Hungary at the Crossroads of Europe

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Embassy of Hungary
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 migrációs útvonalak

Forrás: ORFK / MN-grafika
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.
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 characters)
„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

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14 countries with serious armed conflicts in 2014

Nationalities

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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