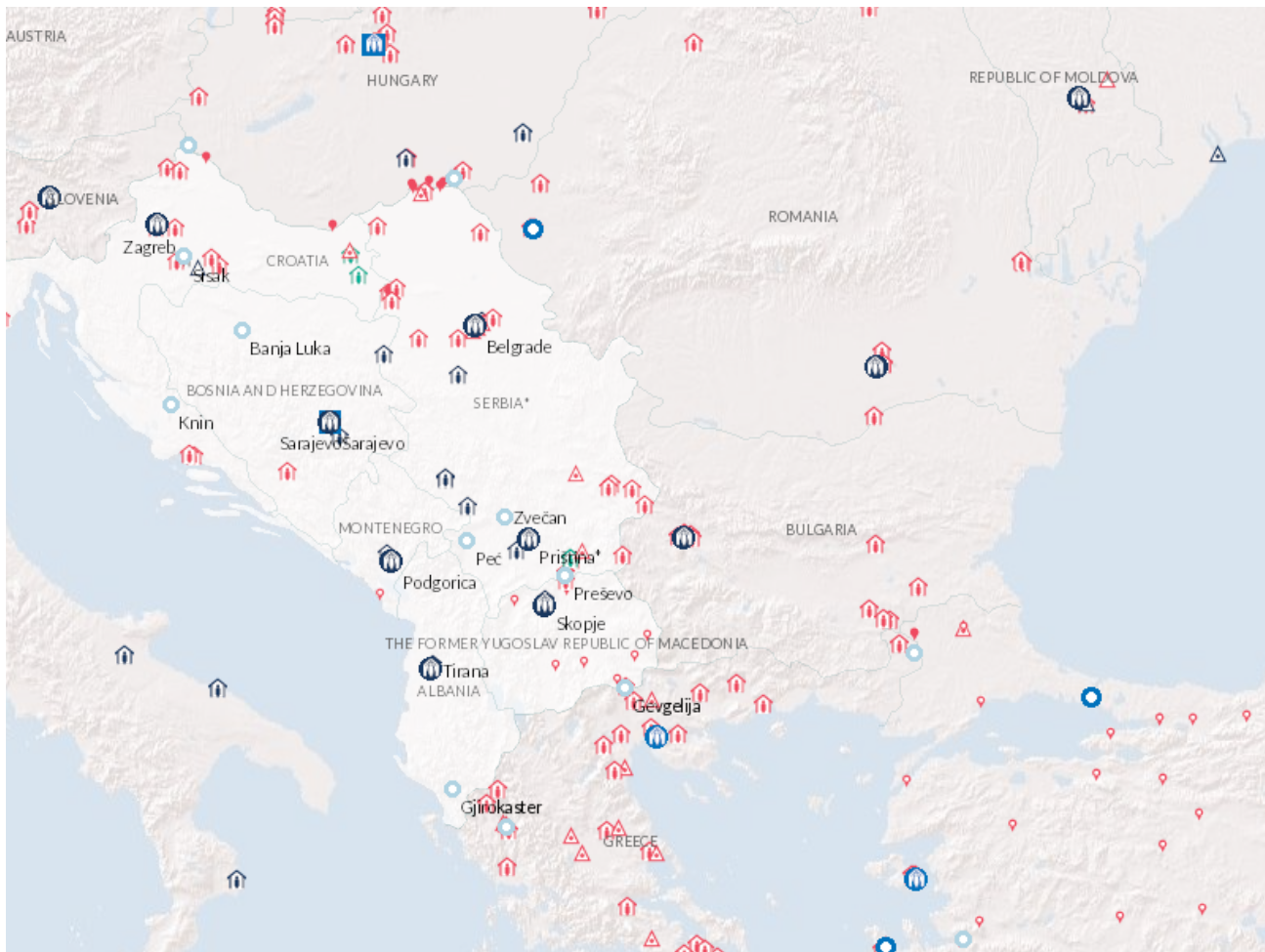
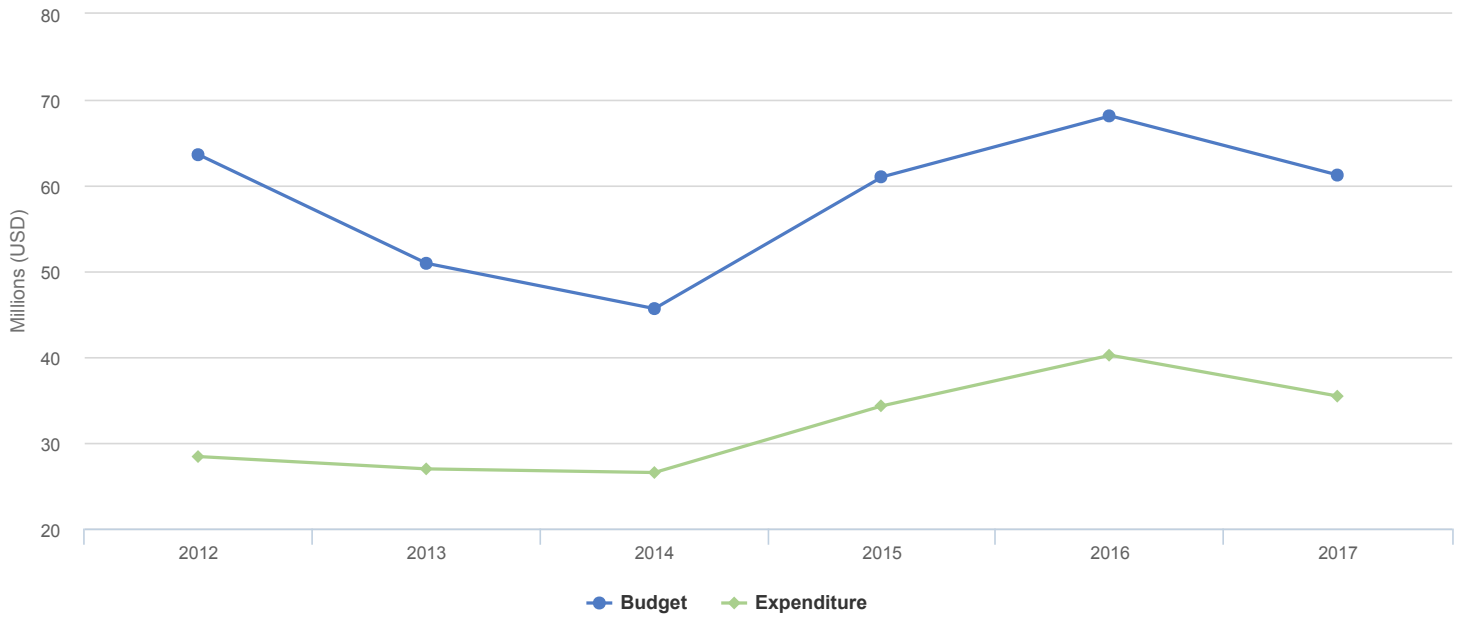


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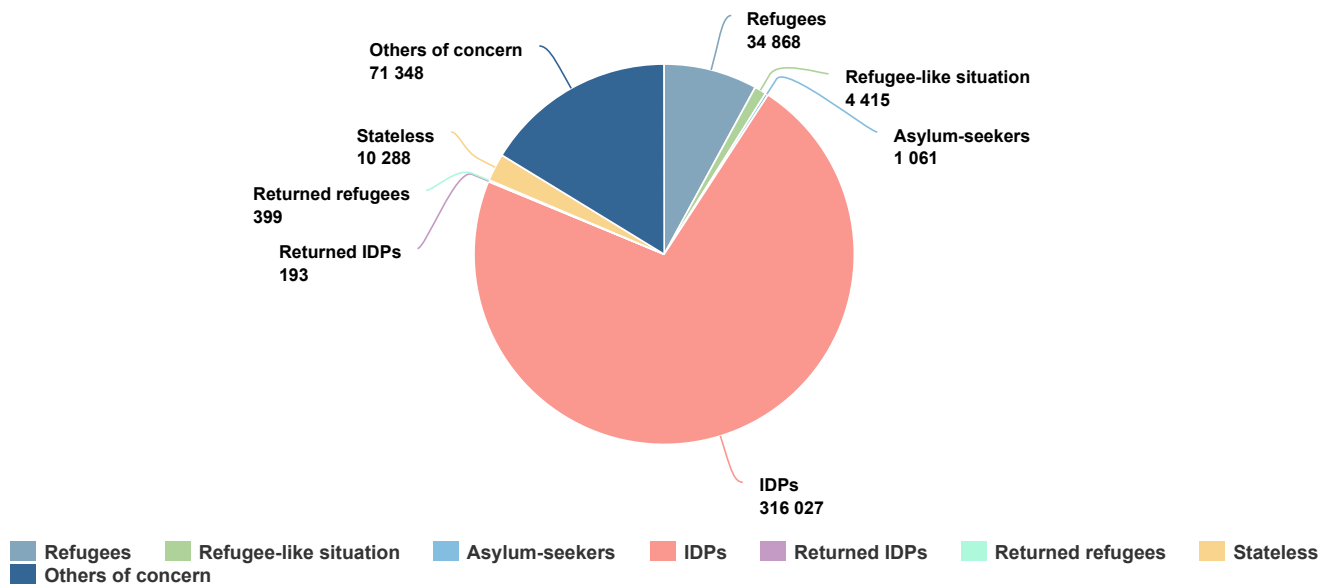
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion South-Eastern Europe



People of Concern - 2017



Response in 2017

This summary presents an overview of UNHCR's response in South-Eastern Europe in 2017. For more information on key achievements, challenges and unmet needs by operation, please visit the Regional (<http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/12002>) Office in South Eastern Europe page.

All countries in the subregion are party to the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol, and have relevant legislation in place. Nevertheless, asylum-seekers and refugees did not have reliable access to status determination procedures and protection. All countries are also party to the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions, with the exception of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which has not yet acceded to the 1961 Convention.

In most of the region, political events, including elections, took place resulting in stalling of progress in asylum related areas, while accession to the European Union continued to be a key priority and hence provide a useful reference in UNHCR's efforts to promote a protection sensitive and solutions oriented asylum systems. The three key priorities continued to be asylum in the context of movements involving refugees, solutions for populations displaced in the region during the 1990s, and combatting statelessness.

In 2017, mixed movements continued in 2017 at a reduced pace compared to previous years but with an increased fragmentation of the routes which led to more arrivals of refugees and migrants in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. UNHCR strived to strengthen the asylum systems and build national capacity in the context of mixed migration, including through the EU-funded Regional IPA II project on protection-sensitive migration management in the Western Balkans and Turkey. At the same time, UNHCR focused on ensuring the protection of people of concern, and supported the identification and referral of vulnerable people, such as unaccompanied and separated minors, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and women-at-risk, in order to provide appropriate assistance.

At the end of 2017, an estimated 350,000 remained affected by the conflicts of the 1990s. UNHCR focused on facilitating durable solutions for these groups especially in the context of the Sarajevo Process/Regional Housing Programme, while starting to recalibrate its operational engagement and building up the capacity of authorities and other national stakeholders.

Twenty years after the dissolution of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and related displacement, approximately 8,500 people remain at risk of **statelessness** in the South-Eastern Europe. Lacking civil registration and documentation to prove their existence or nationality, the stateless persons are unable to effectively enjoy their rights. In 2017, UNHCR continued to work with Governments, the EU, the OSCE, and partner organizations in the region to address obstacles to the acquisition or confirmation of nationality, notably in the area of law and administrative procedures on civil registration.

2017 Voluntary Contributions to South-Eastern Europe | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Regional Office in South Eastern Europe				
Council of Europe Development Bank	0	246,957	0	246,957
European Union	1,460,785	0	0	1,460,785
Montenegro	0	0	82,745	82,745
Private donors in France	170,648	0	0	170,648
Private donors in Spain	104,603	0	0	104,603
Republic of Korea	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000
Russian Federation	0	100,000	0	100,000
Serbia	0	0	30,380	30,380
Spain	10,672	0	0	10,672
UN Department of Political Affairs	4,123,557	0	0	4,123,557
Regional Office in South Eastern Europe subtotal	6,870,266	346,957	113,125	7,330,348
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