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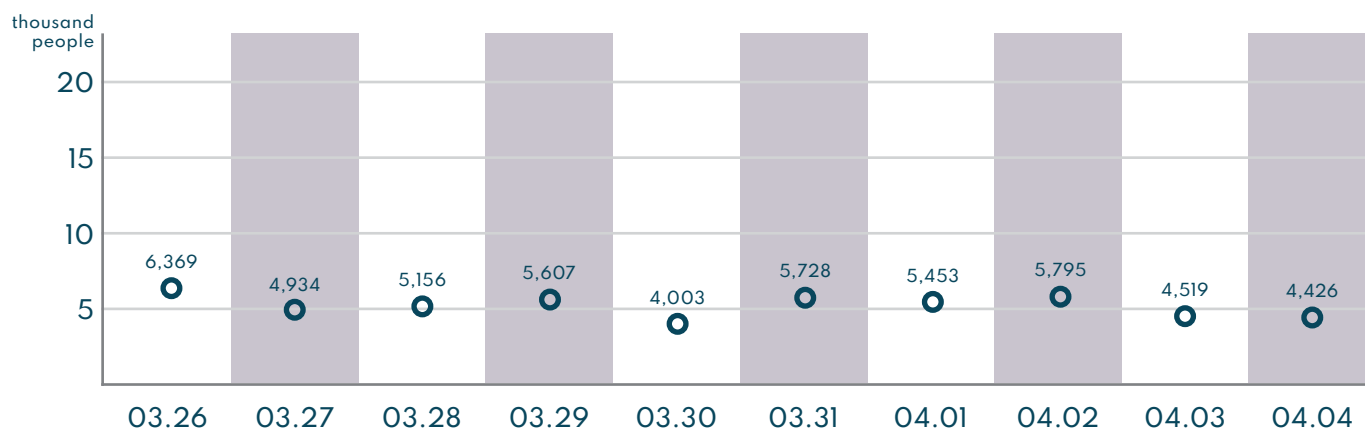
Number of people have fled from Ukrain to Hungary: **575 000**

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Number of Applications for Temporary Protected Status all together: **12 296**

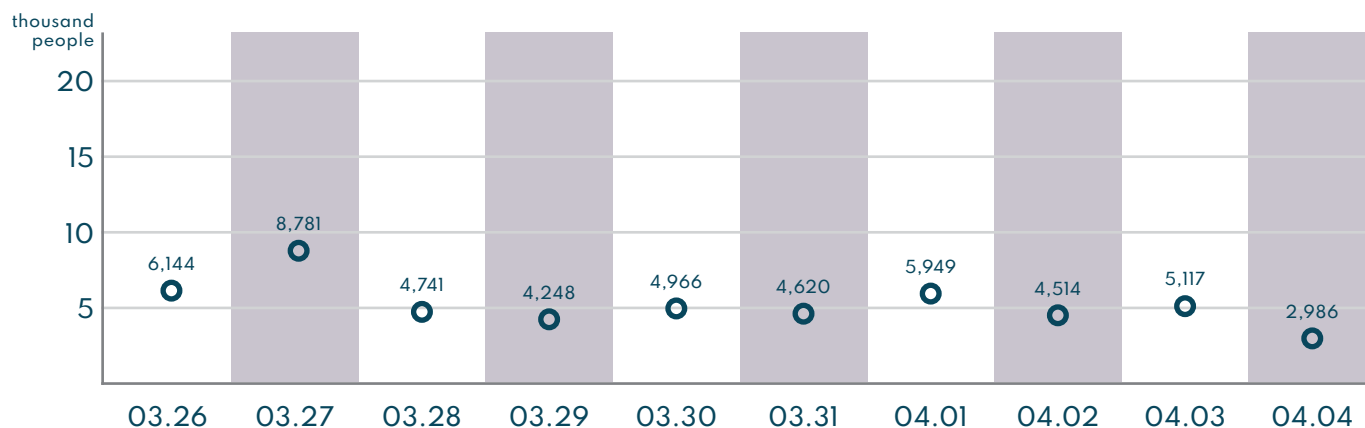
Border traffic between Ukraine and Hungary, number of bordercrossings on 05 April 2022: **4204**

BORDER TRAFFIC BETWEEN UKRAINE AND HUNGARY, NUMBER OF BORDERCROSSINGS on daily basis



Border traffic between Romania and Hungary, number of bordercrossings on 05 April 2022: **3463**

BORDER TRAFFIC BETWEEN ROMANIA AND HUNGARY, NUMBER OF BORDERCROSSINGS on daily basis



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OPENS INFORMATION POINT AT BOK SPORTS HALL



In order to provide direct help to the refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights opened a new information point at the BOK Sports Hall (Budapest Olympic Centre) on 29 March 2022. From now on, the staff members of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, which is a National Human Rights Institution accredited by the United Nations, can provide administrative and legal assistance to those turning to them at the humanitarian transit point set up by the Government in Budapest (in addition to Záhony and Beregsurány), while assisting in the humanitarian relief efforts of the capital.

Ombudsman Dr. Ákos Kozma considers it of key importance that the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights provide direct legal and humanitarian assistance to as many people as possible in these extraordinary times. With that in mind, in the days following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights—which is a National Human Rights Institution accredited by the United Nations—opened a temporary field office at the Záhony railway station, and it set up an information point at the Beregsurány reception point in the middle of March.



“The crisis has been going on for more than a month now, and ever since its outbreak, our staff members have been working on site continuously, providing administrative and legal assistance to those fleeing to Hungary by providing them with essential information. Our staff members have been giving information to the refugees about the possibilities of initiating a fundamental-rights-related complaint, and they have been assisting in the humanitarian relief efforts. In order to reach out more efficiently to those fleeing the war in Ukraine, we also provide assistance to those turning to us through our officers in charge of our regional offices in Debrecen and Miskolc, among others. Moreover, as of today, we are also at the disposal of all those requesting the Ombudsman’s assistance at the BOK Sports Hall”, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Dr. Ákos Kozma pointed out at the opening of the OCFR Information Point in Budapest.





DR. ÁKOS KOZMA RECEIVES CHIEF OMBUDSMAN OF TURKEY

On 31 March 2022, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights received in his Office Chief Ombudsman of Turkey Mr. Şeref Malkoç and Ombudsman for the Rights of Women and Children Ms. Celile Özlem Tunçak.

During the meeting, Dr. Ákos Kozma gave information about the current situation at the Hungarian–Ukrainian border, after which the participants visited the information point of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights recently opened in the BOK Sports Hall.

Following that, the Turkish delegation paid a visit to the OCFR regional offices in Miskolc and Debrecen, where Dr. Ákos Kozma presented the operation of the offices and the experience gained there so far. In 2022, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights opened regional offices in six regional centres in Hungary, which is a unique achievement in the international practice as well.



CHIEF OMBUDSMAN OF TURKEY VISITS HUNGARIAN–UKRAINIAN BORDER SECTION IN COMPANY OF DR. ÁKOS KOZMA



In the company of Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Dr. Ákos Kozma, Chief Ombudsman of Turkey Mr. Şeref Malkoç and Ombudsman for the Rights of Women and Children Ms. Celile Özlem Tunçak paid a visit to the Hungarian–Ukrainian border to gain information in person about the current situation of the people fleeing the war in Ukraine, the circumstances of their reception and the measures taken to help them.

The Turkish delegation visited the OCFR's temporary regional office set up at the Záhony railway station, as well as its information point opened at the Beregsurány reception point. Furthermore, the delegation paid a visit to the border crossing points between Záhony and Čop (Chop) and between Beregsurány and Acreň (Astei) at the Hungarian–Ukrainian border section, and the border crossing point between Csengersima and Petea at the Hungarian–Romanian border section.

The Ombudsmen also paid a visit to the Fehérgyarmat reception point, where Police Colonel Dr. József Seres, Deputy Director General of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (OIF) received them and presented the activities of the OIF carried out at the Hungarian–Ukrainian border.



DR. ÁKOS KOZMA'S VISIT TO AUSTRIAN OMBUDSMAN BOARD

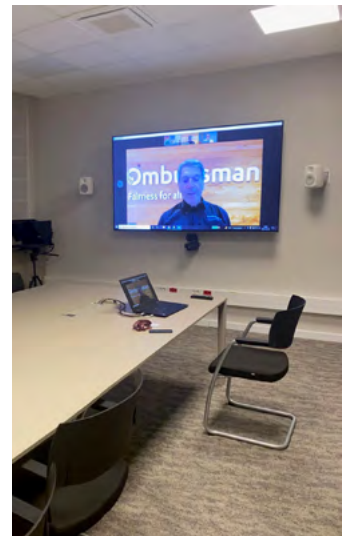
On 28 March 2022, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights went to Vienna, where he was received by Mr. Werner Amon, Member of the Austrian Ombudsman Board and Secretary General of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) at the headquarters of the Austrian institution. During the meeting, Dr. Ákos Kozma gave information about the legislation related to the refugee crisis, the current situation at the Hungarian–Ukrainian border, the operation of the temporary regional offices set up at Záhony and Beregsurány and of the information point set up at the BOK Sports Hall in Budapest, as well as about the experience of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights gained on-site so far.



COMMISSIONER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS HOLDS ONLINE CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF OMBUDSMAN FOR NEW ZEALAND



On 24 March 2022, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Dr. Ákos Kozma held an online consultation with Chief Ombudsman for New Zealand Mr. Peter Boshier about the issue of the situation of people arriving in Hungary, fleeing the war in Ukraine. During the meeting, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights gave information about the current situation at the Hungarian–Ukrainian border section, the circumstances of the reception of refugees arriving in Hungary, fleeing the war in Ukraine, and the measures taken to help them. Dr. Ákos Kozma also informed Chief Ombudsman for New Zealand Mr. Peter Boshier about the operation of the temporary regional office set up by the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights at the Záhony railway station, as well as of the information point opened at the reception point in Beregsurány the week before, and the experience gained at these locations so far.



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