Refugee Immigration
--Europe Refugee Crisis

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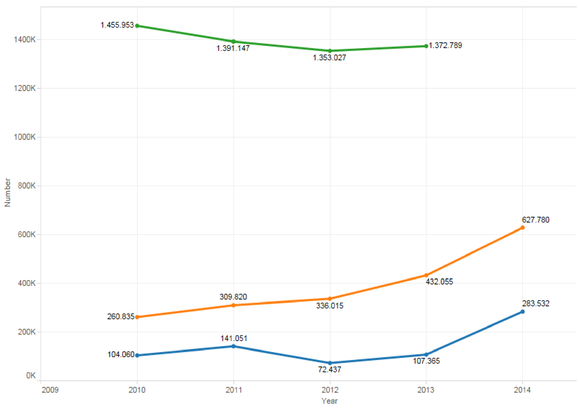
Motivation

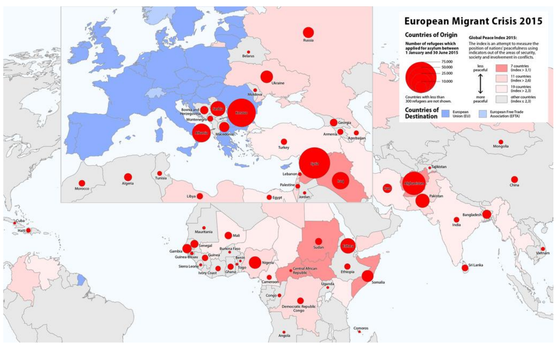
As a small island in Asia region, Taiwan was seldom involved in international refugee problems, and most of the Taiwanese don't pay much attention to them. Nevertheless, the serious problem of the Europe refugee crisis has become a hot topic among the people since the news about a little refugee dying of boat sinking lying on the beach was widely spread through social network. As a member of the global village, it is our responsibilities to dig into the issue and work out a possible solution to this problem.

I. Introduction

The Europe refugee crisis is the phenomenon that an increasing number of refugees from African, Western and Southern Asia made their travel to Europe for asylum seeking. The word has been widely use since April 2015, when five boats carrying over 2,000 migrants sang in the Mediterranean sea, causing at least 1,200 deaths.



▲ Numbers of immigration from non-EU nationals (green), asylum applicants (orange) and illegal border-crossings (blue) in the EU

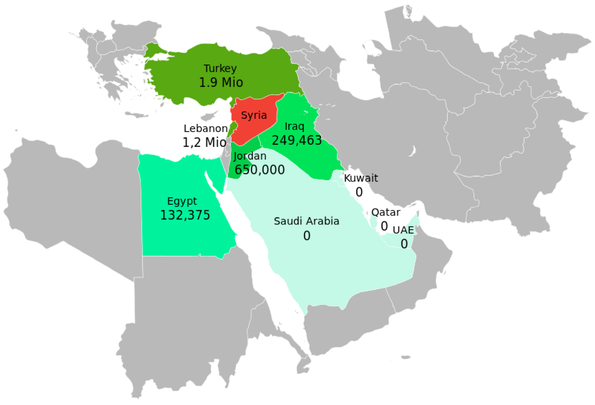


▲ Origin of asylum applicants in the EU and EFTA States between 1 January and 30 June 2015

II. Recent Situation

Now, an average of 10,000 migrants arrive in Europe per day. Most of them travel across the Mediterranean sea or through Southeast Europe. The three major reasons are:

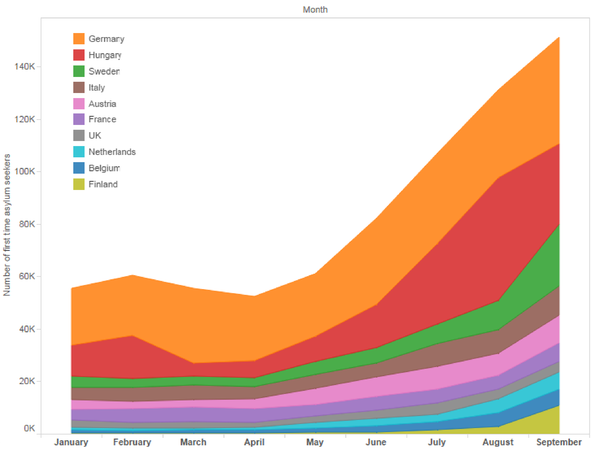
1. Syrian civil war
2. the threat from ISIS in Western Asia
3. continuous confliction on Arabian Peninsula



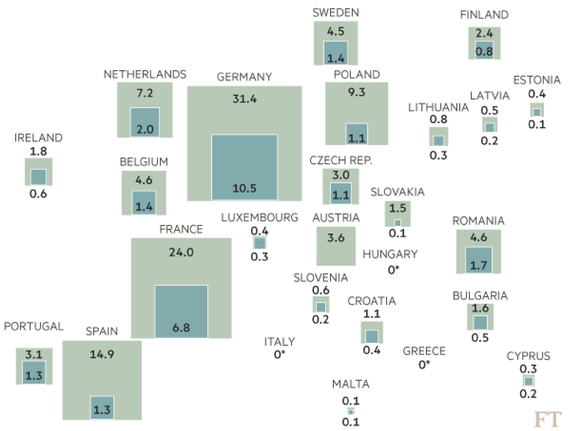
▲ Syrian civil war refugees taken by neighboring states in the Middle East

III. Reaction of the EU

Europe has long been considered wealthy. In addition, it's relatively accessible for refugees because of its location. In pursuit of human rights and humanistic care, the EU was expected to take as many refugees as it can.



▲ Number of first time asylum applicants received by the top ten recipients in the EU, January to September 2015. The top ten recipients account for more than 90% of the total asylum applications received in the EU.



▲ The participating circumstance of Europe refugee relocation proposal. UK and and Denmark had an opt-out, while Greece and Italy were exempt, as most refugees had been arriving there.

- Numbers of refugees which EU countries promised to take (,000 people)
- Numbers of refugees that EU countries should take to reach the goal of receiving 120,000 of them (40,000 now)

IV. Conclusion

The endless confliction around Western Asia and Africa caused the biggest number of refugees towards Europe since World War II. There are surely a lot of potential risks of receiving refugees, especially in this very period when ISIS grows fast in Muslim world. But there are also advantages. For instance, refugees may provide numerous cheap labors for industries in Europe. This is an important issue that not only Europeans but every global citizen should face together.