



Creating Change for People

Preparing People for Change

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Who are we?

- Malta Based Human Rights Organization / Think Tank
- Bring people of a variety of backgrounds
 - Legal, social scientists, political scientists
- Human Rights Based Approach

What do we do?

- Research & Analysis
- Lobbying & Advocacy
- Capacity Building & Training
- Resource Provision and Dissemination

Where do we work?

- Malta
- EU Level (ENAR, Commission Meeting, European Integration Forum, Transnational Projects)
- Council of Europe (GRETA, ECRI Submissions)
- UN Level (promoting participation in UPR)
- Other countries (Court Expert Reports, bilateral networking and communication)

Who do we work with?

- National and Transnational Partners
- Networks and Platforms
- Government Officials and Entities
- European Institutions
- International Governmental Organizations
- International / European Non-Governmental Organizations

What we work on

- Migration
- Anti-Racism
- Youth
- Children's Rights

Supporting Research – Informing Debates

- Malta Migration Scholars Network
- Handbook: Doing Migration Research in Malta
- Support for Researchers and Scholars
- Research Gap Analysis and Monitoring

Racism

- National Action Plan against Racism
- Review of National Minimum Curriculum from an Equality Perspective
- Annual Shadow Reports on Malta and Comparative Shadow Reports
- Research on Racist Violence and Crime
- Submissions to ECRI and other entities.
- Members of ENAR

Migration

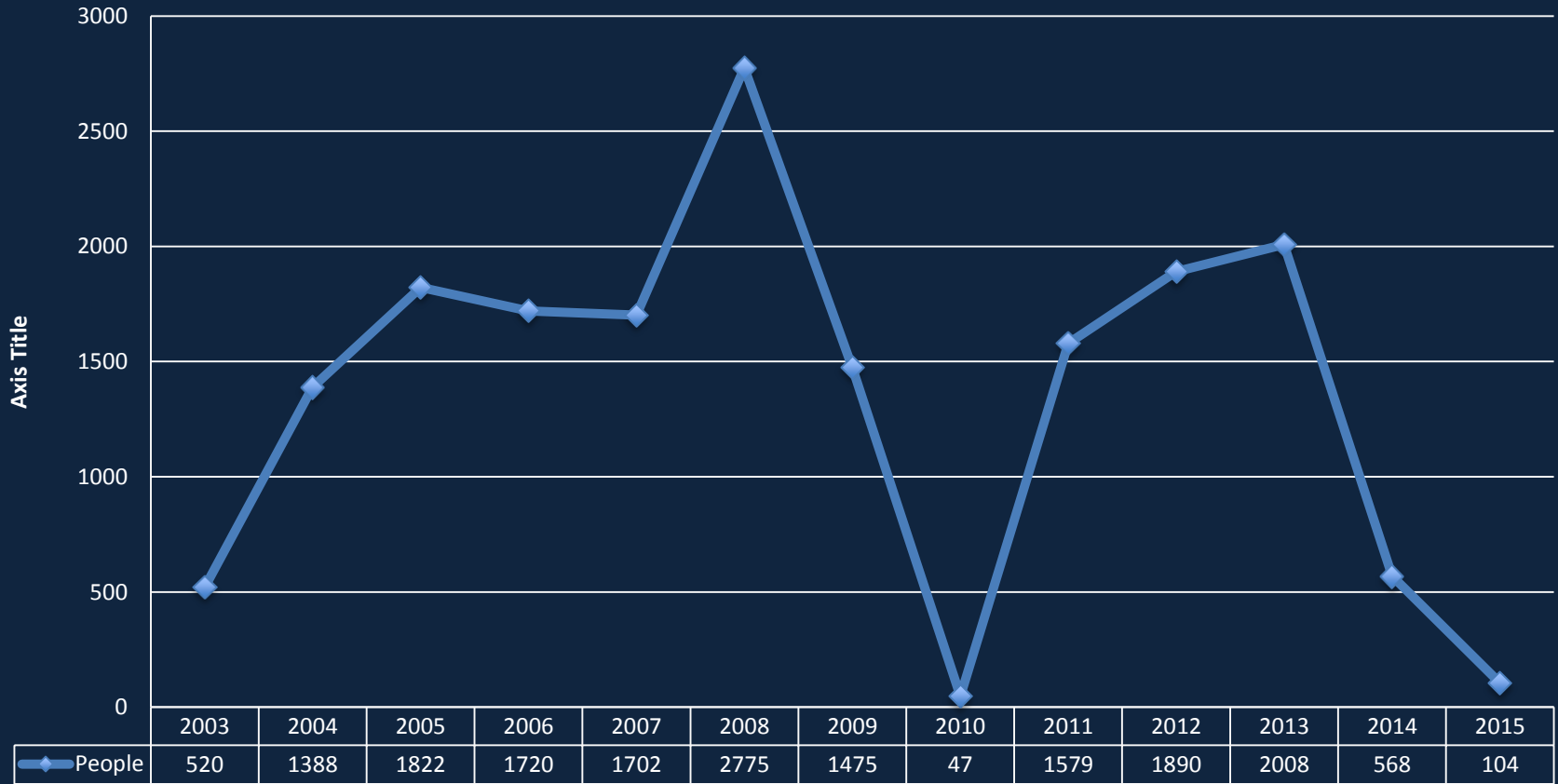
- Legal/ economic migration
 - Access to the labour market
 - Conditions of entry and adherence to EU Law
- Forced Migration and Asylum
 - Access to Protection (Protected Entry, External Borders)
 - Integration (housing, employment, discrimination)
 - Dublin Returns
- Trafficking
 - Research and lobbying
 - Capacity building

History and Context

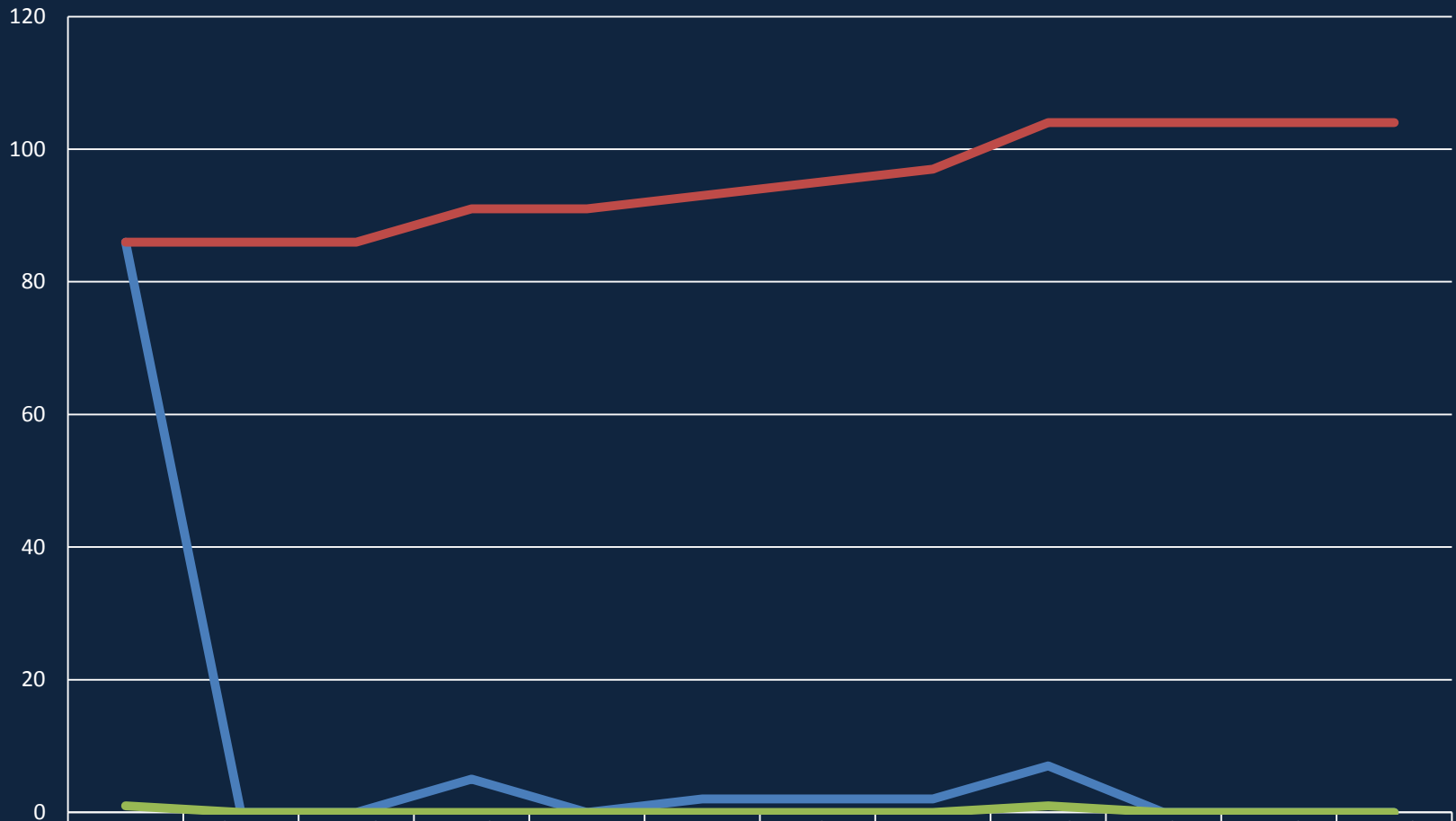
- Increase in asylum seekers arriving, starting in 2002
- Arrivals by boat
- Challenges – Crisis Mode

Boat Arrivals 2003 - 2015

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Boat Arrivals 2015

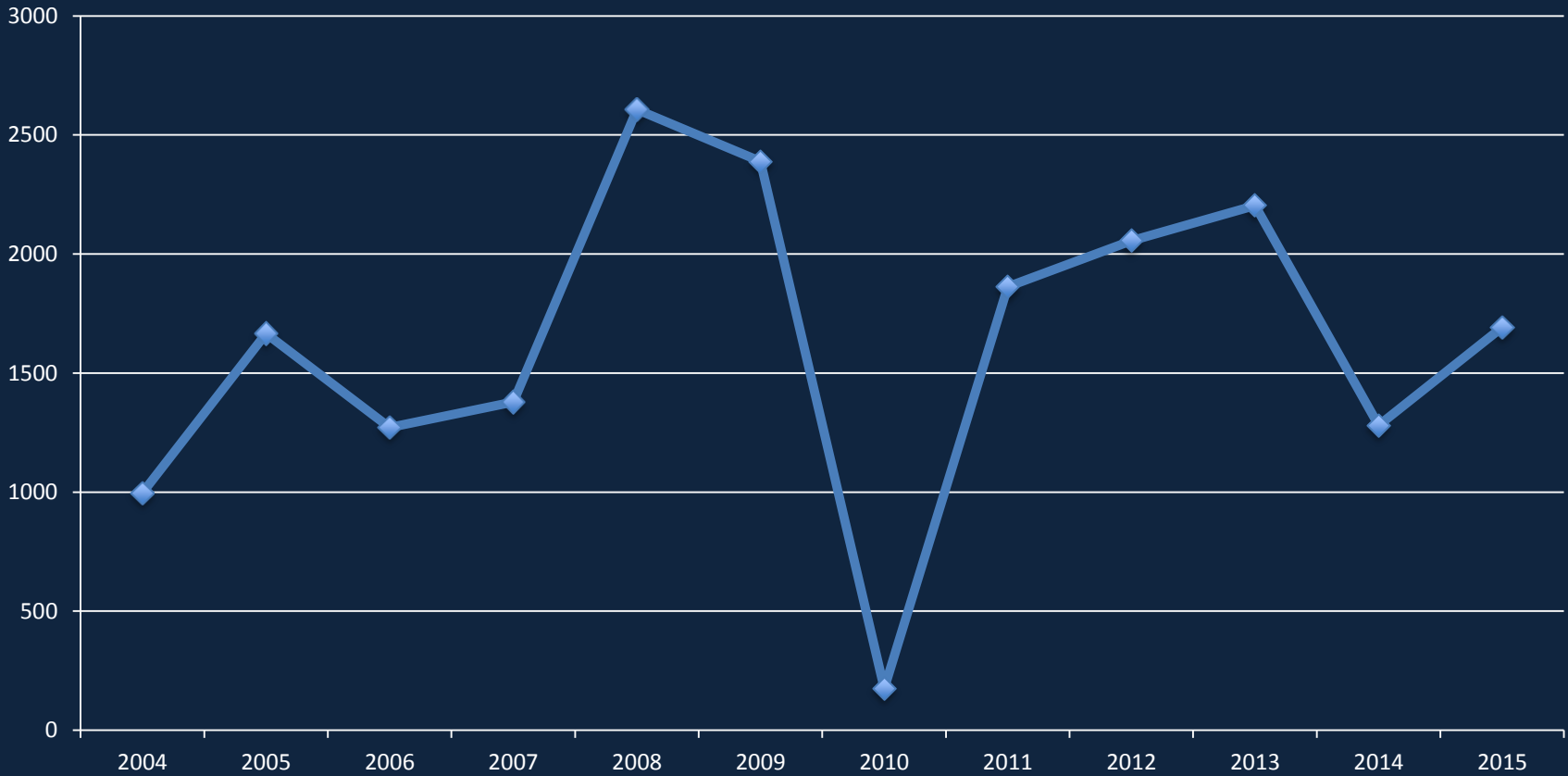


Axis Title

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
People per month	86	0	0	5	0	2	2	2	7	0	0	0
People - accumulative	86	86	86	91	91	93	95	97	104	104	104	104
Boat	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

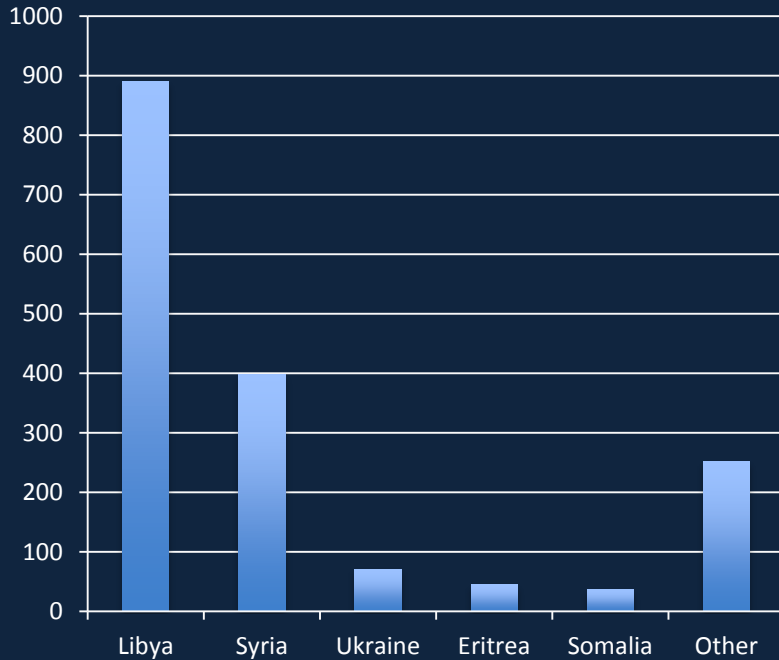
Asylum Applications 2004 - 2015

Asylum Applications



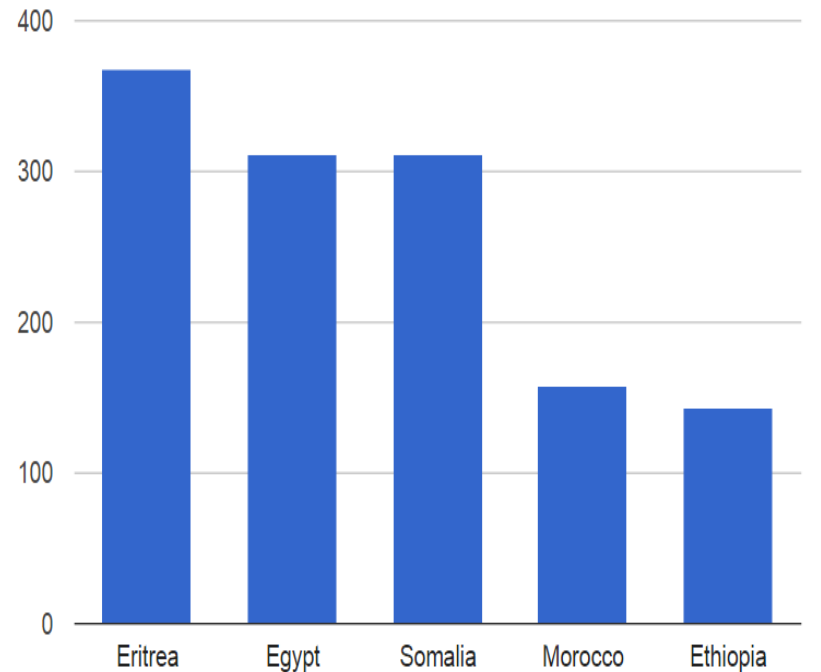
The Maltese Context Now

Top Asylum Applications



2015

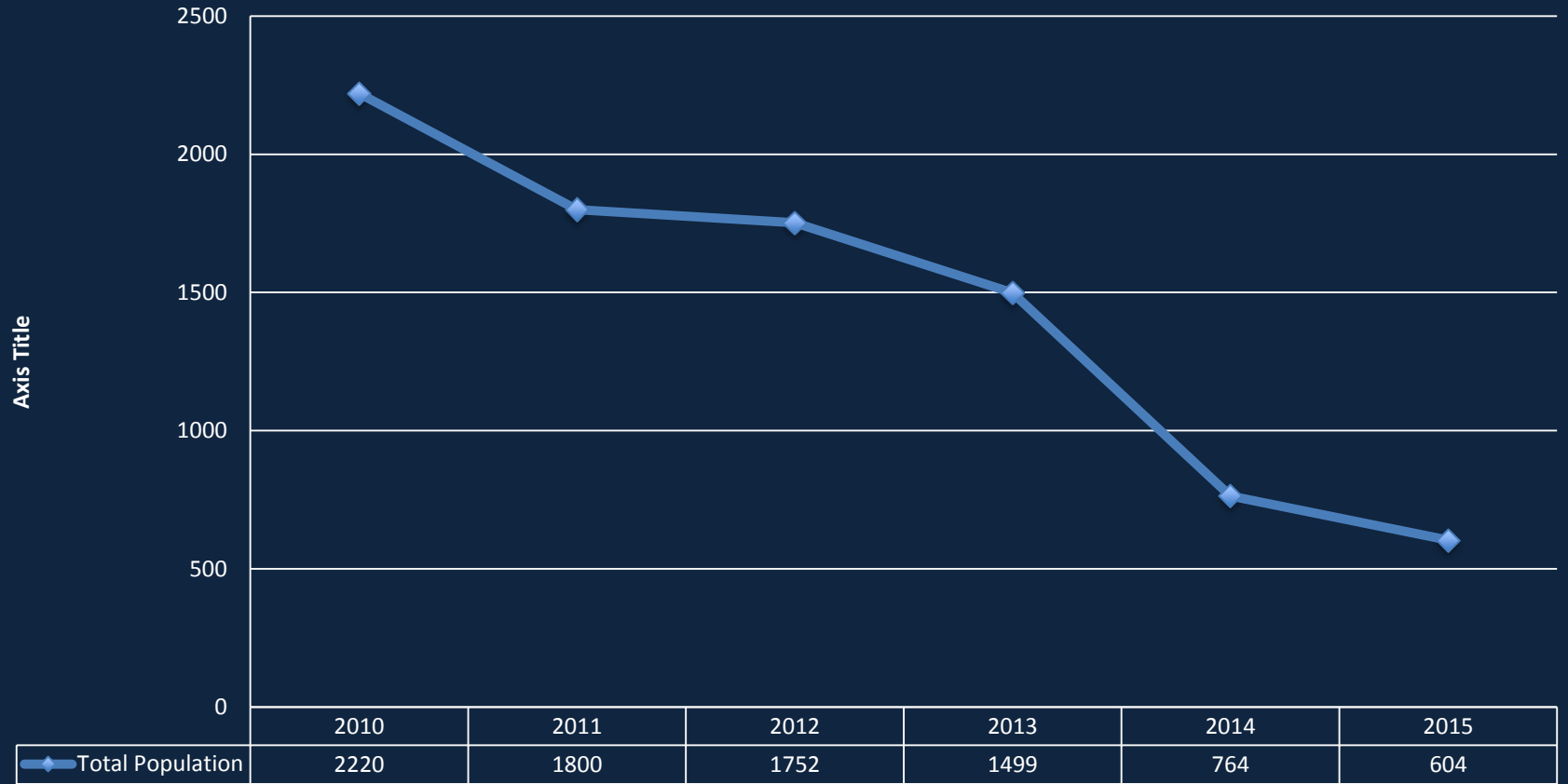
Top 5 countries



2006

Open Centers

Population in Open Centres



Legal Framework

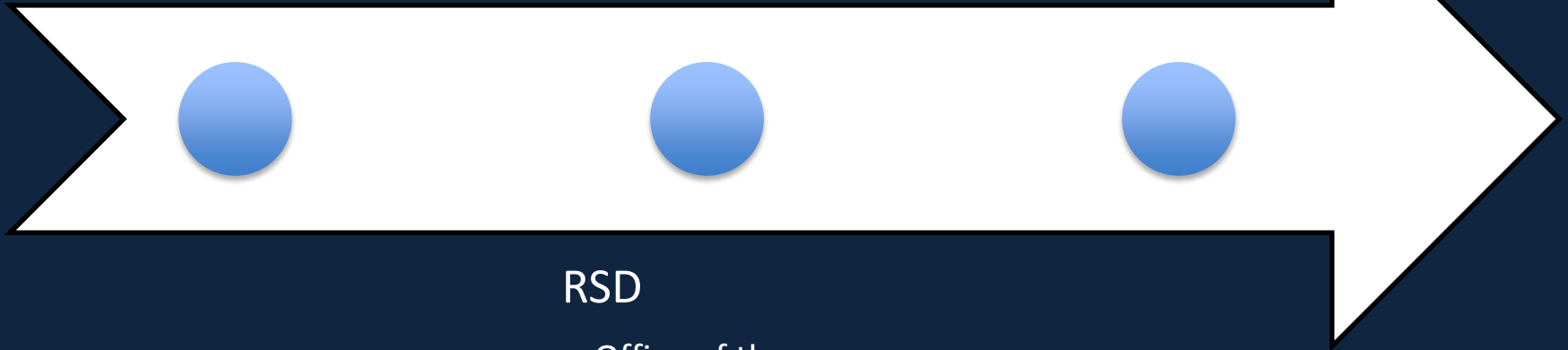
- Refugee Act
 - Subsidiary Legislation
- Immigration Act
 - Subsidiary Legislation
- European Union Act
 - Subsidiary Legislation

Application

- Initial Reception Centre
- Reference to RefCom
- **Information Sessions**
- Preliminary Questionnaire
- Dublin Assessment

After Protection

- Reception
- Integration



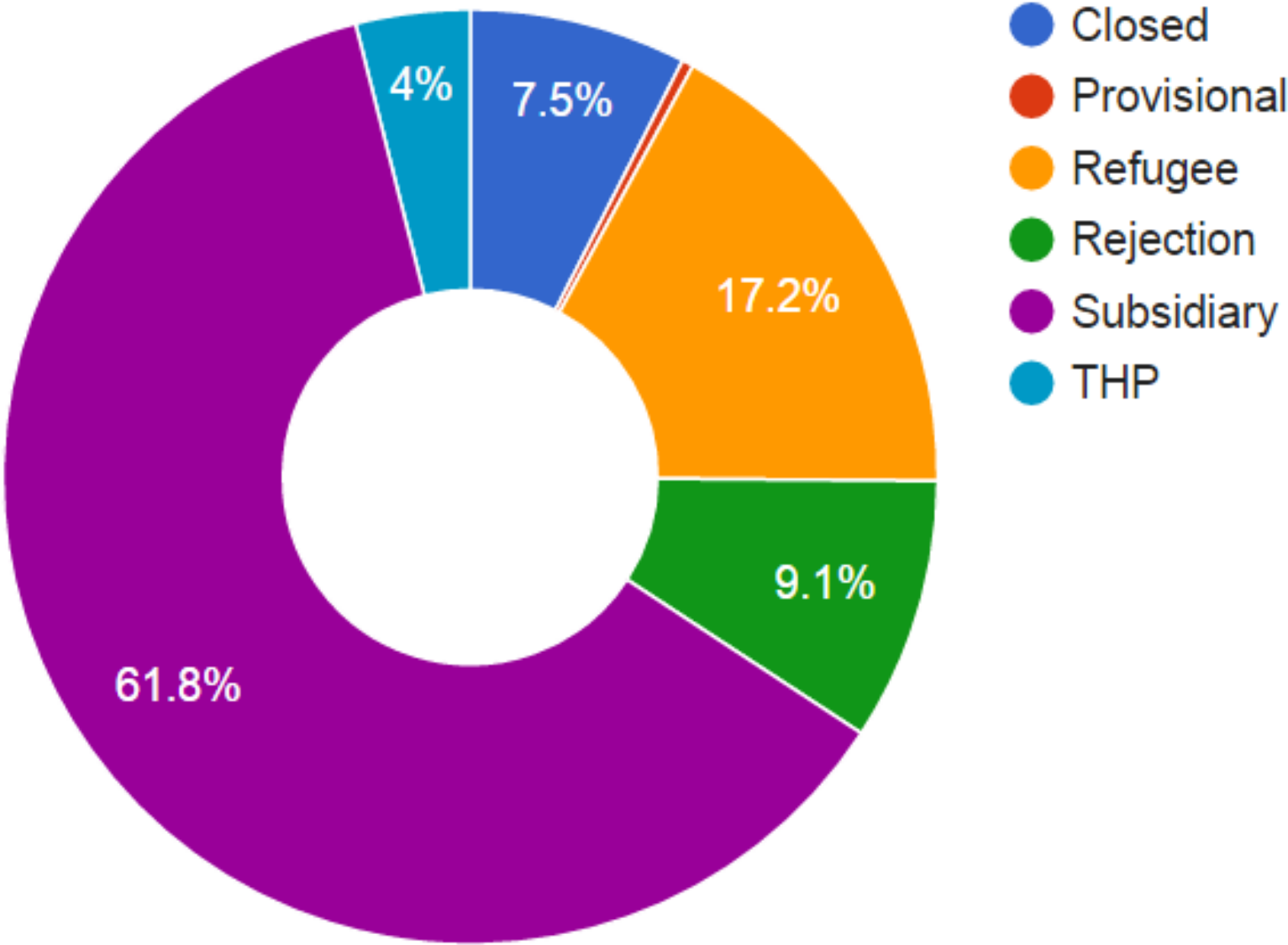
RSD

- Office of the Refugee Commissioner
- Refugee Appeals Board
- Court Appeal – Judicial Review

Status

- Asylum Seekers
- Provisional Protection
- Refugee Status
- Subsidiary Protection
- Temporary Humanitarian Protection (LB?)
- Temporary Humanitarian Protection New

2015 Asylum Decisions Status (As end of September)



Where are we now?

- Population of migrants and asylum seekers has changed and is changing
- Needs, integration mechanisms, locations of migrants are shifting
- Gender / family contexts are changing

We must change our way of thinking... from a focus on migration to a focus on integration and diversity

Key Challenges

- Integration programmes are few and far between
- Most initiatives are sporadic and short term (often project based with limited timeline and funding)
- Most initiatives are not tailored to the needs of particular groups (women, persons with disability)
- Focus tends to be on language learning rather than broader social factors

What happens next?

- Measuring diversity differently – taking ethnicity into account, not necessarily nationality – developing strong diversity data
- Sustainable integration measures – catering for ongoing diversity
- Mainstreaming ‘specialist’ services – ensuring services are appropriate
- Participation – participation of groups in the making of categories, the delivery of services, and in political processes



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