

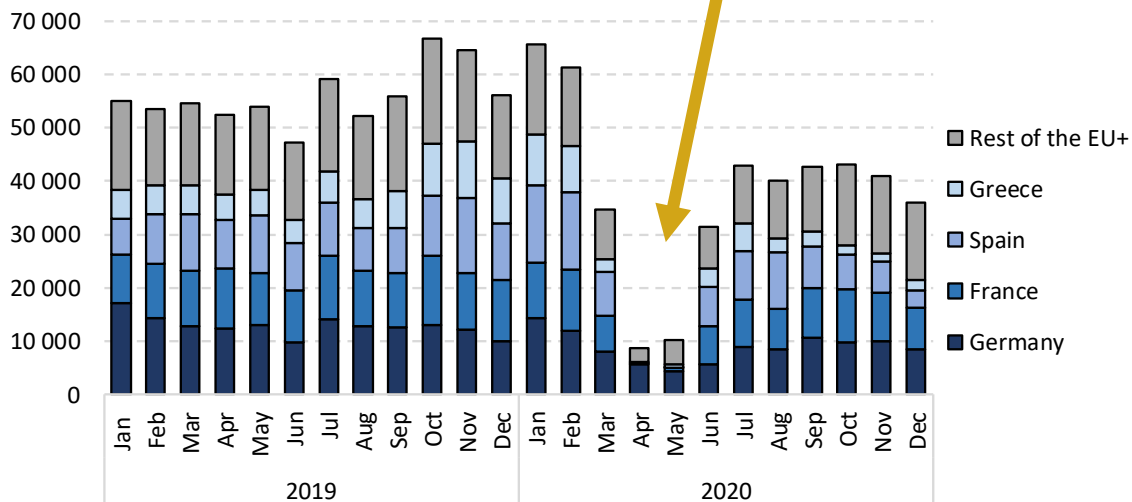
Preliminary analysis of the asylum situation in the EU+ in 2020 and emerging trends

JHA Counsellors Meeting
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Asylum Applications in the EU+ in 2020

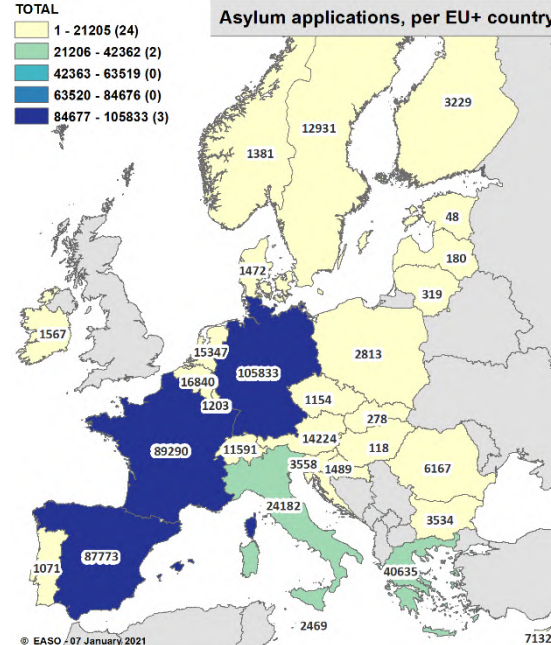


457 828 applications lodged, down by 32 % compared to 2019



TOTAL

1 - 21205 (24)
21206 - 42362 (2)
42363 - 63519 (0)
63520 - 84676 (0)
84677 - 105833 (3)



This preliminary annual analysis is based on a combination of monthly data (January – November) plus weekly data for December (Weeks 49 – 53).

Asylum Case Processing in the EU+ in 2020: January – November



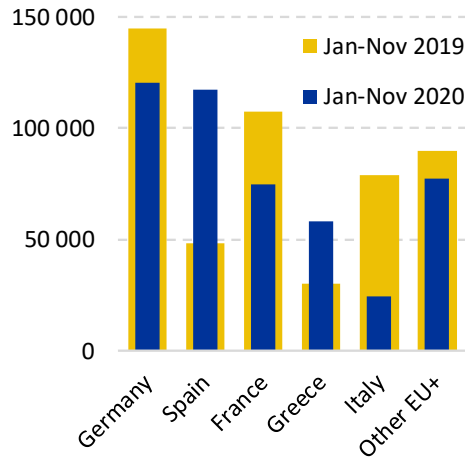
Some 472 846 first-instance decisions, down by 5 % from Jan.-Nov. 2019



Recognition rate stable at 31 % (refugee status & subsidiary protection)



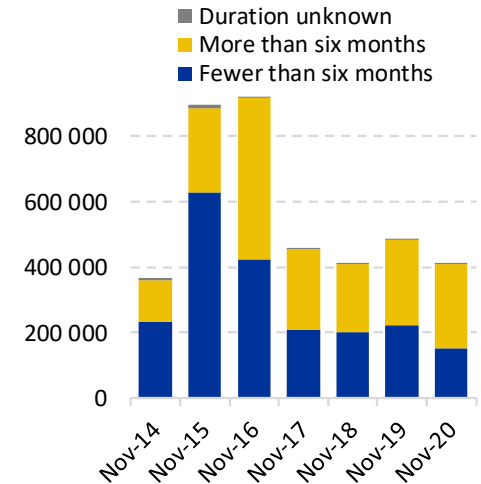
Almost 410 900 cases pending at first instance, mostly for over six months



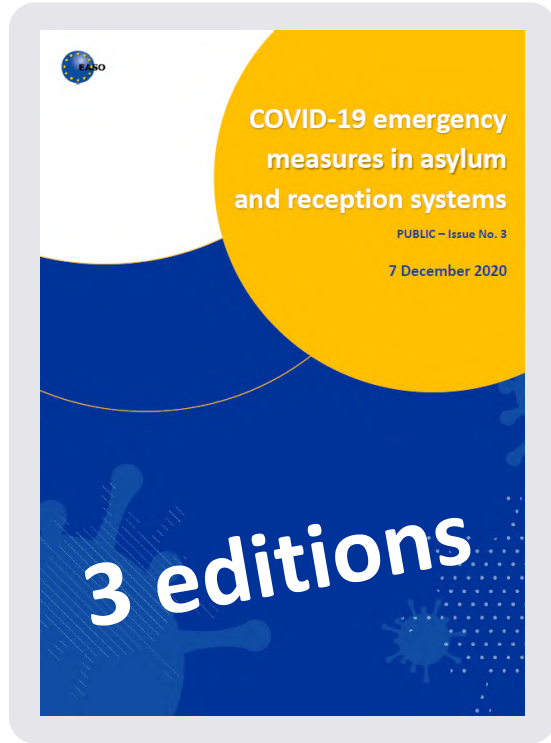
Some 44 433 withdrawn applications, down by 20 %



Over 85 819 decisions on Dublin requests, down by 35 %



COVID-19 Emergency Measures in Asylum and Reception Systems

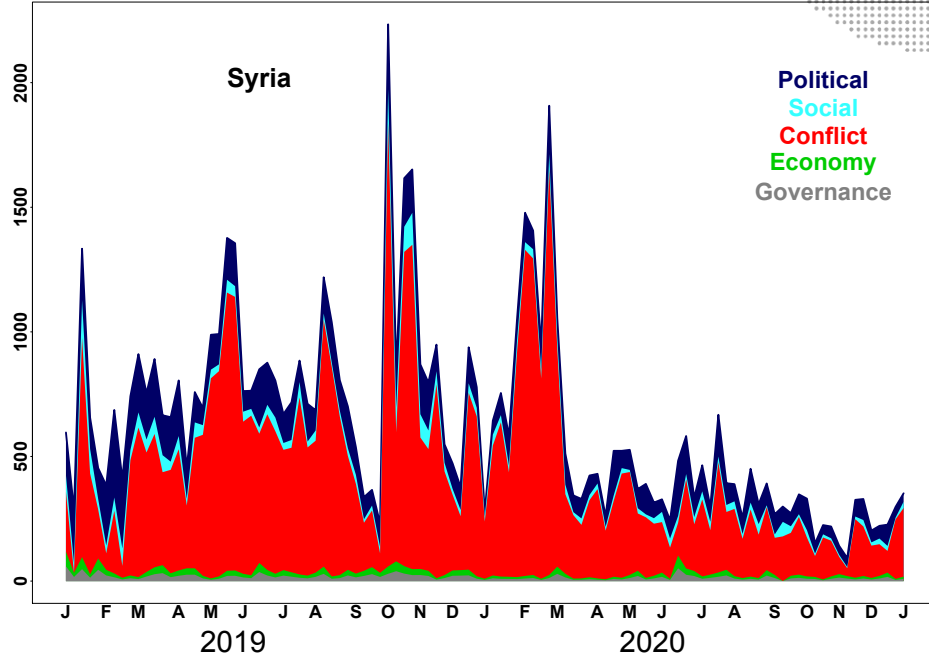
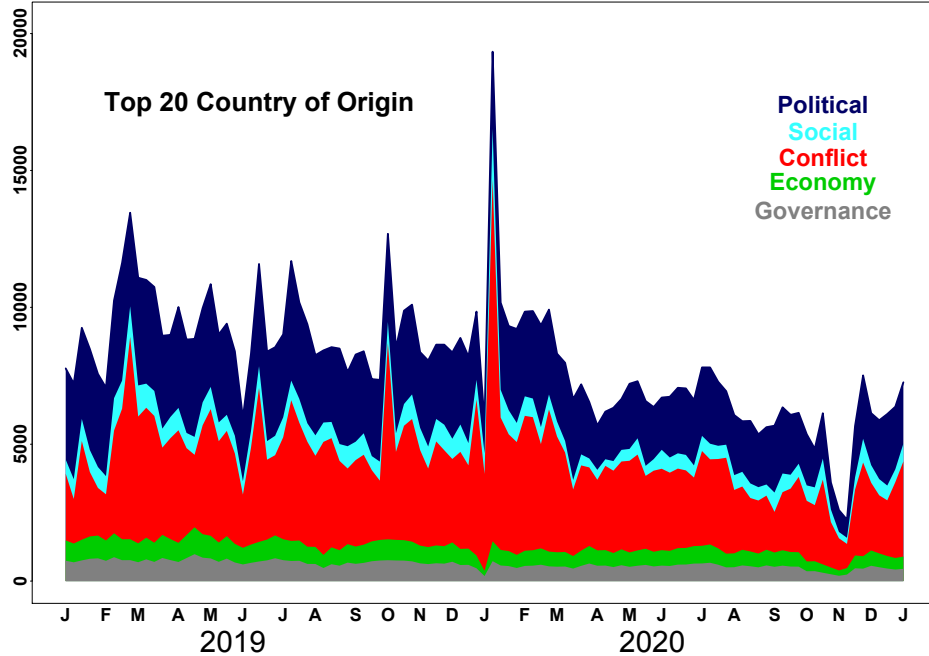


Emergency measures

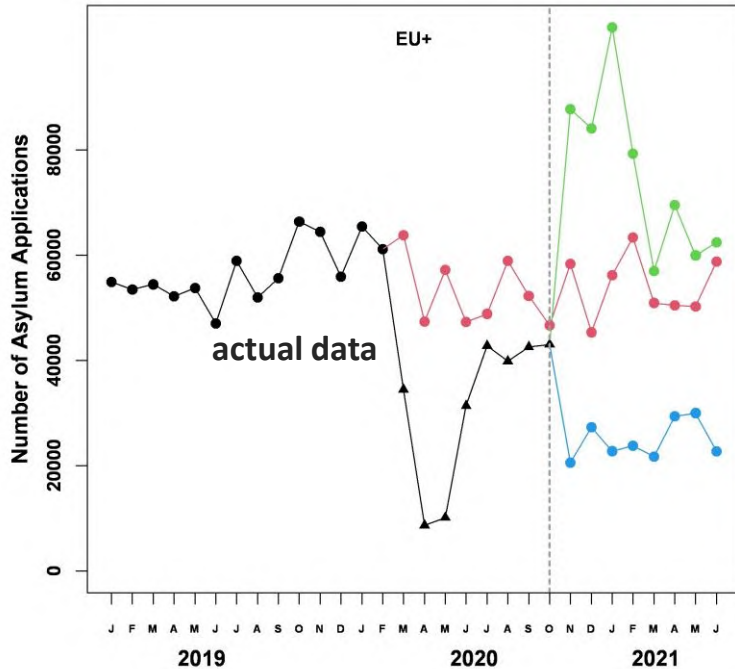


- Health protocols and logistical arrangements
- Teleworking, shifts, office closures – temporary suspensions of some face-to-face activities
- Technical solutions (e.g. online registrations, remote interviewing)

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Forecasted Asylum Applications (ARIMA)



High: COVID-19 restrictions come to an end; asylum applications 'catch up' over 6 months

Middle: COVID-19 did not occur

Low: another COVID-19 lockdown; asylum applications drop again, but slower than in March/April

Emerging Trends in 2021

Comprehensive analysis forthcoming in the EASO Annual Trend Analysis Report 2020

Preliminary overview of relevant factors



Continuing impact of COVID-19 and vaccine nationalism



Mixed economic recovery, worse economic conditions in some third countries



Increased inequality, growing food insecurity and hunger



Persisting reduced mobility and (air) travel options



Trapped migrants en route due to border closures – more dangerous journeys