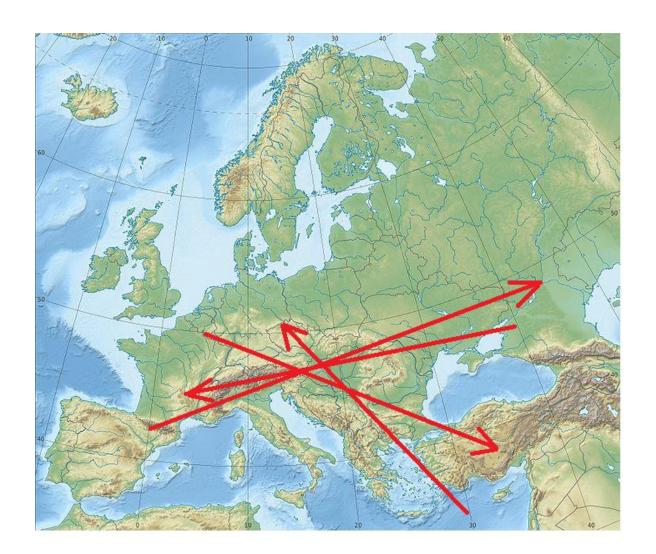
# Hungary at the Crossroads of Europe

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# MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TO HUNGARY

13th c. Cumans Jassic people 15th c. Serbs 16th c. Roma people 18th c. Greeks Germans **Slovaks** Jews

1920 Hungarians
1939 Polish
1990 Germans
1991 Croats, Hungarians
2011- Syrians, Afghans, etc.

### Ethnic minorities in Hungary

Roma 400.000

German 200.000

Slovak 100.000

Croatian 80.000

Romanian 25.000

Serb 5.000

Slovene 5.000

Armenian 3.500

Greek 4.000

Bulgarian 5.000

Polish 10.000

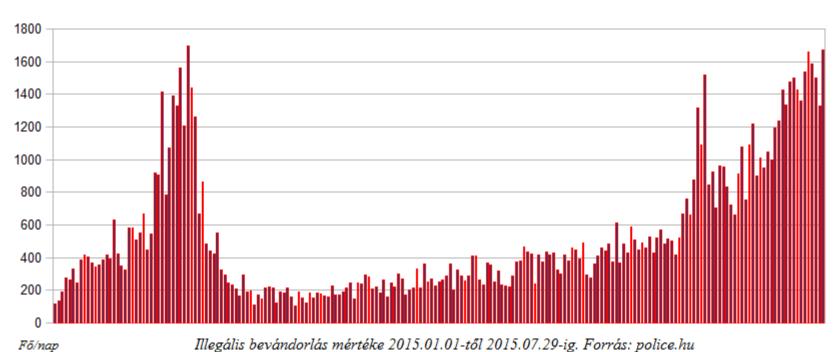
Ruthenian 6.000

Ukranian 2.000

Σ 845.000

# Increasing pressure

Pers./day 01.01.2015 - 29.07.2015



Illegális bevándorlás mértéke 2015.01.01-től 2015.07.29-ig. Forrás: police.hu



### Schengen Borders Code

Participating countries are required to apply strict checks on travellers entering and exiting the Schengen Area. These checks are co-ordinated by the European Union's Frontex agency, and subject to common rules. The details of border controls, surveillance and the conditions under which permission to enter into the Schengen Area may be granted are exhaustively detailed in the Schengen Borders Code.

Το σημαντικότερο από τα μέτρα αυτά είναι η απαίτηση τα κράτη μέλη που έχουν εξωτερικά σύνορα της ΕΕ να είναι υπεύθυνα για να εξασφαλίζουν την πραγματοποίηση σωστών ελέγχων και την αποτελεσματική επιτήρηση των εξωτερικών συνόρων της ΕΕ. Σε περίπτωση σοβαρού κινδύνου για τη δημόσια πολιτική ή τη δημόσια ασφάλεια εξουσιοδοτείται κάθε κράτος μέλος να αποκαταστήσει προσωρινά τους ελέγχους στα σύνορά του εντός της Ευρωπαϊκής Κοινότητας. (wikipedia)

# Schengen zone

- Name: ?
- Country of origin: ?
- Age: ?
- Language: ?
- Profession:?
- Purpose of travel: ?

Free entry into the Schengen zone as illegal immigrant?



- Name: Cornelia Schmidt
- Country of origin: Romania
- Age: 75
- Language: Romanian, German
- Profession: ret. Teacher
- Purpose of travel: Visit of relatives

Entry into the Schengen zone only with valid travel documents, as EU-citizen?

(fictional chatacters)



# "Green border"



### The route through Budapest

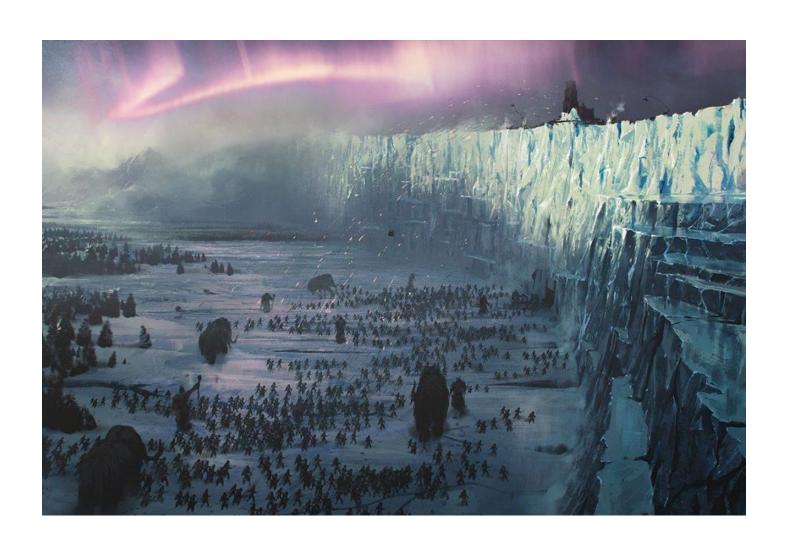




# Röszke border crossing point 15.09.2015

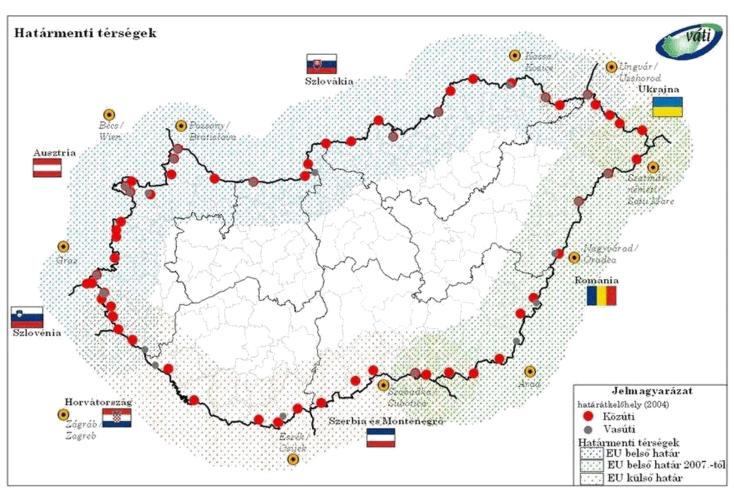


# "The Wall"





# Border-crossing points for legal entry



#### **Statistics**

74 different countries Nationalities

8 European c. 36% Syrian

38 African c. 64% Others

5 American c.

22 Asian c.

1 Oceanian c.

14 countries with serious armed conflicts in 2014

64% Others

In Hungary 391.000 illegal migrants this year Estimated 300.000 more

until the end of 2015, but

in reality only a few

### Refugees / economic migrants

- Very often no distinction
- Fleeing for safety through Turkey, Greece,
   FYROM, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria?

# Hungarian position

- "Pacta sunt servanda"
- To observe all applicable EU and human rights agreements and conventions
- Ready to receive everyone in need of protection, to provide protection to those who are genuinely fleeing for their lives
- To promote the European families

# Quota system

- Wrong message
- Against the wishes of the immigrants
- Inequalities between Member States
- Lack of unified immigration procedure
- Open-ended procedure

### Solution?

- Common European solution
- The problem must be resolved where it emerges
- To guard the borders together
- To create better conditions outside the EU
- List of safe countries
- Spend more money on managing the crisis
- Special partnership with key countries
- Create global quotas

# Visegrad Countries

• "...providing steady and sustainable conditions in the countries of origin for economic and social development and thus a prospect to prosper in the future is crucial for an efficient management of the migration crisis... the protection of the external border as prerequisite for a functional EU asylum and migration policy as such."

JOINT STATEMENT, LA VALLETTA, 12 NOVEMBER 2015

- 3 mil. EUR
- 300 experts for FRONTEX