



Migration to Europe: The flows we talk about and the flows that matter

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The future of migration in Europe

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Perception







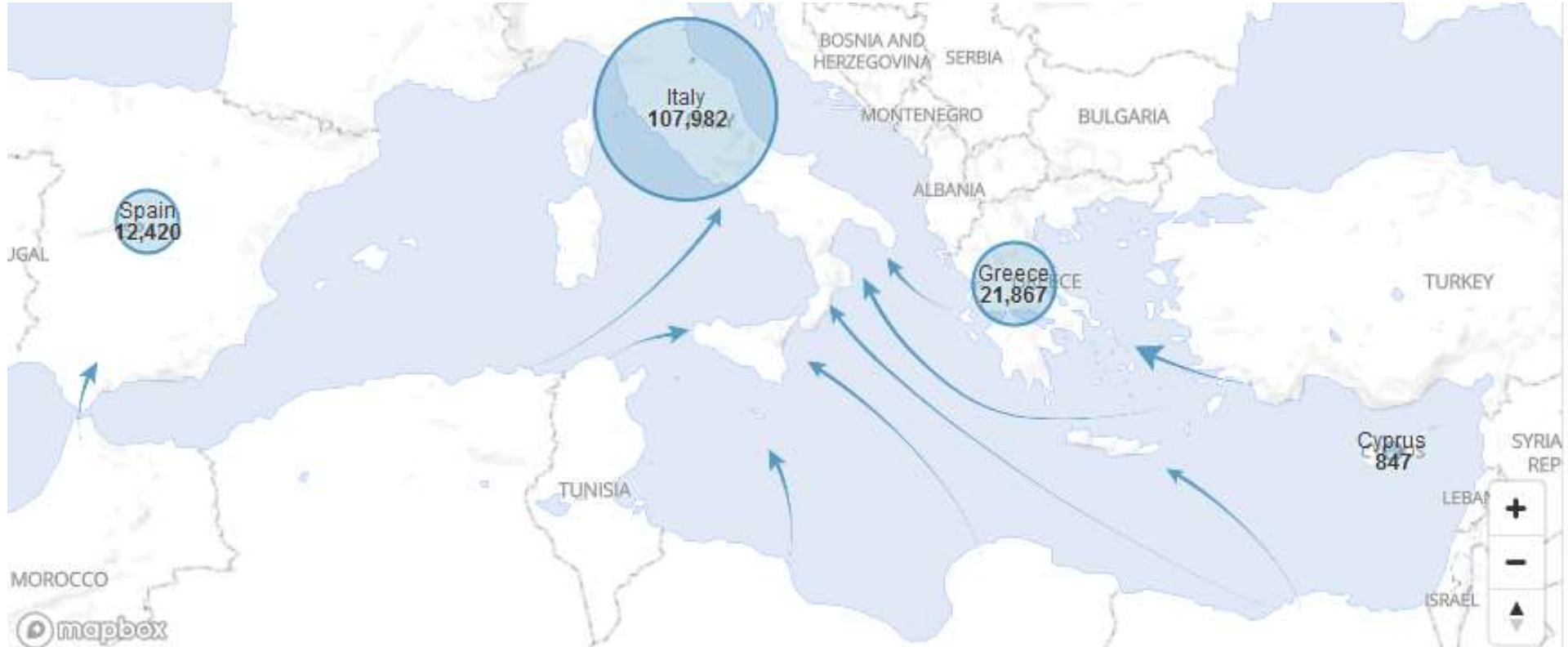
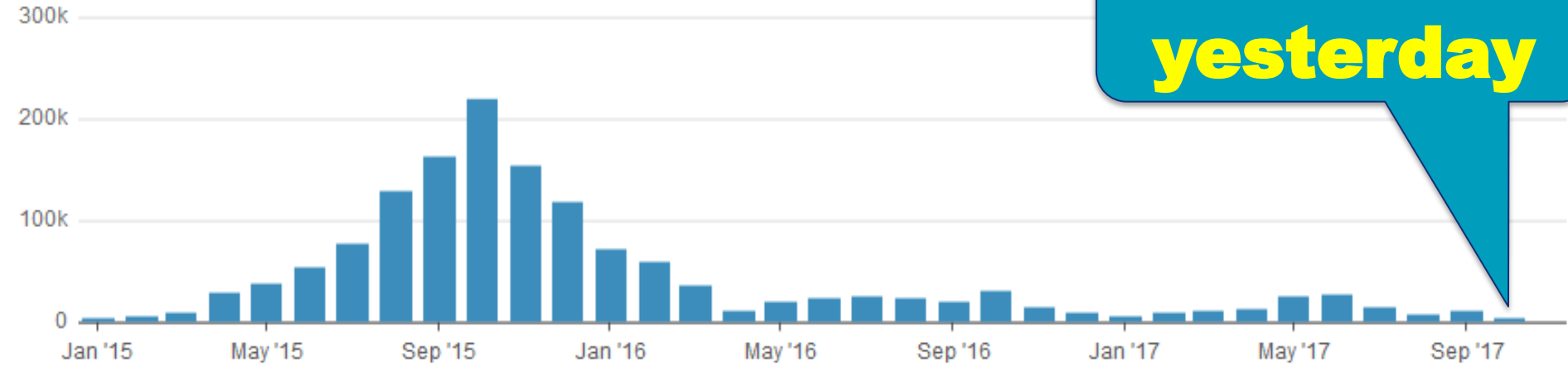


More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggled to cope with the influx, and creating division in the EU

Data trap

Sea arrivals monthly

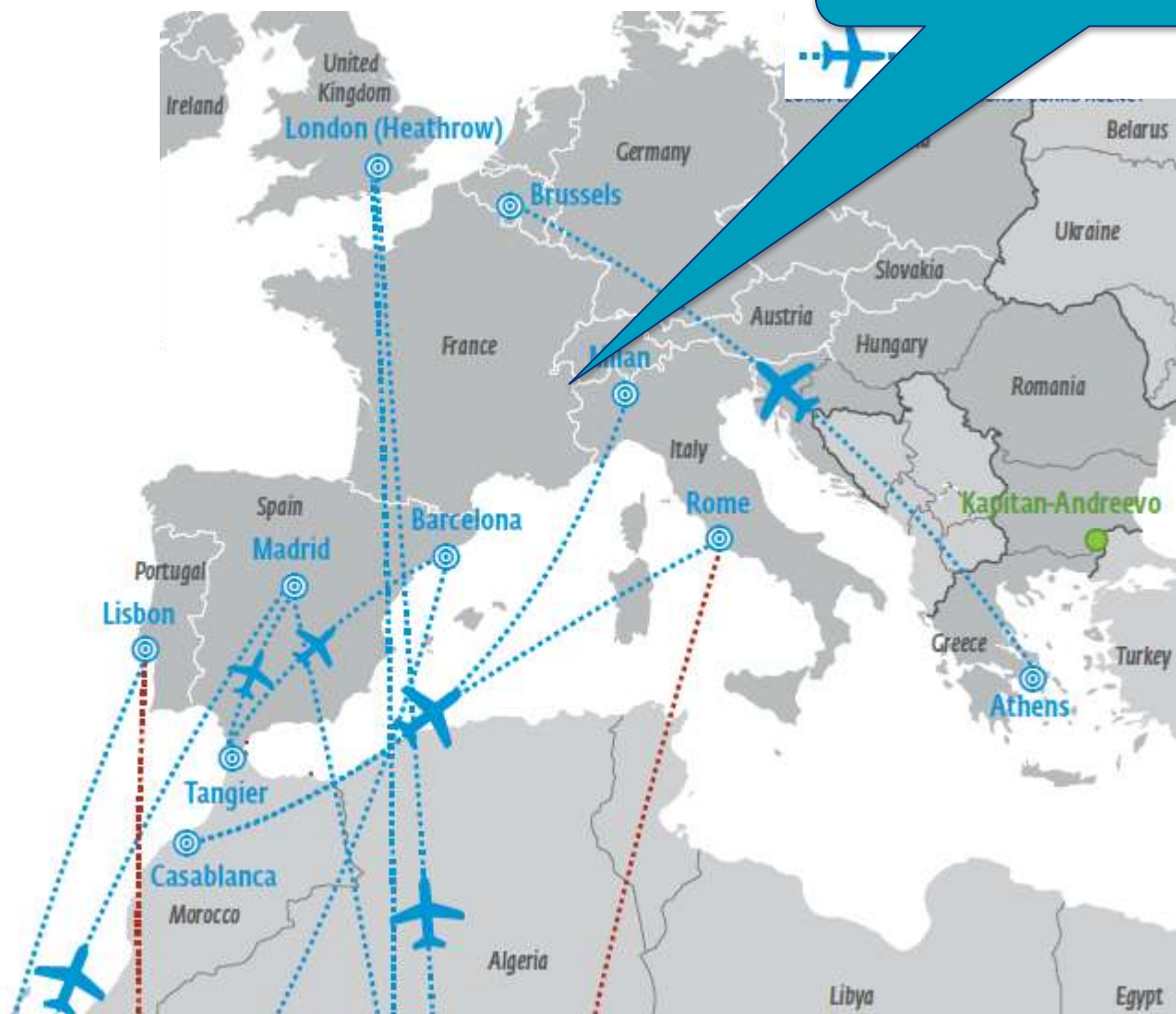
As of yesterday



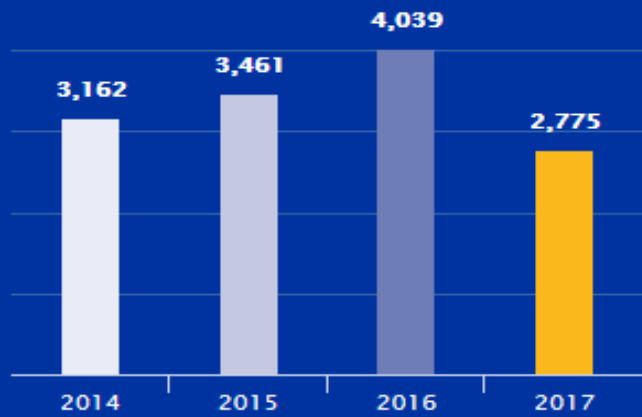
Arrivals that we do not talk about

Arrivals of irregular migrants by air from

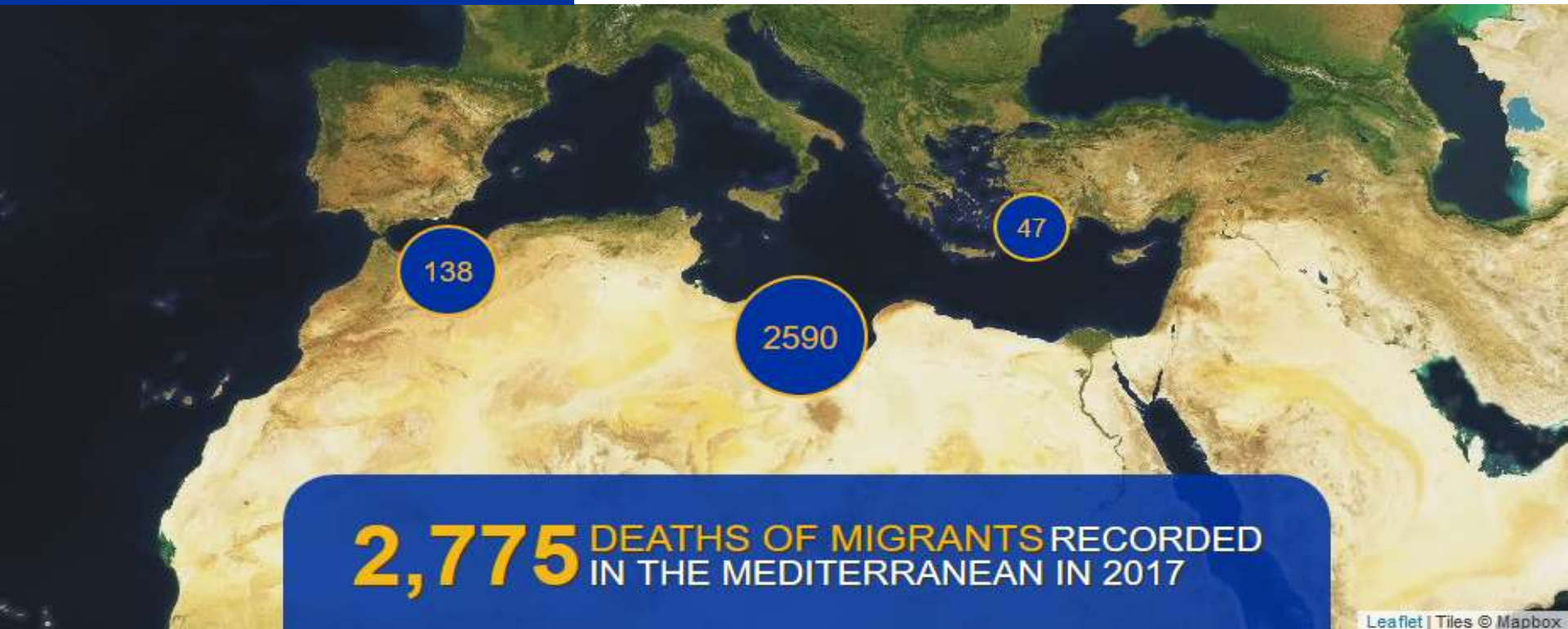
500,000 per year



TOTAL OF DEATHS RECORDED
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN FROM
01 JANUARY TO 15 OCTOBER



**As of
yesterday!**



2,775 DEATHS OF MIGRANTS RECORDED
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN 2017



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Irregular migration and refugee flows:

- **percieved as invasion of a „helpless“ Europe**
- **destabilising liberal democracies in the EU**



Migration that matters



Regular migration and mobility

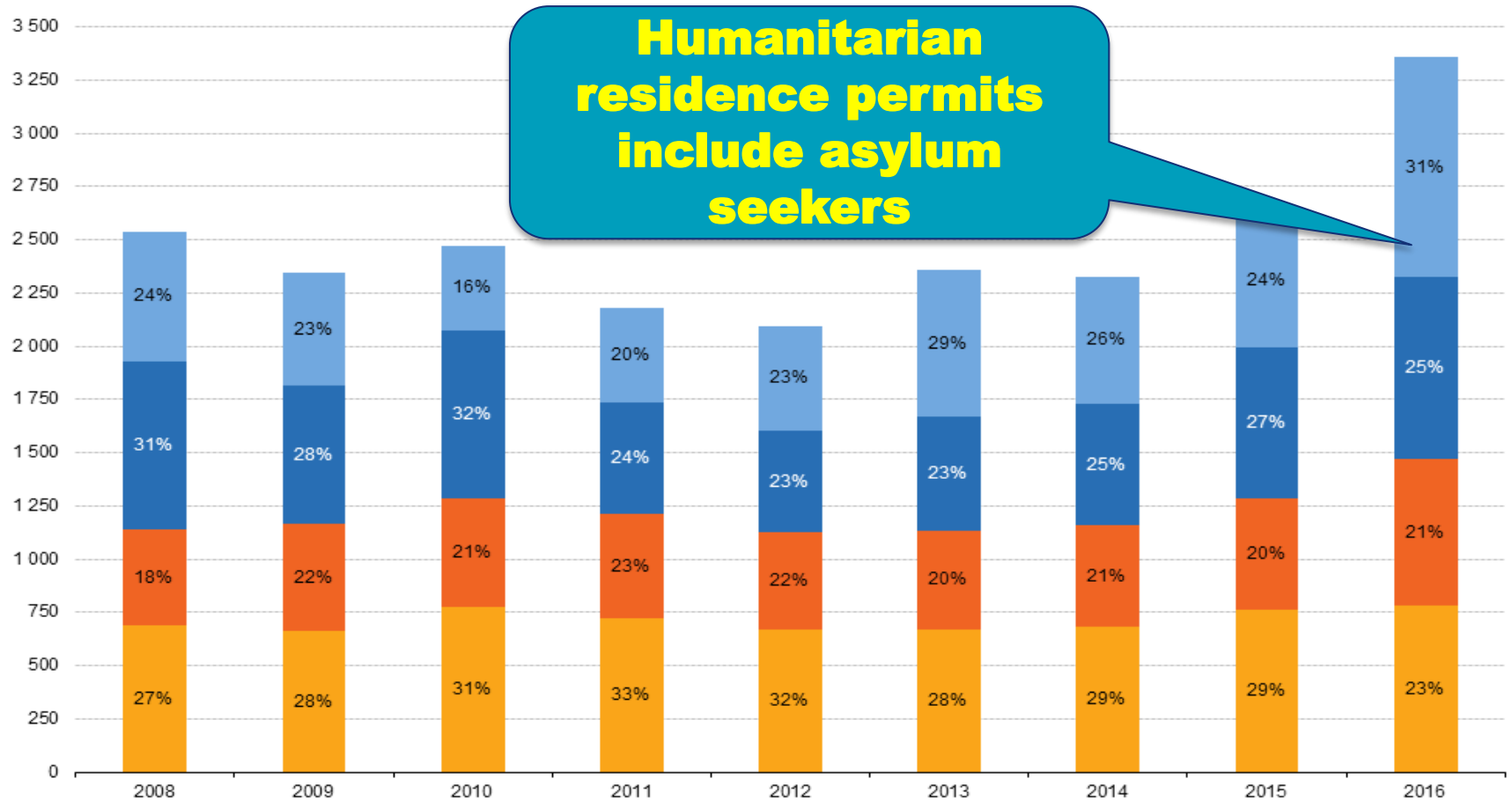
Hardly ever seriously discussed in Europe
(outside the UK)

Not an issue at Council meetings

**How
many?
And who?**



First residence permits by reason of entry, 2008-2015, absolute numbers per year



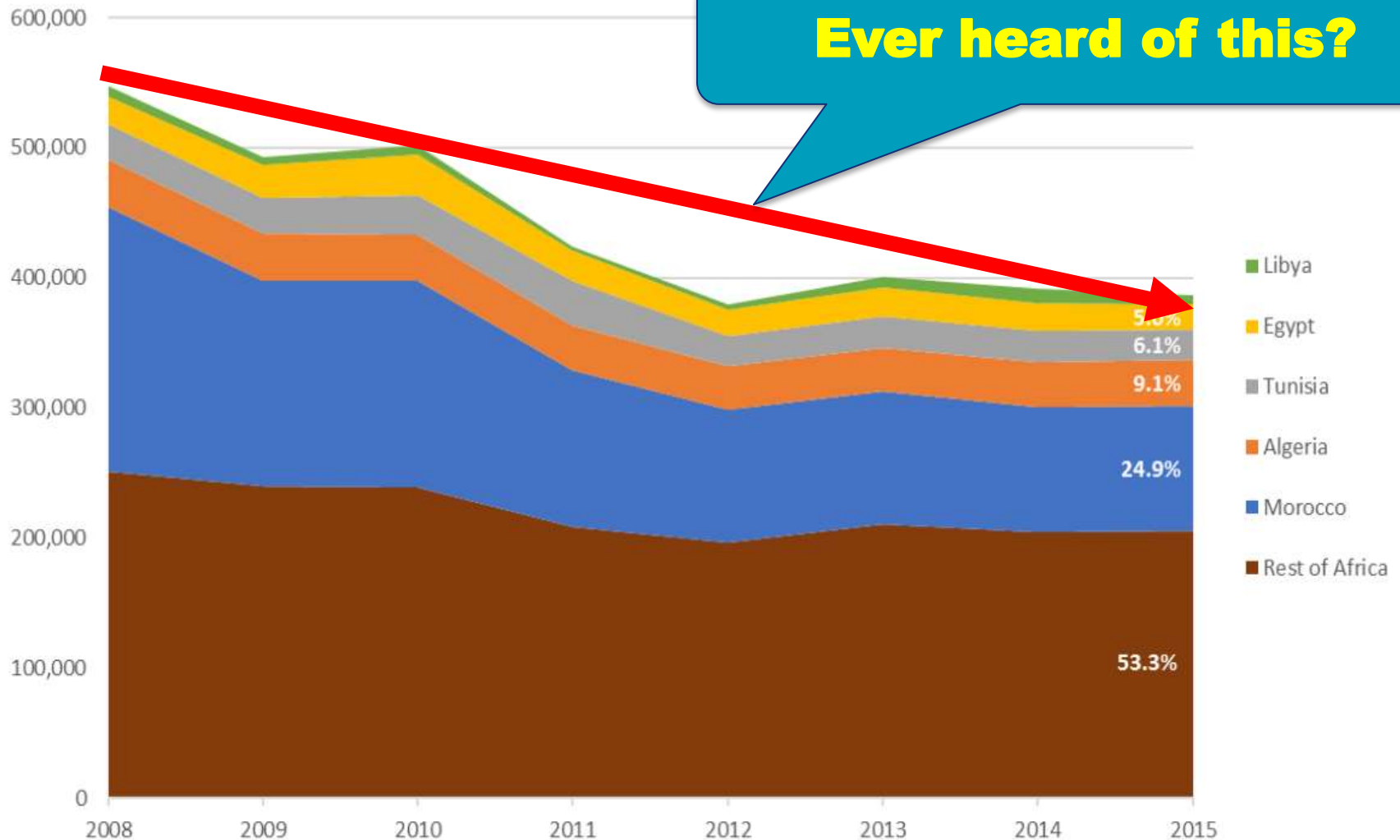
- Other
- Employment
- Education
- Family

Source: Eurostat

Arrival of **regular** migrants from Africa declining since 2008

First residency permits issued by EU28 countries to African nationals, 2008-2015

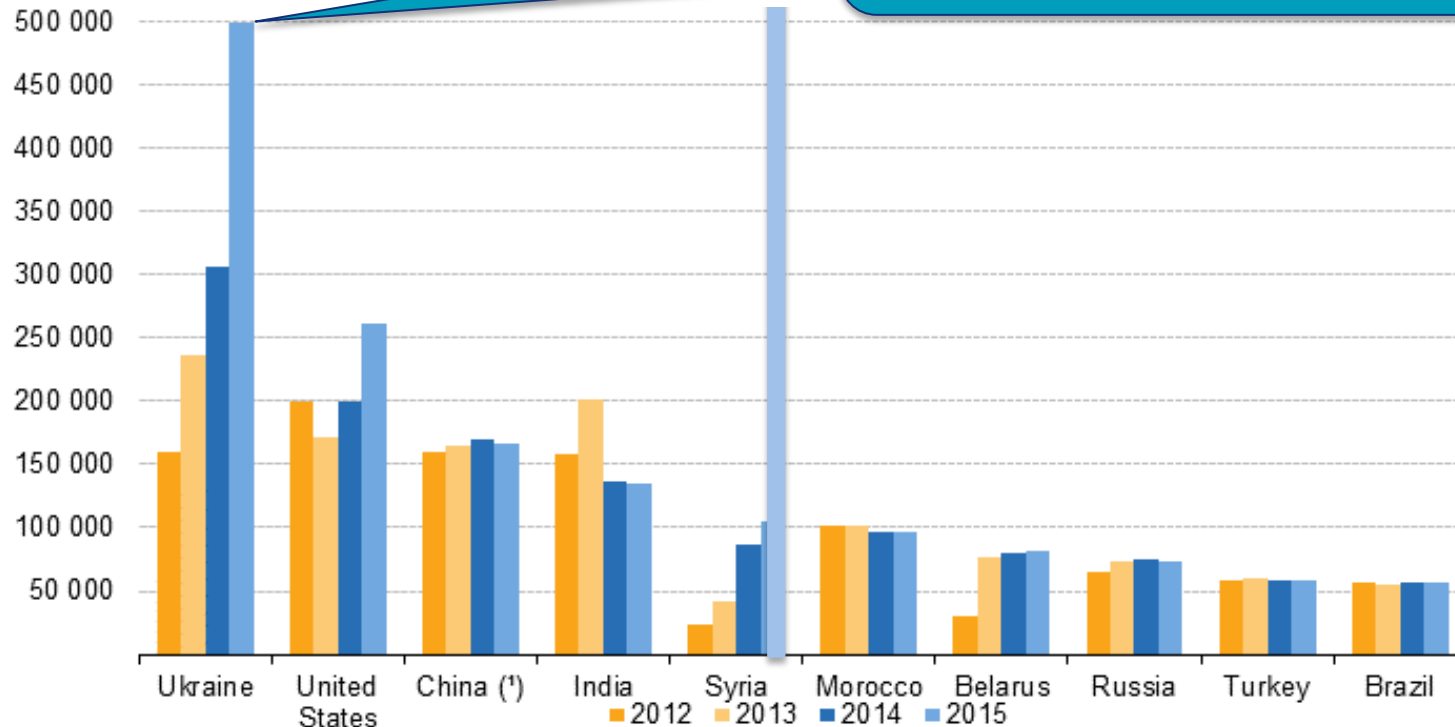
Ever heard of this?



Europe's legal immigrants

EU28: non-EU migrant flows by nationality, 2012-2015, absolute numbers

2012-2015: 1.2 million Syrians







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