% of single women and 46.2% of female family members of all STS clients.

The average age of STS clients was 29.8 years (median 30 years); the average age of men was 28.6 (median 26) and women 30.9 (median 32).

Number of persons accommodated (newcomers) in STSs in the period April–December 2023

STS	4/23	5/23	6/23	7/23	8/23	9/23	10/23	11/23	12/23	Celkem
STS Prague	58	28	57	37	53	-	-	-	-	233
STS Brno	21	12	15	23	26	30	22	19	17	185
STS Ostrava	29	27	80	37	43	37	52	43	35	383
IN TOTAL	108	67	152	92	122	67	74	62	52	801

STS clients in 2023 by age, sex and social history

Social history		Age				IN TOTAL	%
		0–14	15–17	18–64	65+		
Family member	Man	121	37	105	5	268	79,7 %
	Woman	123	20	212	15	370	
Individual	Man	-	8	83	11	102	20,3 %
	Woman	-	-	53	8	61	
Celkem		244	65	453	39	801	100 %
%		30.5 %	8.1 %	56.6 %	4.9 %		



Since the beginning, when the short-term shelters were established, the busiest STS has been the one in Ostrava, which is part of the Regional Assistance Centre for Ukraine in Dr. Malý Street.



CENTERS FOR SUPPORT OF INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS

In 2023, the Refugee Facilities of MOI operated Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners in the Moravian-Silesian, Pardubice, Pilsen, Zlín, Karlovy Vary, Liberec, South Bohemia, Olomouc, Vysočina and Central Bohemia Regions, which includes five offices in the cities of Mladá Boleslav, Příbram, Kutná Hora, Kladno and Benešov. During this year, relocated offices continued to be operated, namely in the Moravian-Silesian (Opava), Pardubice (Litomyšl), Plzeň (Domažlice), Zlín (Uherské Hradiště), Karlovy Vary (Cheb), Liberec (Česká Lípa), South Bohemia (Písek), Olomouc (Šumperk) and Vysočina (Pelhřimov) regions.

Since 1 July 2020, the Centers operated by RFA MOI have been financed from the state budget pursuant to Act no. 176/2019 Sb., which amended Act no. 326/1999 Sb., on the Residence of Foreigners in the territory of the Czech Republic. On the basis of the same amendment, since 1 January 2021, the Centers have been organizing adaptation and integration courses compulsory for selected groups of foreigners.

In all the mentioned regions, the Centers ensure the activity of regional counselling platforms, which serve to solve current problems of foreigners and to exchange information between stakeholder institutions, in particular between regional and municipal authorities, regional residence offices of the DAMP MOI, foreign police, state and municipal police, labour offices, financial offices, trade offices, non-profit organizations and other entities.

In addition to these regular platforms, which address the integration of all long-term legally residing foreigners, more specialized platforms (referred to as Type 2) were established in 2023. Participants in these platforms work intensively together, particularly in the area of coordinating services for Ukrainians who arrived in 2022 due to the war in their country. Type 2 platforms meet once a month and have taken over the work of crisis management in a number of regions. In

2023, the Centers employees also held many other meetings and round tables to discuss the situation of newly arrived Ukrainians from different perspectives as well as relevant issues, challenges and new legislation. Representatives of the Centers are also involved in community planning of social services and the medium-term plan for the development of social services in some regions.

The services of the Centers are available not only in the regional cities, but also in other locations of each region, depending on the interest of foreigners from the target group (an overview of all locations where the services of the Centers have been provided can be found in the Annex Overview of projects implemented within the framework of integration of foreigners and management of migration flows in 2023). In 2023, the main activities included the provision of social and legal counselling, interpreting, implementation of adaptation and integration courses, Czech language courses and socio-cultural orientation courses.

The Centers initiate, connect and implement activities to support the social, legal and linguistic emancipation of foreigners in their regions. The Centers help clients to enhance their skills and knowledge that contribute to their independence and self-sufficiency and thus facilitate their orientation in Czech society.

The role of the Centers continued to be to provide counselling and support to clients within the fieldwork, monitoring and support to vulnerable groups, but also to support towns and municipalities in places where especially newly arrived Ukrainians are accommodated, including informing other actors involved (accommodation providers, employers, schools, authorities and others). After 2022, when a significant part of the Centers' capacity was dedicated to Ukrainian issues and work on RACFU, in 2023, CSIF's activities began to return to foreigners from other countries who arrived primarily for long-term stay for employment purposes.

In general, the services offered by the Centers can be described as follows:

- Social counselling is provided on an outpatient and outreach basis by the social workers of the Centers. The most frequent questions from clients on these issues are mainly related to residential issues, health insurance, housing, the labour market or social benefits. Also in 2023, social counselling was carried out in accordance with the Social Services Act (Act No. 108/2006 Sb.).
- Legal counselling is provided through contracted partners, where a lawyer is present in each Center (including the relocated offices) at the time of providing legal counselling, with whom clients can consult, for example, issues on residence, employment or family, or on debt and enforcement issues.
- Czech language courses are divided into basic courses, which can be attended on a one-off basis and without prior registration, and intensive courses, which are designed for longer-term Czech language learning. For children and other vulnerable groups, individual courses are organised in justified cases, or courses for adults with a child, where childcare is provided during the lessons.
- Courses of socio-cultural orientation were provided mainly in the form of thematic seminars, lectures and discussions of foreigners with an expert on the subject. The topics of these courses responded to the demand from foreigners from the target group – traditions and customs associated with holidays celebrated in the Czech Republic, as well as information on the rights and obligations of foreigners in employment, education, family reunification, equivalence of qualification, health care, the Czech language exam for permanent residence or citizenship, etc.
- Adaptation and integration courses which are as of 1 January 2021 obligatory especially for foreigners from third countries coming to the Czech Republic for newly granted long-term residence or permanent residence without fulfilling the condition of previous residence, are organized by the Centers in two forms - as a public course, where foreigners can freely register, or as a non-public course, i.e. a course organized by the Center in cooperation with a legal entity, e.g. an employer, for pre-determined foreigners. These courses are fee-based (public course CZK 1,500, non-public course CZK 800), led by expert lecturers and interpreted by certified interpreters into nine different languages, with additional, rarer languages also being permitted. Upon completion of the course, the foreigner will receive a certificate of completion, thus fulfilling their legal obligation.

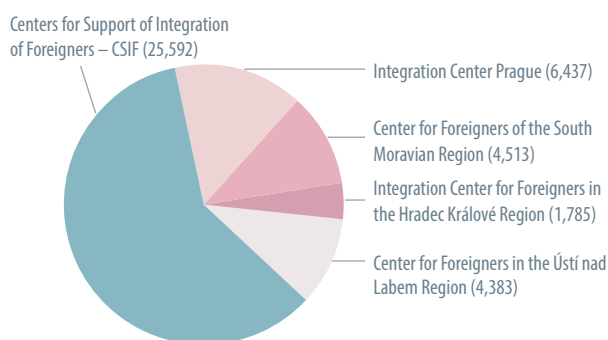
As part of the above activities and services provided, interpreting or translation services were also provided according to the needs of the clients or the Center employees. The most common languages interpreted were Ukrainian, Russian, Vietnamese and Mongolian. In order to facilitate communication and cooperation with foreigners, the services of so-called community workers, i.e. representatives of foreign communities who help to provide information to other foreigners or participate in the organization of cultural, social and educational events, are also used. Thanks to this cooperation, the Centers are much better able to reach some specific target groups, especially young foreigners.

As of mid-2023, one project co-financed by the national Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund programme aimed at organizing Czech language courses for foreigners from third countries was provided and will be terminated in 2026.

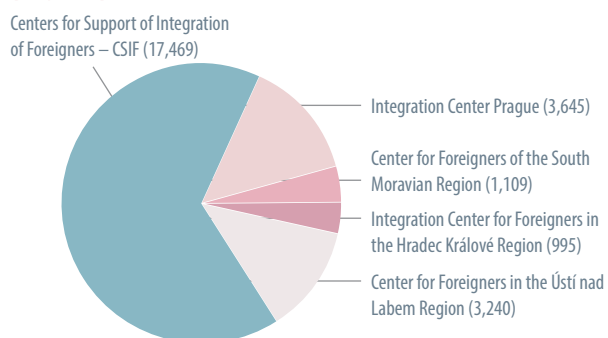
A total of 144,939 services were provided in 2023 in all centers operated by the RFA MOI. In this period, a total of 55,594 clients benefited repeatedly from the services offered, 17,199 new clients benefited from social counselling services and 4,046 new clients attended Czech language courses. 15,723 clients were reached out within the fieldwork. A total of 152,815 interventions (personal meetings, e-mail and telephone communication) were provided within the assistance to Ukraine, i.e. within the activities of CSIF staff directly at the Center and at the RACFU and DAMP MOI offices.

The Centers also organized a total of 316 adaptation and integration courses with the participation of 3,930 foreigners. The most numerous language into which the course was interpreted was Ukrainian, followed by Russian, English, Mongolian, Serbian and Vietnamese. Courses were also organized in several rarer languages such as Korean, Japanese, Thai, Albanian, Macedonian, Turkish and Hindi. About 90 per

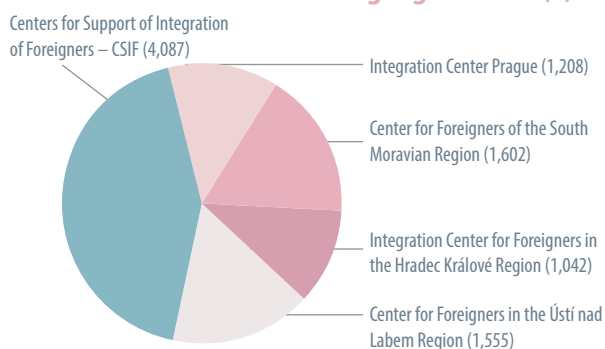
Number of unique clients who used the Centers' services (total number of clients 42,710)



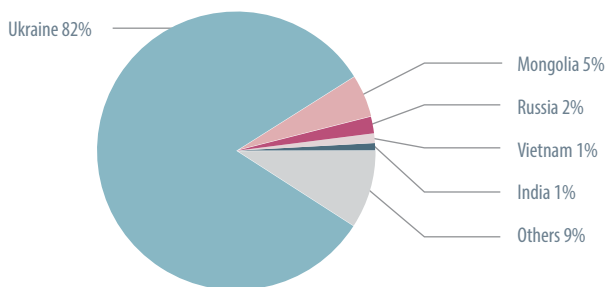
Number of clients at social and legal counselling (26,458)



Number of clients at Czech language courses (9,494)



Percentage of clients in Centers by nationality In total: 42,710



cent of the organized courses were public, the remaining 10 per cent were non-public courses.

At the end of 2022, the Centers started publishing the CSIF Newsletter, in which they inform their partners from the professional public every month about interesting and relevant information in the field of integration and migration of foreigners, including regional news from the region. Publication of the newsletter continued in 2023, with monthly distribution to more than 2,300 contacts.

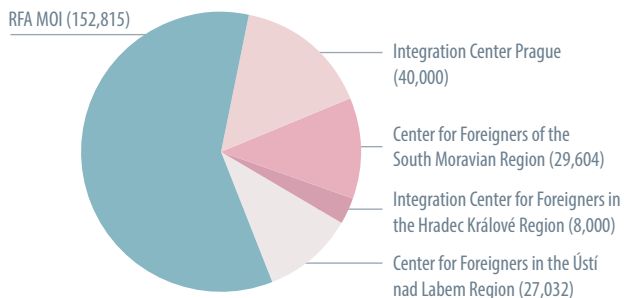
The Centers also organize meetings of representatives of the majority and foreigners within social, sporting or cultural events, which aim to promote better mutual understanding between foreigners and the general public and to prevent the foreign communities to be closed.

In connection with the arrival of a large number of Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic, the Centers were provided with a grant from the Migrant and Refugee Fund obtained from the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB).

Two activities were implemented under this grant. Firstly, the purchase of Czech language textbooks for Ukrainian refugees, which were handed over to the clients directly or through cooperating organizations.

The second activity was the implementation of activities supporting integration at the local level, aimed at supporting Ukrainian refugees through NGOs or social services. To this end, agreements were concluded with individual providers for work performed outside the employment relationship, which financed a wide range of services for Ukrainian refugees, from the provision of assistance and counselling

Number of assistance services provided at RACFU In total: 257,451



services, setting up information booths, interpreting and providing humanitarian aid, to the organisation of leisure activities for children in the form of city camps, community and conversation clubs or tutoring, Czech language lessons and psychological counselling, including variously focused psychotherapy sessions. These activities were implemented in both outpatient and outreach form at various locations across the country, including RACFU, the Centers or at the headquarters of NGOs.

In 2023, the Centers also launched and gradually developed its cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The aim of the project is mainly to strengthen the staff capacity of CSIF (interpreters, coordinators, psychosocial support workers), to implement integration activities provided through non-governmental non-profit organizations (NGOs) and other local service providers (support for the operation of community clubs/centers, support for leisure and creative activities for children and youth, support of sports activities for children and youth, support for children from socially disadvantaged families, day camps and summer camps, ski trainings) and the creation of a friendly environment for children and youth (work with children and youth, involvement of youth representatives in planning activities, establishment of focal points and case managers to support the coordination of activities supporting the integration of children and youth in the Czech Republic).

Under the auspices of the UNICEF project, hundreds of different events and activities, both one-off and regular, and mostly focused on children and youth, took place in all the Centers. These included various thematic workshops, trips, educational activities, cultural events, community clubs, etc. Many children were also supported directly.

Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners (CSIF) are one of the key instruments of government policy on the integration of foreigners. For example, Czech language courses are in great demand.





Centers for Support of Integration of Foreigners organize a number of events not only for foreigners, but also for the majority society. These events, such as the Festival of Cultures in Mladá Boleslav, are always of great interest to visitors.

COORDINATION CENTER FOR FOREIGNERS IN THE KVASINY INDUSTRIAL ZONE

The establishment of the Coordination Center for Foreigners in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone, and its operation by the Refugee Facilities Administration, was decided by Government Resolution No. 388 of 22 May 2017, when its creation was one of a set of measures to address the worsened situation in the Kvasiny Industrial Zone in connection with the increased number of employed foreigners.

The activities of the Coordination Center include, in particular, monitoring the current situation in the region, including reporting to the leadership of the Ministry of the Interior, improving the coordination of the activities of the main actors (local authorities, the largest employers, the labour office, the Police of the Czech Republic, OCP, educational institutions, etc.), facilitating assistance and counselling activities for foreigners and fieldwork within the region.

In order to promote the activities of the Coordination Center, a website is maintained and information leaflets are distributed in seven languages. These are made available to individual employers, state institutions, representatives of the security forces and other entities to which foreign workers address their requests.

In 2023, support continued to be provided to mayors, employers and representatives of work agencies to address

specific issues related to the employment of foreigners. During this year, similarly as during the last year, the Coordination Center have been raising awareness, especially as regards integration of Ukrainians in relation to the conflict in Ukraine. It provided counselling concerning the temporary protection and up-to-date information for foreigners, employers and other institutions. It was also involved in facilitating information between individual institutions, employers and schools and other entities dealing with the issue of employment of foreigners.

During regular monitoring, monthly updates were made on the number of employees in the industrial zone and the number of workers accommodated by the employer. The Coordination Center was actively involved in the planning and activities of the Local Action Plan for Education in the Rychnov area within the Equal Opportunities Working Group.

The established cooperation with the Integration Center for Foreigners within the Regional Charity Hradec Králové continued in the implementation and promotion of Czech language courses for foreigners working in the Kvasiny industrial zone. The Coordination Center has also become part of a working group that meets regularly to address issues and news related to the residence, employment and education of Ukrainian refugees in the Hradec Králové Region.

STATE INTEGRATION PROGRAM

The year 2023 can be characterised in terms of external factors as follows:

- number of participants remains high
- dominant share of participants from Ukraine
- persistent problems in the payment of social benefits by the Labour Offices,
- unavailability of doctors willing to register clients,
- unavailability of places in nursery and primary schools,
- continuing or peaking increases in the prices of rental housing and energy.

In 2023, a total of 227 eligible persons, holders of international protection entered the State Integration Programme (SIP). The lion's share of this number was accounted for by people of four nationalities, primarily Ukrainians (76), followed by Afghans and citizens of Myanmar and China.

During the year, a total of 128 individual integration plans were authorised for a total of 214 holders of international protection (individuals and families). In addition, most of the 141 plans from the previous year were also under implementation at some point during the year. Nearly 500 persons received some form of assistance from the program.

During 2023, 84 rental apartments were arranged. This represents a clear success. Typically, the apartments were obtained through the real estate market, a minority were arranged through friends of the clients, and a few were provided as either employer-provided or municipal apartments.

The five regions were responsible for 88% of the total. In addition to Prague, which leads the ranking, these were – not coincidentally – the regions in which the IAC is located.

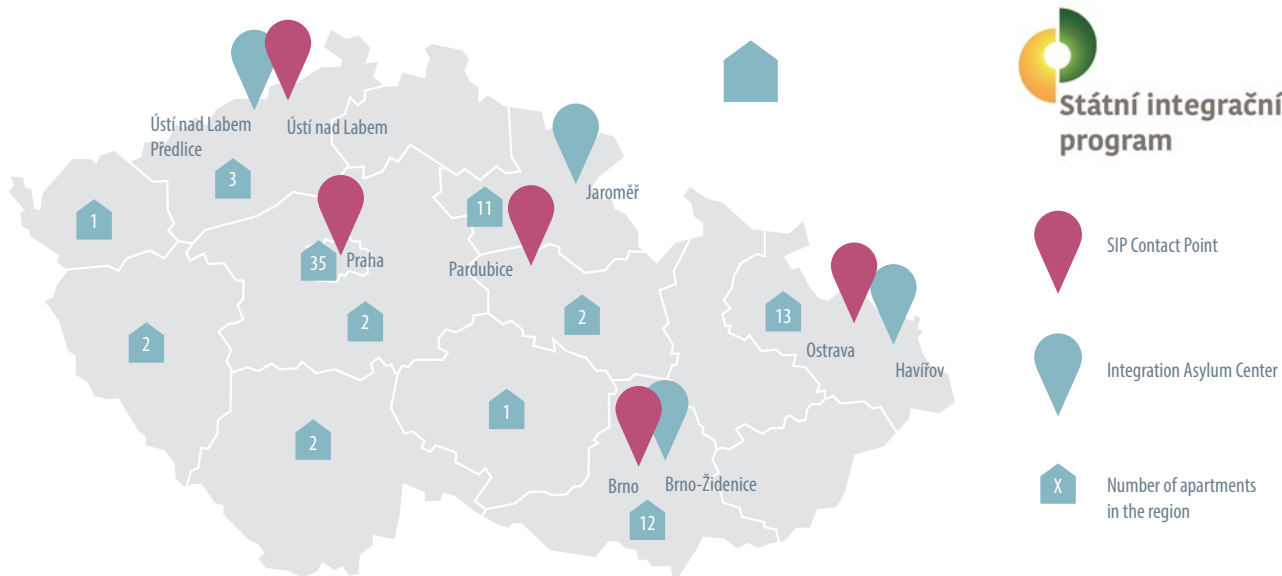
The state integration program would not have been so good if non-government non-profit organisations (NGOs) had not actively participated in it from the beginning. The cooperation with these organisations was based on public procurement and was carried out on a contractual basis. The

organisations were paid for providing the integration services and direct costs of the clients were reimbursed to them, with a RFA social worker from the respective region supporting each case of the organisations as a mentor. NGOs were responsible for about one-fifth of the integration plans, it was 46 cases. In several regions, there were two organisations with supra-regional competence (Counselling Center for Integration and the Organisation for Aid to Refugees), as well as the Diocesan Catholic Charity Hradec Králové, InBáze, the Center for Integration of Foreigners and the Diocesan Charity České Budějovice.

The costs of program implementation are largely defined by the volume of direct expenditure for the benefit of clients. A total of CZK 15,425,000 was drawn from the state budget (the budget of RFA) to provide integration services,

- with CZK 11,347,000 being directly from the integration plans. The majority of this amount was direct expenditure on services, in particular the provision of rental housing, as well as the provision of equipment to eligible persons, courses and other educational activities.
- CZK 778,000 in the form of reimbursement for integration services provided by NGOs and
- Expenses for interpreters and translators arranged on the basis of an agreement and part of the operating expenses for the running of the program branches.

	International protection granted	The SIP was joined by	New integration plans drawn up	In these plans persons
2017	147	101	104	180
2018	167	121	72	120
2019	147	109	63	95
2020	114	83	47	71
2021	311	273	121	307
2022	481	293	141	278
2023	322	227	128	214



VOLUNTARY RETURNS PROGRAM

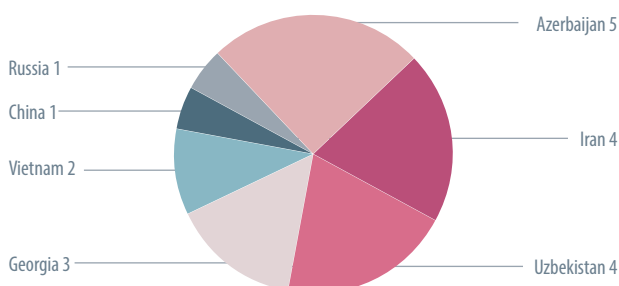
Voluntary returns form an integral part of the activities of the RFA MOI. The program is intended for applicants whose international protection proceedings have been terminated. Voluntary returns are an important part of the migration policy of the Czech Republic. The program is beneficial for both parties – the unsuccessful applicant for international protection avoids the risk of irregular residence and the resulting consequences, and for the Czech Republic the voluntary return of a foreigner is more economically advantageous than their further stay on the territory. The execution of voluntary returns of former applicants for international protection is one of the fundamental pillars of migration policy, including at the level of EU policy.

In 2023, a total of 26 applications for voluntary return were dealt with by the RFA MOI, of which 20 returns (15 men, 2 women and 3 children) were executed and the clients returned to the desired destination countries. The voluntary return of 3 persons continues to be addressed in 2024 and in 3 cases voluntary return was not executed.

Compared to 2022, the number of voluntary returns increased slightly; in 2022, a total of 17 applications for voluntary return were dealt with (an increase of 52.9 %) and a total of 14 voluntary returns were executed (an increase of 42.9 % compared to the previous year).

The total costs incurred by the RFA MOI for voluntary returns in 2023 were: CZK 212,162, including non-executed returns.

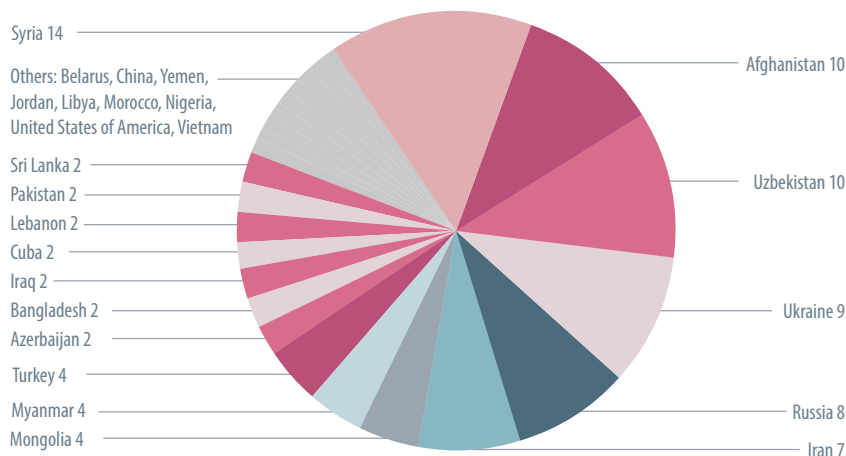
Executed voluntary returns in 2023 – by country of return



Executed transfers to CZ by nationality and country of transfer

The most frequent nationalities of clients transferred to the Czech Republic in 2023 were Syria (14), Uzbekistan (10) and Afghanistan (10).

The vast majority of transfers in 2023 were carried out from Germany. It was followed by Sweden and Norway (9 transfers each).



TRANSFERS OF FOREIGNERS TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC (DUBLIN III)

The above data are processed according to the information provided to the RFA MOI by the Dublin Center of the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic (DAMP) for the purpose of taking persons into the care of the RFA MOI, thus the total number does not correspond to the total number of actual Dublin cases dealt with in the Czech Republic, as DAMP requires the cooperation of the RFA MOI only in cases where the foreigner is to be transferred to an asylum facility.

Since July 2020, in agreement with all stakeholders, foreigners are transported from the border crossing point (at the airport or at the former land border crossing point), unless required by the specific circumstances of the case, immediately after being handed over by the other party and the necessary acts of the Police of the Czech Republic to the designated asylum facility, usually by public transport at the expense of the RFA MOI.

In 2023, under Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person ("Dublin III"), a total of 93 foreigners (105 in 2022) were transferred to the Czech Republic and determined for transfer to an asylum facility, of which 51 by air and 42 by land. Another 182 transfers of applicants for international protection were not carried out (101 by air and 81 by land), although the cases were accepted by the Czech Republic and a transfer date was set.

The vast majority of transfers in 2023 were carried out from Germany. It was 54 cases.

The most frequent nationalities of clients transferred to the Czech Republic and to the care of RFA MOI in 2023 were Syria (14), Uzbekistan (10) and Afghanistan (10).



As part of its outreach activities, the Refugees Facilities Administration MOI also regularly participates in the Europe Day in Prague at the beginning of May on Sřelecký island.



We are a good neighbour. This is the motto of all our facilities, which, among other things, participate in events in the municipalities where they are located, and their wider surroundings. At such events, such as the Christmas Alley in Kostelec nad Orlicí, visitors can taste international cuisine prepared by our clients.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Foreign activities of the Refugee Facilities Administration of MOI in the past year were based on the Plan of Foreign Relations of RFA MOI for 2023. The foreign activities, similarly as in the precedent year, focused on expanding international cooperation in the form of professional workshops, conferences, study visits, etc. The aim was to gain new knowledge, exchange best practices and expertise that could be used by the staff in the conditions of RFA MOI. As regards bilateral cooperation, RFA MOI has established many new contacts in EU Member States, which are of significant benefit for the future. A total of 26 foreign duty travel and 7 receptions of foreign entities were carried out in 2023.

ACTIVITIES WITHIN EUAA

Within the activities of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), several conferences, seminars and training sessions on specialised topics were held in 2023, mainly focusing on the management, methods and reception procedures in EU countries.

In March, a social worker from FDF Vyšní Lhoty participated in the EUAA training on "Trafficking in Human Beings" in Malta, which was a source of a lot of new information important for working with a specific type of clients. Also in March, the Head of the Department for Work with Clients attended a regular meeting of the national contact points for the reception of applicants for international protection in Germany, the purpose and benefit of which was to share information and best practices of the different Member States and EUAA institutions.

In April, a training course on "Country of Origin Information" was held in Malta, attended by the Unit of the Office of the Director analysts on behalf of RFA MOI, who will use the knowledge gained there in their analytical work, especially in the preparation of manuals for RFA MOI employees.

At the beginning of June, RFA MOI employees participated in three meetings within the platform organised by EUAA in Malta. The Head of the Department for Work with Clients participated in a conference for the contact persons of national reception institutions. The Head of the Social Services and Transfers of the Department for Work with Clients participated in a training course focused on training skills for staff in reception organizations. A leisure time instructor from ResC Havířov went to Poland for a training course focused on social work with vulnerable groups of applicants for international protection.

In October, a training course on "Management in the Context of Reception" was held at the EUAA headquarters in Malta, attended by the head of the Department of Economics and Operations, FDF Vyšní Lhoty and head of the Social Services Group, RecC and ResC Zastávka, which provided both participants with a lot of valuable information for their daily working practice. At the end of October, a social work methodologist from the Department for Work with Clients also travelled to Malta to attend a meeting of the national contact persons focused on information on the newly extended mandate of the EUAA.

At the end of November, the Head of the SIP Unit attended a meeting of representatives of national reception organisations to exchange information on the latest trends and challenges faced by the EU MS in the reception of applicants for international protection.

In early December, colleagues from the Department for Work with Clients hosted a training session under the auspices of the EUAA, which took place at the Police Academy premises. The training on "Reception of Vulnerable Persons" was attended by colleagues from RFA MOI together with partners from the Slovak Migration Office.

The last meeting under the auspices of EUAA in Malta last year was a workshop on the development of case management methodology in social work with clients, which was attended on behalf of RFA MOI by the head of the Department for Work with Clients from ResC Kostelec nad Orlicí.



In mid-July, a delegation from the RFA MOI and the Foreign Police visited a detention facility in the German town of Hof. It also had the opportunity to see how the reception and detention facility at Munich Airport operates.

BILATERAL COOPERATION

As regards bilateral cooperation, a total of nine trips abroad were made in 2023 to visit detention and asylum facilities in EU Member States. Thanks to these trips, the RFA MOI employees gained many new impulses and valuable practical experiences, which may, among other things, inspire some aspects of the operation of RFA MOI facilities. Another motive for the trips is to establish bilateral cooperation with new foreign partners, which is of great benefit for the future. Most of the visits to foreign detentions were carried out together with colleagues from the Directorate of the Foreign Police Service.



At the end of February, a delegation of RFA MOI staff visited the detention centre of Polish colleagues from the Straże Graniczne Lesznowola to compare standards and practices there.



In mid-August, our colleagues, together with representatives of the Directorate of Foreign Police Service, visited the Latvian facilities of Mucenieki, located just outside the capital Riga, and Daugaypils, close to the Belarusian border.

The first trip was to the Polish detention center Lesznowola in February. At the beginning of March, series of visits continued with a trip to the Pabrade detention center in Lithuania. At the end of March, a delegation of RFA MOI visited the Swedish detention center Mårsta. In April, colleagues from RFA MOI went to Austria, specifically to the Hernalser Gürtel detention center in Vienna and the newly built Vordernberg detention center in Styria. In July, two more visits were carried out to the facilities, the first to Hof, Germany, and then to the detention center at Munich Airport. The destination of the second trip in July was Austria's largest reception facility in Traiskirchen. In August, a two-member delegation visited the Latvian detention centers Daugavpils and Mucenieki. In mid-September, a large delegation from RFA MOI visited Slovak facilities, during which they visited the Gabčíkovo asylum center and the detention facility in Humenné. The last trip within the framework of bilateral cooperation was to the Estonian detention center in Tallinn.

RECEPTION OF FOREIGN ENTITIES

At the beginning of February, a delegation of police officers and customs officials from Northern Macedonia, specifically from the airport in the capital Skopje, visited the RecC Ruzyně. During the tour, the Macedonian colleagues received information about the operation of the facility and its important aspects.

At the end of March, a Slovak delegation consisting of representatives of the Migration Office and other institutions dealing with migration and integration visited the headquarters of RFA MOI in Prague. A stimulating discussion, during which the Czech and Slovak colleagues exchanged a lot of best practices, was followed by a visit to the CSIF in Mladá Boleslav.

In May, an official of the Slovak Police Detention of Foreigners visited the ResC and FDF in Bělá-Jezová and FDF Balková. This visit took place within the framework of the Frontex Mobility program, which aims at regular exchange of information and sharing of best practices between EU Member States.

In October, the ResC and the FDF Bělá-Jezová hosted Slovak colleagues from the Migration Office, specifically from the Department of Asylum Facilities and the Rohovce Residential Camp, who obtained information on the operation of the dual mode center. The second visit in October was a delegation from Georgia, which visited colleagues from the SIP Unit as part of the cooperation under the UNHCR and then visited the IAC in Brno, where colleagues from the Georgian Ministry of Interior and NGOs learned about the implementation of the State Integration Program and the system of work at the IAC, including a visit to the accommodation facilities.

Another visit took in the framework of the Frontex Mobility Program took place at the end of November. This time, ResC and FDF Bělá-Jezová visited a representative of the German Ministry of Interior, who was accompanied by a colleague from the Voluntary Return Unit of DAMP.

The last foreign visit of 2023 was a delegation from the Austrian Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Agency for Reception and Support of Applicants for International Protection. The Austrian colleagues first visited the Prague headquarters, where a presentation of experiences and procedures of both partners took place, and then they had a tour of the RecC Ruzyně and the RecC and ResC Zastávka.

OTHER FOREIGN ACTIVITIES OF RFA MOI

The remaining foreign trips of the past year include mainly participation in foreign conferences and workshops or other meetings on a multilateral basis.

In early February, a statistician of the Department for Work with Clients and an analyst of Unit of the Office of the Director attended the European Migration Network conference in The Hague on flexible reception capacities. During the conference, the colleagues received information on best practices from other Member States affected by the sharp increase in irregular and asylum migration in recent years.

In March, the Head of the CSIF Department, the Head of CSIF Pardubice and the Head of CSIF Liberec participated in a conference within the framework of the project "Together for Ukraine" in Szklarska Poreba, where experiences in integration work with Ukrainian refugees were shared.

At the beginning of June, another conference of the European Migration Network was held in The Hague, focused on social work with traumatized or problematic clients, which was attended on behalf of RFA MOI by social workers from the FDF Vyšší Lhoty and social workers from the RecC and ResC Zastávka. Also in June, a conference focused on working with data on Ukrainian refugees was held in Bratislava, where the head of the Unit of the Office of the Director presented the system of data flows and data analysis on Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic.

In September, a delegation of three heads of CSIF visited the IOM conference in Žilina on the topic "Strengthening the coordination of integration and inclusion of migrants at the local level", where they presented the concept of integration of foreigners in the Czech Republic and the system of CSIF functioning. Also in September, a meeting of representatives of European detention facilities organised by the European Migration Network took place in Warsaw, which was attended by the head of Unit of the Office of the Director on behalf of RFA MOI.

At the end of November, the social work methodologist of the Department for Work with Clients participated in a one-day conference of the European Migration Network in Bratislava on "Access to children in the migration process and cooperation of actors", where the participants exchanged a lot of essential information on working with juvenile migrants.

The contribution of the mentioned foreign activities to the work of the organization lies mainly in:

- The possibility of presenting the experience and approach of RFA MOI to migration and integration issues in an international forum.
- Sharing the working methods and practices of RFA MOI and European partner organisations.
- Applying transferable experiences within RFA MOI.
- Orientation in a foreign language environment and improvement of language skills.
- Developing the professional competences of RFA MOI employees through the EUAA training system.
- Establishment of new contacts and other opportunities for cooperation in connection with specific international activities.

A large exhibition of artworks by RFA MOI clients at the castle in Kvasiny was opened in August and enjoyed great interest not only from colleagues from our facilities, but also from friendly organizations, the municipality and the general public.



RFA MOI EMPLOYEES IN 2023

In 2023, the average number of employees of the Refugee Facilities Administration of the MOI was 608. The professional structure includes a variety of professions which cover all RFA MOI activities within the maintenance of the property entrusted to it, especially the care of the premises of the Residential, Reception and Integration Centers and, to no small extent, also within the maintenance of the extensive premises of the Facilities for the Detention of Foreigners. These professions range from the top management of individual departments to maintenance professions.

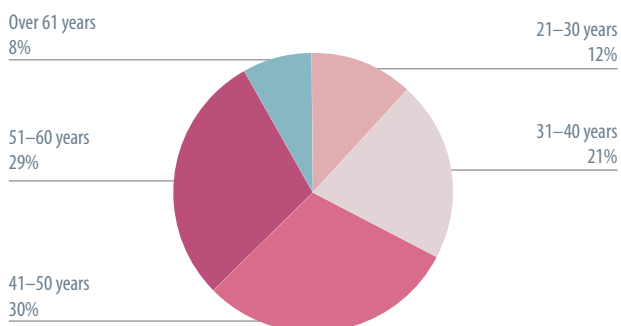
The professional structure also includes a broad spectrum of employees caring for RFA MOI clients, such as organization and social workers, accommodation workers, leisure time pedagogues, and educators.

In total, 93 examples of typical occupational activities are used within the RFA MOI.

Due to the legitimate requests of individual workplaces and the operative changes in the organizational composition by conducting gradual targeted recruitment of personnel, the final number of regular employees was 638 by the end of 2023. This was mainly an increase in employee numbers in connection with the opening of the Short-Term Shelters and the operation of the Regional Assistance Centers for Ukraine. All in connection with ensuring the activities of RFA MOI to cope with the wave of Ukrainian refugees seeking temporary protection in the Czech Republic.

Of the above number, 30.56% were men and 69.44% were women. 62.69 % of employees were under 50 years of age and 37.31 % over 50 years of age.

Employee age structure



TRAINING OF THE RFA MOI EMPLOYEES IN 2023

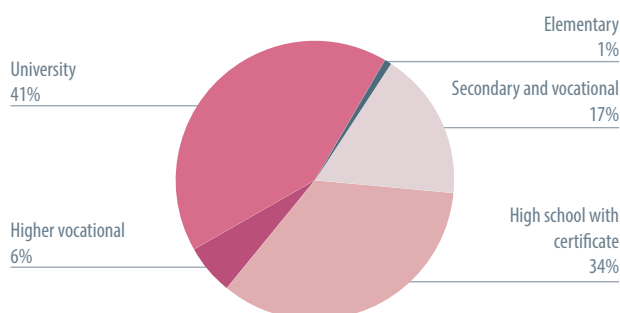
RFA MOI takes care of the professional development of all employees. Training events are organized primarily for the purpose of deepening, renewing and maintaining the professional competences and expertise of employees as defined for the job in question.

In 2023, 160 training events were held under the responsibility of the HR and Wages Department of RFA MOI of which 16 were collective and 144 individual events. The average amount spent per employee on training was CZK 1856.

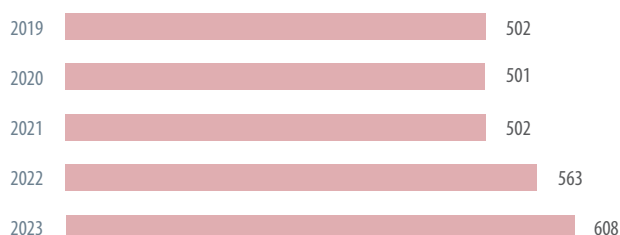
Employees of the RFA MOI could benefit from a “Language bonus” to increase their language skills, up to the amount of the employer’s contribution of CZK 7,000 per year.

An internal management act, the so-called Education Plan, specifies the educational activities for a given calendar year, takes into account the needs of the individual departments and is preceded by a broad discussion of the senior staff. The Education Plan also specifies the training budget for the year, which is based on the needs of the employees and the employer and the financial possibilities of the organization. However, its implementation depends on the fulfilment of the tasks and activities required of the employees in relation to developments in the field of refugees and the required tasks in the integration of foreigners in the Czech Republic.

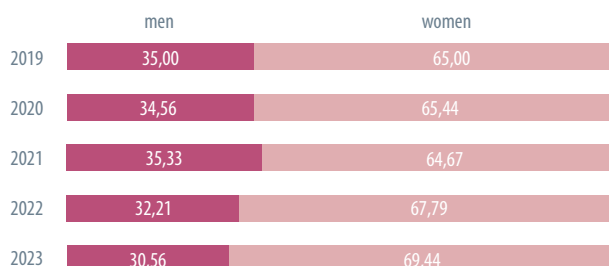
Educational attainment of employees



Average number of employees converted to full-time employees in the year



Employees by gender as of 31.12.2021 according to records in %





FINANCIAL REPORT

ECONOMICAL MANAGEMENT

One of the factors which has annually a major impact on the use of the RFA MOI budget, is the number of applicants for international protection, number of persons who were granted international protection, and the number of detained or accommodated foreigners whom the RFA MOI provides with accommodation, meals, and other necessary services and items under the Act on Asylum and the Act on Residence of Foreigners.

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

Operating expenses of AF and FDF + Headquarters

where RFA MOI spent a total of approximately CZK 280,000,000 in 2023.

Expenses on security of DAMP, STSs, RACFU

where RFA MOI spent a total of CZK 198,000,000 in 2023. The majority of these funds was spent on the rent of the DAMP MOI workplaces and associated services, and purchase of equipment and consumables. Proportionally, the expenditure on the provision of this activity accounted for about 40 % of the total spending of the other current expenditure – non-purpose appropriations budget in 2023.

In addition to the above-mentioned essential activities, in 2023 RFA MOI also provided other activities, which were financed within the RFA MOI current expenditure budget, namely:

State Integration Program

The RFA MOI spent a total of CZK 15,425,000 on the operation of this program. The total amount of financial resources was allocated by RFA MOI from its own budget.

War in Ukraine – EMAS

We spent a total of CZK 102,300,000 on the implementation of these activities, for which RFA MOI received funds in the form of a budgetary measure.



Reception and Residential Center Zastávka

- 515100 – 515400 – Energy (13 mil.)
- 516400 – Rent (54 mil.)
- 516922 – Security (33 mil.)

As regards the revenues, this is an overall increase of CZK 68 million compared to 2022. As regards the content of this area – it is practically unchanged compared to 2022.

The main areas concerned are Non-investment (415) and Investment (423) transfers received.

As regards the wages and related expenses (including claims), there is an increase compared to 2022 by a total of CZK 86.9 million. This was due not only to the inclusion of claims from 2022, but mainly to the increase in RFA budget for the RACFU agreements.

As regards other current expenses, spending in 2023 was by CZK 26.6 million higher than in 2022. It can be noted that this increase was mainly due to price increases, with a more significant contribution from higher rent for the DAMP office. Another very significant item were expenses related to the Ukraine.

Comparison of results of income/expenses segment in 2023 to 2022

Indicator	Reality 2022	Reality 2023	Difference
Total income	CZK 54,215,438	CZK 122,861,722	CZK 68,646,284
Total expenses (incl. claims from unused expenses)	CZK 887,075,659	K 875,758,248	CZK -11,317,411
of which:			
Total current expenses = total expenses - VPF (incl. claims from unused expenses)	CZK 836,868,732	CZK 863,555,024	CZK +26,686,292
of which:			
Wages and related expenses / wages and other payments for performed work + compulsory insurance + FKSP/ (incl. NNV)	CZK 331,177,562	CZK 418,151,417	CZK +86,973,855
Total current expenses (operation expenses) = total expenses – VPF – wages and related expenses (incl. claims from unused expenses)	CZK 500,691,170	CZK 445,403,607	CZK -55,287,563
Expenses for funding programs of property reproduction (incl. claims from unused expenses)	CZK 50,206,926	CZK 12,203,224	CZK -38,003,702

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.

As regards expenses on financing the reproduction of assets, a total of 5 actions were carried out for a total value (including NNV claims from 2022) of CZK 12.2 million, which represents an increase of CZK 38 million in spending than in 2022.

NON-INVESTMENT TRANSFERS TO REGIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES:

In 2023, the RFA MOI (in compliance with Section 84 of Act 325/1999 Sb., on Asylum, as amended, and the Czech Government Resolution no. 303 of April 7, 2016, and also in compliance with Section 151 of Act 326/1999 Sb., on the Residence of Foreigners in the Territory of the Czech Republic, and the Czech Government Resolution no. 286 of 30 March 2016) provided a contribution of CZK 10 per person accommodated in the asylum facility per day to partially cover the municipalities' spending for accommodation of foreigners in asylum and detention facilities located in their respective territories.

In 2023, a total of CZK 1,829,210 was paid to municipalities where Asylum Facilities and Facilities for the Detention of Foreigners are located.

EXPENSES ON PROJECTS CO-FINANCED BY THE EU:

In 2023, the RFA MOI implemented three projects on the basis of agreements signed by the competent authority, co-financed from the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF).

Czech language in the integration centers

The implementation of this project started in July 2023 on the basis of the call number 5. which was published by the responsible authority in February 2023. The project implementation period is 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2026.

The aim of this project is to create conditions and space for long-term, strategical and sustainable support for the integration of foreigners legally residing in the Czech Republic in accordance with the applicable Concept of Integration of Foreigners. For this purpose, the RFA MOI provides Czech language teaching for the target group of the project in all 14 Centers.

Beginning of the project: 1. 7. 2023

Termination of the project: 31. 12. 2026

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT IN 2023:

	Spent in 2023
In total	CZK 5,411,820
SB	CZK 1,352,978
EU	CZK 4,058,842

EXPENDITURE RELATING TO EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES AND OTHER TITLES OF AUTHORISED OVERRUN WHICH DO NOT MODIFY THE COMMITMENT INDICATOR (EXCLUDING CLAIMS FROM UNUSED EXPENSES):

	Spent in 2023
In total	CZK 51,229,822.69
Other payments for performed work	CZK 7,592,160.55
Social Insurance	CZK 4,058,842
Healthcare insurance	CZK 2,764,122.68

Residential Center Kostelec nad Orlicí



RESULTS OF THE FINANCIAL, INTERNAL, AND EXTERNAL INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS

In 2023, audit and inspection activities within RFA MOI were carried out fully in accordance with the annual plan according to the Decision of the Director of RFA MOI No.37/2022, Internal Audit and Inspection Plan of RFA MOI in 2023, both within the Internal Audit and Inspection Department and within individual departments across RFA MOI.

THE INTERNAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT – 14 INSPECTIONS:

Public administration inspections of contributions provided for 2022 to the municipalities of Tis u Blatna, Vyšší Lhoty, Zastávka, Jaroměř, Kostelec nad Orlicí, Ústí nad Labem, Havířov, Brno – Židenice and Bělá pod Bezdězem – 9 inspections in total. The inspections were carried out in the period 27.3.2023 – 19.6.2023.

Inspection of cash balances and valuables – 2 inspections in total. The inspections were carried out on 18.9.2023 and 29.12.2023.

Cybersecurity inspection within RFA MOI was carried out in the period 1.2.2023 – 20.12.2023. The inspection revealed irregularity consisting mainly in not updating the internal regulations of RFA MOI and not conducting mandatory cybersecurity training.

The inspection of the system of publication of contracts, conclusion and performance of contractual obligations was carried out in the period 12.7.2023 – 30.11.2023 at the headquarters of RFA MOI. The inspection did not reveal any serious irregularities, only minor deficiencies in the publication of contracts. The related internal management acts were found to be outdated and their revision was recommended.

The inspection of compliance with legal regulations and internal management acts of RFA MOI in connection with operation of CSIFs was carried out in the period 15.9.2023 – 11.12.2023 at the CSIF in Příbram, Zlín and Olomouc. In relation to compliance with legal and internal regulations, no misconducts were found in the CSIF activities, however, it was noted that the internal management acts concerning cash operations do not reflect the current situation and it is recommended to update them.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS ON DEPARTMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL UNITS IN THE AREAS FOR WHICH THEY ARE THE METHODOLOGICAL GUARANTOR:

Organisational Department carried out a total of 18 inspections:

- inspection of processing the documents for FKSP 3x;
- inspection of internal management acts 7x;
- inspection of performance of the records management in individual facilities of RFA MOI 4x;
- inspection of damage and their management 2x;
- inspection of personal data management 2x.

The inspections were carried out from 7.9.2023 to 13.11.2023. The inspections were in most cases without defects, with minor deficiencies. Irregularities were detected in the inspection of performance of the records management.

Department of Work with Clients – 7 inspections:

Inspection of working hours for the professional activities of leisure time instructors and informing clients by the employees, professional work of educators of children's centers 7x. The inspections were carried out in asylum facilities and facilities for the detention of foreigners in the period from 27.4.2023 to 10.10.2023. The inspection revealed minor irregularities in keeping personal files, failure to provide information to clients – employees were instructed.

Department of Economics and Operations – 2 inspections,

namely inspections of invoices, travel orders, cash documents, valuables and cash, at FDF Vyšší Lhoty in the period 3.10.2023 – 9.10.2023 and ResC Havířov in the period 4.10.2023 – 9.10.2023. Minor deficiencies were found in the completion of travel orders in ResC Havířov.

Independent Unit of the Office of the Director – 6 inspections

on the documentation of the security protection of the premises, the activities of the security agency, the key regime and CCTV system – in the departments of ResC Havířov, ResC and ResC Zastávka, ResC Kostelec nad Orlicí, FDF and ResC Bělá-Jezová, FDF Vyšší Lhoty, FDF Balková in the period 26.10.2023 – 21.11.2023. The inspections were without any detected irregularities.

CSIF Department – 6 inspections

– the inspections concerned the management of staff attendance, client records, invoicing and project publicity, and were carried out in the period 19.7.2023 – 27.11.2023 at the CSIF offices in Zlín, Olomouc, Ostrava, Plzeň, Jihlava and Liberec. At the CSIF office Jihlava, an incorrect calculation of the meal voucher lump sum was detected, while the other inspections were without defects.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS OF THE AF AND FDF DEPARTMENTS:

FDF Balková Department – 10 inspections:

- inspection of fire safety, evacuation plan, staff training 1x;
- inspection of interviews and providing information to clients 2x;
- inspection of compliance with internal regulations 1x;
- inspection of the staff's procedure for handling the funds of detained foreigners 2x;
- inspection of public procurement 1x;
- inspection of cash balances and valuables 1x;
- inspection of fire safety and documentation 1x;
- inspection of social files and compliance with GDPR 1x – found misconduct in the processing of documentation on occupational accidents;

The inspections were carried out in the period 1.3.2023 – 3.11.2023. With the exception of social files inspection and GDPR compliance, no irregularities were detected.

FDF and ResC Bělá Jezová Department – 7 inspections:

- inspection of cash balances and valuables 3x.
- inspection of permanent service office book, reporting of emergencies and carrying out checks in the premises 1x.
- inspection of the journey log, approving journeys done by official vehicles 1x.

- inspection of accommodation contracts and keeping social documentation 1x.
 - inspection of records and funds of detained foreigners 1x.
- The inspections were carried out in the period 31.3.2023 – 29.12.2023. No irregularities were found.

ResC Havířov Department – 8 inspections:

- inspection of cash balances and valuables, financial and asset accounting 2x;
 - inspection of the provision of services in IAC Havířov, sublease contracts 2x;
 - inspection of claims and damage records, keeping documentation of applicants for international protection 2x;
 - inspection of repairs, maintenance and disposal of movable and immovable property, claims and damages 2x;
- The inspections were carried out in the period 17.4.2023 – 24.10.2023. No irregularities were found.

ResC Kostelec nad Orlicí Department – 9 inspections:

- inspection of the provision of services in IAC Jaroměř 1x;
- inspection of publication, timeliness and clarity of information for clients in the ResC premises 1x;
- inspection of permanent service office book, carrying out checks in the premises – el. system Tretus 1x;
- inspection of cash balances and valuables 2x;
- inspection of the asset accounting, inventory of the warehouse 1x;
- inspection of the payment of allowances for dietary meals 1x;
- inspection of the prohibition of alcoholic beverages 1x;
- inspection of the key regime 1x.

The inspections were carried out in the period 16.5.2023 – 19.10.2023. No irregularities were found.

RecC Ruzyně Department – 4 inspections:

- inspection of permanent service office book, reporting of emergencies and carrying out checks of the facilities 1x;
- inspection of cash balances 1x;
- inspection of the correctness of procedures, relevance of documentation, expiration of materials, composition of sanitary packages and stock status 1x;
- inspection of processing the occupational accidents 1x.

The inspections were carried out in the period 1.3.2023 – 19.10.2023. No irregularities were found.

FDF Vyšší Lhoty Department – 3 inspections:

- inspection of cash balances and valuables 2x;
- inspection of funds of detained foreigners 1x.

The inspections were carried out in the period 4.8.2023 – 29.9.2023. No irregularities were found.

RecC Zastávka Department – 8 inspections:

- inspection of cash balances and valuables 2x;
- inspection of provision of meals and meal vouchers 1x;
- inspection of software 1x;
- inspection of stock status 1x;
- inspection of claims and damage management 1x;
- inspection of first-aid kit and client accident 1x;
- inspection of package content provided to the clients upon arrival 1x.

The inspections were carried out in the period 17.2.2023 – 11.9.2023. No irregularities were found.

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT AT RFA MOI BY EXTERNAL BODIES:

In 2023, external bodies carried out 10 inspections were carried out at RFA MOI:

City of Bělá pod Bezdězem – 1 inspection

– inspection of FDF Bělá Jezová – the subject of the inspection was the local fee for spa or recreational stay and for the accommodation capacity. The inspection was carried out on 22.11.2023, without any measures.

Healthcare Facility of MOI – 2 inspections:

- Inspection of hygiene and PPE – FDF Bělá Jezová – on 21.7.2023, without any measures.
- Inspection of hygiene, PPE and catering at RecC Ruzyně – on 29.8.2023, without any measures.

Ministry of Finance – 3 inspections:

- Project AMIF/26/01 – expenditures for the period 1.10.2021 – 31.3.2022 – inspection carried out on 1.11.2022 – 9.1.2023, without any measures.
- Project AMIF/26/01 – expenditures for the period 1.4.2022 – 30.9.2022 – inspection carried out on 16.5.2023 – 31.7.2023, without any measures.
- Project AMIF/27/01 – organisation of Czech language courses in CSIF for the period 1.7.2022 – 31.12.2022 – started 2.11.2023 – 4.1.2024. Without any inspection findings.

Financial Office for the Capital City of Prague

– 2 inspections:

- Project AMIF/30/01 – public contract “replacement of boiler in ResC Havířov” – inspection carried out 30.3.2023 – 9.11.2023. Violation of budgetary discipline was detected, no payment order was issued by the Tax Authority.
- Project AMIF/16/01, AMIF/20/04, AMIF/20/05 – organisation of Czech language courses in CSIF for the period 1.8.2018 – 30.6.2020 – inspection initiated on 21.12.2023 – not yet terminated.

Department of EU Funds in Internal Affairs of MOI

– 2 inspections:

- Project AMIF/27/01 – organisation of Czech language courses in CSIF for the period 1.7.2020 – 30.6.2020 – inspection carried out in the period 26.7.2023 – 16.11.2023. Ineligible expenses were found.
- Project AMIF/26/01 – project expenditures for the period 1.4.2020 – 31.12.2022, inspection carried out in the period 11.9.2023 – 10.11.2023. Without any inspection findings.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

The financial audits and inspections carried out in 2023 did not reveal any breach of budgetary discipline or misuse of funds. The external audit carried out by the external audit bodies and the authorities of the founder (Ministry of the Interior) also did not reveal any infringement of budgetary discipline or any other violation of Act No 320/2001 Sb., on Financial Control, or of Decree No. 416/2004 Sb., implementing the Act on Financial Control and Act No 563/1991 Sb., on Accounting.

The above-mentioned audits, public administration inspections and inspections of departments and units within RFA MOI were carried out without any major findings and it can be concluded that the processes and activities set up at the RFA MOI are functioning and the organization performs its tasks in accordance with generally applicable legal regulations. The internal control system is formally set up correctly and is effective. There were no serious breaches of internal management acts and legal regulations that would require reporting to the financial or law enforcement authorities. Inspection reports or records are stored in the electronic records management of RFA MOI.

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