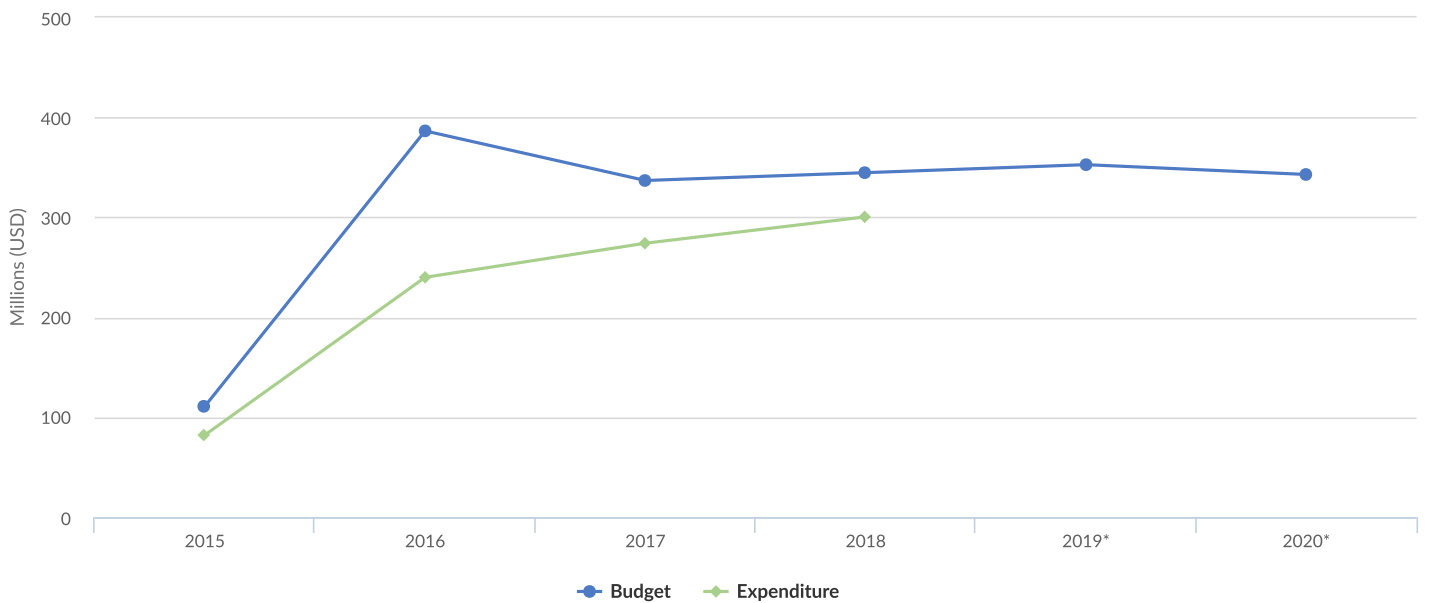


Subregion: Northern, Western, Central and Southern Europe

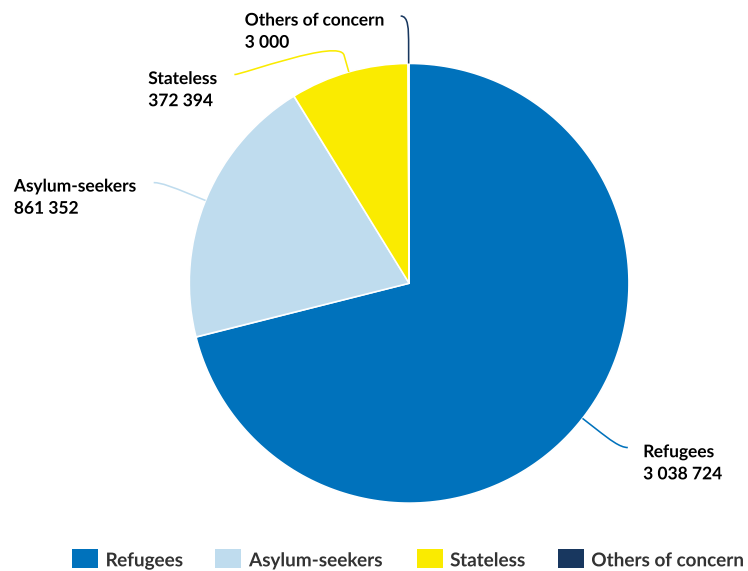
| Albania | Andorra | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece | Holy See (the) | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Monaco | Netherlands (the) | Norway | Poland | Portugal | Romania | San Marino | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the) |



Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion Northern, Western, Central and Southern Europe



People of Concern - 2020 [projected]



Working environment and response in 2020

In recent years, many people have sought protection in Europe. Some refugees from beyond the immediate region – such as Syria, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Iraq – are seeking safety from conflicts and violence in other parts of the world, which have sparked large-scale and protracted displacement.

With a limited number of safe pathways and lengthy process for accessing people, many fleeing persecution have few choices, including those trying to reunite with family members in Europe.

By the end of 2019, the number of people of concern in Europe is expected to have stabilized, with some 11.2 million refugees and migrants continuing to cross the Mediterranean Sea, although in decreasing numbers. In Southern Europe, Italy will continue to witness a decline in sea arrivals in 2020, while Spain will witness a growing number of arrivals from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Despite population figures stabilizing, UNHCR's focus will remain on creating or strengthening States' capacities to process asylum claims and protect the large number of children arriving in Europe, often unaccompanied.

UNHCR will continue to strengthen its external relations and communication to: steer political and public discussions on refugee and migration issues; ensure people of concern's access to territory and asylum; stop push-backs at borders in the region to neighbouring countries; support the reinforcement and development of well-functioning asylum systems; improve reception conditions; reinforce access to effective protection systems and durable solutions, in particular integration; strengthen partnerships; and lead interagency efforts to improve Europe's response to its refugee and displacement situations.

UNHCR will continue to implement its multi-year, multi-partner planning in **Northern Europe**, which comprises better access to territory and quality asylum procedures; greater focus on the integration of people of concern into host communities; the establishment of child-sensitive systems for refugee and migrant children; and finding solutions beyond Europe for people of concern, such as increased resettlement and use of legal pathways. UNHCR will also capitalize on the Nordic countries' strong engagement with the Global Compact on Refugees and Global Refugee Forum to generate political and financial support to its global activities and mandate, and to increase awareness about refugee situations and their causes.

In **Western Europe**, UNHCR will strengthen its focus on EU engagement and advocacy at the highest political and strategic levels. Its aims will be to ensure enhanced political and policy partnership with the EU; continue and increase EU funding; in the context of the GCR, ensure the interests of people of concern are reflected in EU policies.

A large number of refugees remain in need of solutions in many European countries, but popular support for political parties with an anti-migration stance is on the rise. In this context, UNHCR will use proactive, timely and targeted media engagement to counter negative political rhetoric. The protection and solutions strategy will focus on improving the quality of national asylum procedures and reception conditions; strengthening the prevention of, and response to, sexual and gender-based violence; protecting unaccompanied and separated children; and expanding legal pathways, including access to family reunification, integration and the eradication of statelessness.

UNHCR will continue to engage in advocacy and capacity building activities with governments and civil society in **Central Europe**. More effort will be made to monitor and increase interventions at sensitive borders where push-back to neighbouring countries occurs, such as Croatia. Through judicial engagement and strategic litigation, UNHCR will seek to address protection gaps in international and national legal frameworks. Strategic partnerships with the EC, EASO/EUAA, FRONTEX, FRA, CoE, OSCE/ OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human rights, IOM, other UN agencies and other protection actors will be pursued at regional and national levels. UNHCR's active engagement with the public and policy makers to foster attitudes and policies that are favourable to refugees and asylum-seekers remains a priority.

In **Southern Europe**, where there are fewer arrivals in Italy but more in Spain, UNHCR will focus on litigation and the quality assurance of refugee status determination; supporting the integration of refugees in host communities; prevention of sexual and gender-based violence; and access to special care and services for unaccompanied and separated children. The Office will gradually adjust its role in Italy and upgrade monitoring to support the multi-year transition of the eligibility system. It will support quality monitoring of reception standards; facilitate access to information and services for people of concern; and boost local and national stakeholders' knowledge of community-based protection. UNHCR will continue to influence legislation and policy to ensure higher standards of protection and access to territory in Cyprus, and it will promote the integration of refugees and asylum-seekers in the sub-region.

2020 Budget for Northern, Western, Central and Southern Europe | USD

Operation	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Belgium Multi-Country Office	12,103,644	391,983	0	0	12,495,627
France	3,560,234	226,991	0	0	3,787,225
Germany	2,259,695	38,265	0	0	2,297,959
Greece	275,159,636	84,247	0	0	275,243,883
Hungary Regional Office	12,261,004	420,247	236,860	0	12,918,111
Italy Regional Office	22,184,306	198,316	0	0	22,382,622
Spain Multi-Country Office	5,557,393	31,220	0	0	5,588,613
Sweden Multi-Country Office	4,678,745	650,000	0	0	5,328,745
United Kingdom	2,460,626	403,002	0	0	2,863,628
Total	340,225,283	2,444,270	236,860	0	342,906,413
